

Time for change.



Hello friends and neighbors!

I hope that you are all doing well as we are gearing up for the miracle of Christmas season! I want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Nick Duncan, my family and I live in Boiling Springs, SC and I am currently running for Spartanburg County Sheriff in the 2024 primary election as a Republican.

Over the last few years, the crime rate in Spartanburg has risen drastically. Traffic deaths are among some of the highest in the state. And administration at Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) has become stagnant. Stagnant leadership results in a lack of growth, an increased in staff loss, and a lack of fresh ideas to help move forward in fighting crime.

One of the first orders of business as your Sheriff is to establish new leadership. New leadership will be essential in improving the quality of work life, retaining deputies and bring in new ideas for the prevention of crime. The leaders will be selected by merit and NOT by their social status with the Sheriff.

As your Sheriff, I will update policies at SCSO that will allow more deputies the opportunity for growth within the department. The loss of good deputies is a common problem throughout the law enforcement world. However, SCSO has experienced a higher than average loss. Thereby leading to shifts not being fully staffed.

I will also fight for the deputies of SCSO to get more pay. The pay at SCSO is minimal and well below other comparable agencies within the upstate. This will attract (and retain) quality applicants to SCSO and help staff the short shifts. It is unsafe for our deputies responding to calls, and it is only a matter of time before another deputy is hurt or killed in the line of duty. With such a shortage, there is a reduced police presence within the communities. This leads to an increase in crime, as well as an increase in response time during emergencies; as the deputies are covering a much larger area than what is optimal. The criminals know this and use the added response time to their benefit. They are terrorizing our communities. This is by no fault of our deputies. Our deputies are doing everything they can with what little support they have.

As your Sheriff, I will increase the size of the gang unit. Many of the crimes within Spartanburg county are due to the presence of gangs. These gangs are responsible for many of the shootings, car break-ins, vehicle thefts and drugs throughout the county. This is not just a “city problem”.

As your Sheriff, I will be a “working Sheriff”. You will see and hear from me or my staff, regularly. I will update you the public, on crime trends and crime prevention tips. I will not leave you questioning if I am around or if we are doing anything. You will have a renewed confidence in knowing that we are working diligently on making Spartanburg County safe for your families.

As your Sheriff, I will greatly increase our community involvement. I invite you all to look at other large agencies throughout South Carolina. Many of these agencies interact regularly with the public. They have school book bag drives, they check on the elderly, they have benefits and are involved with the youth within the communities. SCSO deputies love their communities that they work in. After all, this is the reason they signed up for this life; to help those in need. Unfortunately, the reduced staffing does not allow them to be proactive, as they are so busy.

As your Sheriff, it is important to have an open and transparent communication within the community. This is the day and age of social media, and it is so very easy to keep the public informed, but the current administration has failed you here. I’ve already had several associations reach out to me, and invite me to their meetings or events. I intend to attend as many of these events as possible, and I am thankful for the opportunity to attend their meetings; as this is an extremely easy way to stay in touch with public concerns that affect us all. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out, as well.

These are just a few things I will do as your Sheriff. I am forever grateful for the opportunities given to me by Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office. However, there comes a time when enough is enough. The deputies of Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office *need* more, and the citizens of Spartanburg *deserve* better! It’s time for change!

-Nick Duncan for Spartanburg County Sheriff