

## **The WHY?**

As a kid we always wanted to know the why. Why can't I touch that? Why can't I have that? Why can't I do that?

As we grow up, the inquisitiveness remains and often, we can answer those questions for ourselves. Why can't I have that.....because it will not fit in the garage; or it is not within the budget; or it is the wrong year! Sometimes when something happens to us or others, we want to know why did it happen? why would they do that? We may struggle when we do not know the answer and we may never get the true answer or any answer at all.

Why do I want to be your Sheriff of Spartanburg County?

I have a passion to see the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department provide the best possible services to our county. We can accomplish this through fiscally responsible budgets that will meet the needs of the citizens, while maintaining the safety and protections of the community.

I recently retired from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's office. While working there, in several different capacities, I saw many missed opportunities to help the officers provide better services to the citizens, businesses, and visitors of Spartanburg County. I became frustrated as I saw other agencies in our state and other states surpass us, by equipping their officers and the public with knowledge through social media, and other tools that enable better protections and provide better services to those in need.

As my frustration grew, retirement was the right step for me to better utilize my skills in a different capacity, Thankfully, now I know that this was God's plan, as one cannot work for Spartanburg County if he/she chooses to run for political office!

My current desire is to return to Spartanburg County as your Sheriff. Once I am your Sheriff, we will work together to become better financial stewards of the taxpayer's money. We will invest in our Officers to help them provide the best possible service to our community. We will also invest in much needed technology upgrades to provide the officers and our public with knowledge and tools they need to be informed.

The people of the towns and cities pay county taxes. I would like to enable our cities and county offices to pool resources to provide the common goal of protecting and preventing crime within our borders. Pooling resources would allow the people who protect us with more insight with incidents that occur around them, by having all officers on the same system. Through this process, also comes transparency, so that we can answer the public's why. Why did the officer do this? Why wasn't the suspect charged with this? Or why wasn't the suspect charged at all? The public has a right to know. Occasionally the information might not be readily available, if

there is a risk of jeopardizing the investigation, but we can do our best to keep the public safe and informed.

Being a 20+ year veteran of both the City of Spartanburg and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, combined, I have learned how most things should work and operate. I worked on Uniform Patrol, in Investigations, and in Administration, every job was a step up. I was a part of special teams and worked at the county jail. I left each position at the city and the county better than I found it. I know that I have the knowledge and experience to improve on the current "status quo," and to make the Spartanburg County a great place to work and live.

Now, when it comes time to vote you can explain why you voted for Andy Clark!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. A. Clark', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George Andrew "Andy" Clark