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Floyd County Citizens

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your sheriff the past four years. I am very conscientious of my commitment to operate an open and transparent sheriff's office that all of you can be proud of. To that end, I am offering you this website to fully inform you of our daily operations and to make our staff and schedules as accessible as possible.

I have committed our office these past years to focus on the following goals :

- 1) To create a more professional Sheriff's Office
- 2) Improving morale by providing equal opportunities for all employees
- 3) Re-involving the sheriff's office in our community
- 4) Implementing responsible budget management

* As of this year, we completed a 2 year process toward becoming a nationally accredited agency by receiving our Georgia State Certification. ***We are only the 11th Sheriff's Office in the state to receive this out of 159 counties.***

* Our morale has steadily improved as we have implemented annual meetings with each individual employee to discuss our areas for improvement.

* Today, the sheriff's office is leading the way as a strong advocate for community service, youth involvement, and supporting our seniors. **Alcohol and Drug Awareness, C.H.A.M.P.S.** for our 5th graders, **Cops for Kids, The sheriff's ride for Camp Goodtimes, Are you OK?**, our senior reassurance phone system for protecting our seniors, **Turning Point**, a program at the county jail for teens to encourage them to make the right choices.

*Our sheriff's office budget has come in under our projected amounts every year since taking office, and ***we have returned over \$500,000 of taxpayer money back to the general fund*** over those four years and we have generated nearly 8 million dollars in revenue for the county in just four years in office, which has offset our operating costs significantly.

We have met, and exceeded our goals for this term, but we are committed to doing much more in an effort to ***Raise the Bar!*** I am proud to stand with our employees and tell you they have done a wonderful job for you. We will continue to evaluate ourselves to see how we can improve and better serve your office.

I'll need your help in the coming years and please know that as always
I am here to serve you...

Sincerely

Tim Burkhalter, Floyd County Sheriff