Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Citizens Outreach and Oversight Committee Eckenrod Proposal 2025

In an effort to maintain maximum citizen engagement, increase agency accountability, and provide guardrails against taxpayer abuse, if elected to the position of Yavapai County Sheriff, within 60 days of appointment, I will create and appoint five Yavapai County citizens to the Citizens Outreach and Oversight Committee. Below are some of the requirements and responsibilities of the committee:

- Committee members will be required to take an oath to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Arizona.
- The committee will be comprised of community members of good moral character, with one common goal; Keep Yavapai County and our Sheriffs Dept. safe and free from political persuasions and ideological activism.
- The committee will review and make recommendations regarding the Sheriff's Office discretionary spending and provide ongoing constitutional examination of agency actions.
- The committee will provide legislative recommendations and review pertinent passed legislation that impacts Yavapai County law enforcement activities.
- · The committee will create liaisons between the local Community and the Sheriff's Office.
- The committee will help provide and implement an Emergency Action Plan for the county through citizen training and engagement (tentatively called the Sheriff's Emergency Posse).
- The committee will review and make recommendations on federal and state-level grant engagement. The committee will also review and make recommendations on all law enforcement-related governmental and non-governmental relationships to ensure that the Sheriff's Office authority is not surrendered externally.
- The Citizens Outreach and Oversight Committee will work as a conduit between sworn staff and the Sheriff to assist in the resolution of employee concerns about agency priorities.

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Date