

Lovejoy Seeks Your Vote for Sheriff

As the primary season draws to a close and Election Day approaches, I am writing to ask for your support and more importantly your vote. As you may recall I was a candidate in the 2008 general election for the Office of Sheriff, receiving more than 62,000 votes (43%). The circumstances regarding the current vacancy in the Office of High Sheriff only substantiate the message from my campaign - that a change in leadership has been long overdue at the Sheriff's Department. As the former President/CEO of Execuguard International, a security company providing security and consulting services for small to medium sized companies, I put my management skills to work. When you consider my extensive background in the field of security and investigations combined with my experience as a business owner, there is no doubt that I have the ability to be a responsible administrator and an effective leader.

As the chief executive officer of a large police department with a multi-million dollar taxpayer funded budget, I would bring a strong fiscal conservative and successful business mindset to the position. As a taxpayer, I understand times are tough and will work to provide the best services possible that the people of Rockingham County can afford and find innovative ways to expand and promote your Sheriff's Department. After the County Delegation chose to leave the top two positions within the department vacant for almost 10 months, I am ready to take on the role of Sheriff and begin to implement my goals for the department – to provide strong, progressive leadership, to create a shared vision for the future, to seek out, apply for and continue to administer federal and state grants for personnel, equipment and the latest technology, to find ways to expand the use of video court arraignments to increase officer safety and save money, to provide appropriate training for all personnel and to integrate the Sheriff's Department into the county communities by collaborating with local police departments throughout Rockingham County.

I decided to seek election this year in the hope to bring change to the department. In addition to a change in leadership and change from within, there is much that our deputies can do for the residents of Rockingham County including the expansion of youth initiatives in our schools and elderly programs in our communities. When was the last time you saw a Sheriff's cruiser in your neighborhood or a deputy at a local community event? I would work to streamline paperwork services and prisoner transports in order to provide more active patrols throughout the county, putting more police officers on the street. By restructuring the current deployment of deputies, I believe that we can provide better services to the residents of the county, without increasing the number of personnel, and help to ease the growing burden on our local police departments.

The citizens of Rockingham County deserve the full services of the Sheriff's Department, including the leadership and accountability of a progressive, fiscal conservative High Sheriff. Please visit my website at www.lovejoyforsheriff.com and I ask for you to vote David Lovejoy for Sheriff on Tuesday, September 14th.

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