

# TEMS Award Nomination for Mark Hoffman

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I am submitting my recommendation for Mark Hoffman for the SOTA TEMS award. Mark has always shown his value to the Washington county SWAT team through his strong morals and unrivaled dedication. Mark is someone that looks for a challenge and will overcome it before other see the challenge. 2021 brought a new challenge for Mark and one that brings many people to their knees. Mark was married in 2019 to his wife Corie Mae, they were looking to start a family. Mark went to the Doctor as they were having trouble getting pregnant. Mark was diagnosed with Stage 2 Seminoma Testicular cancer in July 2021. Mark saw this as just another challenge. Mark kept a positive attitude while others around him found it much easier to falter to the severity and dark side of the term cancer, Mark pushed that away and kept the positive attitude. Mark has always amazed me with his dedication and honor to the things he values in life. Mark never does things half way. Mark was faced with Surgery and Chemotherapy treatment and again it was just another speed bump for him. Mark left his first chemo treatment and may be the first person to go to the gym to get a workout in. Mark says now that was not the best idea but would probably do it again if he was back in that situation. Mark was very hesitant to ask what he would be able to do for the team while getting his treatment. Mark wanted to remain a part of the team and show that he was still dedicated. Mark was given a leave of absence from the team but that did not keep him away. Mark would show up to trainings if even only for a half hour just to see his team. Mark made his way through his cancer treatments and was ready to get back to regular life. Covid reared its ugly head and hospitals were canceling all routine surgeries, this included removing the port in Marks chest that was used for his Chemotherapy. Mark was hit with another challenge as he was ready to get back to normal in life and with the team but he was unable to wear his tactical vest while the port was still in place. Mark eventually had his port removed and is now back to work and back with the Washington County SWAT team. Most people would never know the challenges that mark went through in 2021. Mark is very determined and has unmatched dedication to his team. Mark is an asset to the Washington County SWAT team.

Mark has been on Washington County SWAT since 2019. During his time on SWAT Mark has shown leadership in fitness and has taken on the role of instructing not only in TEMS but throughout SWAT operations. Mark takes pride in all aspects of his SWAT role. Mark has instructed during monthly trainings, yearly practicals and basic SWAT.

I feel that Mark is an incredibly valued member of Washington County SWAT for many reasons. Mark has shown his dedication to the team will not be waived by any challenge in front of him.

Respectfully

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