



# **KANAWHA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **Sheriff-Elect Joe Crawford's Special Announcement**

**Charleston, WV-** Sheriff-Elect Joe Crawford announces his selection for Chief Deputy for the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office. The Chief Deputy plays a vital role by working in conjunction with the Sheriff to manage the daily operations of the Law Enforcement Division.

Sheriff-Elect Joe Crawford is honored to announce that Lieutenant Sean D. Snuffer, currently Chief of Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Section for Kanawha County Sheriff's Office will assume the duties of Chief Deputy beginning January 1, 2025. Sheriff-Elect Crawford says, "A great deal of consideration has gone into this selection; however, Sean is single-handedly the most deserving of any candidate to fill this position." Crawford went on to say, "Sean has dedicated 25 years of service to the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office as he has climbed the ranks with a proven leadership ability."

Sean Snuffer graduated from the West Virginia State Police 84th Basic Academy Class in 1993 and will assume the Chief Deputy role, bringing 32 years of law enforcement experience. He is a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy (250th Session) graduate, a nationally recognized leadership institution for elite law enforcement professionals. Sean has been assigned to the Criminal Investigative Section of Kanawha County Sheriff's Office for 21 years and has commanded that division as the Chief of Detectives since 2017. In 2011, The Federal Bureau of Investigation deputized Sean as an FBI Cyber Crimes Taskforce Officer, and he continues to maintain that joint working relationship presently. Sean is a West Virginia Fusion Center Liaison Officer, a past Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) President, and currently remains the Secretary-Treasurer of the DSA. Finally, and most importantly, Sean has been happily married to his wife, Marcie, for twenty-four years. He is a proud father of two boys, 21-year-old Christopher, who is on active duty at the United States Air Force, and 18-year-old Connor, an apprentice for Local Union 33.

Sean says that although he has had a very rewarding career with some major accomplishments, he is most proud of being instrumental in the development of the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Records Management System which brought an outdated record-keeping system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century but also



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helped connect many local Kanawha County Law Enforcement Agencies into a unified network of shared information. His work has continued most recently with implementing Kanawha County Sheriff's Office's newest state-of-the-art body-worn cameras, in-car cameras, community resources, and reality-based training provided by AXON Enterprise.

Sean graciously accepted the position as Chief Deputy, stating, "I am deeply grateful to God, my family, and all those who have supported me throughout my career." "With our devoted staff and the commitment of our sworn deputies, we will continue to move the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office forward and ensure we remain a positive force for our communities."

Sheriff-Elect Joe Crawford and Chief Deputy Sean Snuffer say they are committed to continuing the long-standing legacy of the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office as a premier law enforcement agency not only in West Virginia but across the nation over the next four years. They plan to continue as a forward-moving leader in training, technology, community outreach involvement, and making our great Kanawha County communities safe.



Sheriff-Elect Joseph "Joe" Crawford



Chief Deputy Sean Snuffer



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