Greetings Spokane County Team Members,

As I have been thinking about and praying over all of our wonderful and large team; our SCSO, our support teams, partners agencies, families, and our local community that we serve, I found this message fitting for us all in these trying times. The foundational thought of this message is; “United or Divided”.

My friends, being united with a team or group, or being divided from a team or group is a choice. This is a decision we all get to make every single day. I am encouraging each of us to wisely choose the former.

President Abe Lincoln said it this way, "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."

He continued by saying this; "I do not expect the union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided."

I now ask all of us these 2 questions; What are you expecting of yourselves in this area of "one Team" in your sections? What are you communicating to your team in this important matter of United verses divided?

I hope and pray that we are all saying something similar to what President Lincoln communicated; That you and I are expecting the dividedness to cease. This healthy perspective starts with each one of us.

This ties into our Scripture for this message; Mark 3:24-25. "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Please hear this message as clear as you will allow; our Department, Teams, Families, and Community must be more and more united, otherwise we will not be able to stand.

I strongly encourage each of us to refrain from any-and-all gossip, slander, backbiting; and to make a deliberate decision to choose to stand with and for each other, united together in our mission to serve and protect (that includes each other).

This is at the heart of my prayers for us all; Oneness.

God Bless, Chaplain Robert Kinnune