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Kyle D. York - 2025 Inductee



With a career spanning over three decades in law enforcement, Kyle York has demonstrated unparalleled courage and commitment, making significant sacrifices to ensure the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens.

Born on January 5, 1972, Kyle graduated from DHS in 1990 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Brockport in 1994. Kyle then embarked on a path that would see him become one of the nation's most respected law enforcement officers. His journey began as a Deputy Sheriff in Livingston County, where he established himself as a dedicated and capable officer. His commitment to justice and his exceptional skills soon led him to the Durham Police Department, in Raleigh, NC where he served with distinction for over 30 years.

Kyle's career is marked by his selflessness and bravery, particularly in his role as an undercover officer. He placed himself at great peril to remove illegal drugs and firearms from the streets, working tirelessly to protect his community. His undercover work required him to be on call at a moment's notice, often taking him away from family and friends for extended periods. Despite the immense personal sacrifices, Kyle remained steadfast in his duty, exemplifying the highest standards of law enforcement.

His distinctive service did not go unrecognized. In 2011, Kyle received the Outstanding Task Force Commander award, a testament to his leadership and effectiveness in managing complex and dangerous operations. His expertise and dedication culminated in his recognition as one of the top drug enforcement agents in the United States in 2015, an honor that underscores his significant contributions to public safety.

In addition to his hands-on work in the field, Kyle served as a patrol officer and senior investigator with the Raleigh Office of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. His exceptional service earned him numerous accolades and the respect of his peers. Even in retirement, Kyle's commitment to law enforcement remained unwavering. He served as a civilian Administrator at the DEA in Raleigh, continuing to contribute his extensive knowledge and experience to enhance public safety across the southern United States.

Kyle D. York's life has been dedicated to protecting others. His bravery, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to justice have left an indelible mark on the communities he served. Kyle's legacy reminds us of the extraordinary sacrifices made by those who serve in law enforcement.