

# We recommend Chad Prda In the Republican primary for Dallas County sheriff

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In a race where both candidates would have a steep learning curve to lead one of the largest county law enforcement agencies in the nation, we recommend Chad Prda over Aaron Meek in the GOP primary for Dallas County sheriff.

Both candidates have well-established careers with the department, but Detective Prda's more robust resume, stronger leadership qualities and professional demeanor make him the best choice.

Prda, 36, displayed detailed knowledge of how the Sheriff's Department works, along with specific and detailed ways to improve efficiencies, such as streamlining the bail process. He also expressed innovative ideas on combating human trafficking and family violence.

Additionally, Prda understands the damage wrought by the department's recent lack of transparency. He promised a much more open and accessible department, one that disseminates information quickly and welcomes the scrutiny of the public and the media.

Meek, 40, displayed a narrower understanding of the wide-ranging details and challenges associated with the office and has less leadership experience. He seemed genuine in declaring his heart for service — but Prda brought to the table a vastly superior understanding of what it will take to manage the people and the politics involved with the position.

The winner of this race will face a Democratic challenger in November.

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