



# OFFICE OF SHERIFF, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

ELECTION, OCTOBER 11, 2025

## "Your Vote, Your Voice: Understanding Local Leadership"



**QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN:** *The Sheriff is an elected official who works in Orleans Parish and has very important responsibilities under Louisiana law. A Constitutional Guardian of Justice and Public Safety*

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a qualified voter registered in Orleans Parish
- Have been domiciled in Orleans Parish for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the election
- Have no felony conviction, unless civil rights have been restored



**RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION:** A successful Sheriff must be capable of leading a **multi-million-dollar agency** with a focus on **both safety and civil rights**. While not mandated by law, strong candidates for Sheriff often bring:

- A degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, public administration, or a related field
- Certification from law enforcement academies or POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training)
- Experience in law enforcement, military service, correctional facility management, or legal work
- Skills in leadership, crisis management, budgeting, public safety planning, and community engagement



**ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Sheriff is a **constitutional officer** responsible for overseeing the **custody, care, and transport** of incarcerated individuals and executing **civil and criminal court mandates**. Key responsibilities include:

- ♦ Jail Keeper
  - Operate, manage, and secure the Orleans Parish Justice Center
  - Make sure inmates are safe, treated fairly, and get healthcare and programs
  - Hire, train and retain capable and competent staff and employees
- ♦ Court Officer
  - Provides security at court buildings
  - Help keep judges, lawyers, and visitors safe
  - Deliver legal papers like court orders, subpoenas, and summonses
- ♦ Civil Duties
  - Handle things like property seizures, auctions, and other court-related civil actions
- ♦ Limited Law Enforcement
  - Help serve warrants for serious crimes
  - Provide security for Civil and Criminal District Courts
  - Transport incarcerated individuals to court appearances or to receive medical care

- Execute court-ordered evictions, seizures, garnishments, and arrest warrants
- Manage public auctions related to foreclosures and legal judgments
- Collaborate with local, state, and federal law enforcement on public safety efforts



**TYPICAL DAILY DUTIES:** A typical day of the Sheriff may include the following as the office seeks to carry out essential duties:

- Oversee inmate intake, classification, housing, and release
- Manage staff operations, training, and supervision
- Prepare and issue civil notices, subpoenas, and property seizures
- Coordinate with the judiciary, mayor's office, public defenders, and prosecutors
- Ensure compliance with state, federal, and DOJ regulations on inmate rights
- Work toward better conditions inside the jail
- Manage and operate the Orleans Parish Justice Center
- Ensure the safe and humane detention of individuals awaiting trial or sentencing
- Provide courtroom security for the Criminal and Civil District Courts
- Execute court orders, including evictions, garnishments, and seizures
- Maintain public records related to inmates, jail operations, and service of process



### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE:

1. What are your plans to improve mental health care and living conditions inside the jail?
2. How will you make sure court-ordered evictions are handled fairly, especially for vulnerable renters?
3. What steps will you take to ensure staff are well-trained and respectful of inmate rights?
4. How will you comply with the federal consent decree and ensure civil rights in detention?
5. How will you increase transparency and public access to information about jail operations?



**WHY THIS OFFICE MATTERS:** The Sheriff's Office is vital to both public and inmate safety, justice, dignity and is responsible for balancing security and accountability, of the incarcerated.

- Run the city jail (Orleans Justice Center), ensure safety, security and humane treatment of inmates, provide courtroom security, and execute court orders such as evictions and warrants. Manage jail operations, inmate transport, and civil enforcement. Coordinate with law enforcement and legal entities.



### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

- In-person/ By Mail Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025
- Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline: September 20, 2025
- Early Voting Period: September 27 – October 4, 2025 (Sunday excluded)
- Election Day: October 11, 2025

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