



Polk County Sheriff's Office

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Timothy L. Wright, Sheriff

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To the Citizens of Polk County,

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff since 2018. These past few years have been the highlight of my entire law enforcement career, and it is with this in mind that I announce my candidacy for re-election in 2022. Prior to taking Office, I served in the United States Navy before spending 24 years with the Tryon Police Department. I live in Columbus with my spouse Brandy, and our two sons, John and Henry, and my oldest daughter Katie is currently serving in the Navy on the west coast.

While working full time at the Tryon Police Department and teaching at the Polk County High School, I earned my Master's Degree in Justice Administration from Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C. and Advanced Law Enforcement Certifications from the NC DOJ. I've also had the honor of serving as a certified General Law Enforcement Instructor as well as a Specialized Firearms Instructor, and completing the N.C. Justice Academy's Criminal Investigator Certificate Program.

I hope that with your support over the next four years we will be able to continue building upon the foundation we have laid and the milestones we have accomplished. Some of these accomplishments I'm proudest of over the past few years include:

- Redeployment of personnel to patrol operations within assigned geographic zones
- Standardization of all incident reporting into a single records management system
- Development of professional standards and career pathways for each position in the office
- Full standardization of vehicle fleet operations and issued equipment
- Complete revamping of the hiring and background investigation processes
- Implementation of Public Information and Community Program Manager roles
- Record fundraising events for children in need including the back to school kickoff, shop with a cop, and the annual toy run
- Implementation of a bi-annual citizen's academy.

Again, it has been the highest honor of my career to serve as the elected Sheriff of my hometown, Polk County. With the people's support, I look forward to continuing to build upon the foundation we have laid these past few years.

Sincerely,

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