

Davis PD once again has lost a member of their family.



Meredith Lynn Spangler-Young, 37, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at her home. She is survived by her husband Geoff; three daughters, Alyssa Young, Meghann Spangler, and Tayler Young.

Meredith got into dispatching following her mother's career choice – Her mother, Laurie Akin, was a dispatcher for Davis PD for 19 years, from September 1986 until her retirement in September 2005. Meredith started working for Davis PD as a dispatcher in September 1997. They actually worked together in our small center for 8 years, sometimes on the same shift. It was very neat to have a mother/daughter team working here at Davis.



Meredith was a training officer, but her goal was to become a fire tactical dispatcher, and paid out of pocket to attend fire dispatch training classes. She even responded to assist with the California Wild Land fires in 2004.

But Meredith loved horses, and wanted to move somewhere where she could own land and horses. Her and her family decided to move to Idaho, even while she was in background for Contra Costa Fire Dispatch. She left her career with Davis PD in July 2005.

Meredith re-started her career as a dispatcher for the sheriff's department in Bingham County Idaho in late 2005. In late 2006, Meredith was riding her horse on the property when she was thrown off the horse. She hit her head on a rock, and sustained major head injuries. Due to these injuries, she was unable to continue working as a dispatcher, and had to end her career. Meredith continued to suffer with pain from the injuries, was in and out of the hospital, and struggled with pain management until the end.



We are having a "Celebration of Life" Service for her on Wednesday, January 13th 2010 at 2pm, First Baptist Church of Davis, 38141 Russell Blvd.

We hope that you could get the word out to our fellow dispatchers and our 911 families to pray for Laurie and Meredith's family during this difficult time. Cards and letters of support are greatly appreciated.

They can be mailed to her mother, Laurie Akin 382 Riverside Dr, Woodland CA 95695.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Jennifer Candelo
Dispatch Supervisor
Davis PD