** West Virginia Sheriffs' Association - PAC**

**2024 STATE OFFICE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

(Please feel free to attach sheets as needed to answer questions)

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Political Party:  Democrat  Republican  Independent Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Status:  Incumbent of office sought  Candidate for office sought.

Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section I. Background (*Required*)**

1. What office is being sought? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District Number, etc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you held/sought public office in the past? YES  NO  If yes, what position and when?

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1. Have you received WVSA endorsement in the past? YES  NO  If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES  NO  If so, when, where, and what were the nature of the charge(s), location? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you contact your local county Sheriff(s) for his/her endorsement? YES  NO 

If yes, who did you contact? SHERIFF(S) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY(IES) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, did he/she/they endorse your candidacy? YES  NO 

6. Why do you seek the endorsement of the West Virginia Sheriffs’ Association? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Briefly describe what motivated you to run for public office, and what experience and qualifications do you bring to the position?

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8. Is there anything in your background (personal, professional, etc.) that could bring embarrassment or discredit to a law enforcement organization that chooses to support your campaign?

YES  NO  If yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section II. Positions, Policies, and Issues (*Optional*)**

***Feel free to address as many or few areas of concern as shown below. This is a guide to provide information.***

1. **Law Enforcement Priorities:**
   * What are your top priorities concerning sheriffs’ offices in West Virginia?
   * How do you plan to support and enhance law enforcement agencies across the state, specifically sheriff departments?
   * What strategies do you propose to improve public safety and reduce crime rates in WV communities?
2. **Resource Allocation and Support:**
   * How do you intend to allocate resources to support sheriff offices in rural areas vs. urban areas?
   * How do you plan to address the challenges facing rural law enforcement agencies in West Virginia, such as staffing shortages and limited resources?
   * What plans do you have to enhance training, equipment, and technological advancements for law enforcement agencies?
3. **Collaboration and Community Engagement:**
   * How will you encourage collaboration between law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and residents to foster better relationships and trust?
   * What strategies do you propose for improving community engagement and outreach programs to address county concerns?
4. **Legislation and Policy:**
   * What legislative changes or policies do you plan to advocate for that will positively impact sheriffs, law enforcement, and public safety in West Virginia?
   * How will you navigate challenges related to law enforcement policies and potential reforms, ensuring they balance both public safety and community concerns?
5. **Mental Health and Crisis Intervention:**
   * What initiatives will you support to address mental health challenges and improve crisis intervention strategies in law enforcement responses?
   * How will you ensure adequate training and resources for handling mental health crises encountered by law enforcement officers?
6. **Accountability and Transparency:**
   * How will you promote accountability and transparency within agencies to ensure trust and confidence from the public?
   * What measures will you implement to address any instances of misconduct or abuse of power?
7. **Fiscal Responsibility:**
   * How do you plan to manage the budget to ensure the efficient use of funds allocated to law enforcement agencies without compromising the quality of service?
   * What strategies will you employ to secure additional funding or grants for enhancing law enforcement capabilities for sheriffs in WV?
8. **Emerging Challenges:**
   * How will you address emerging challenges such as cybercrime, drug trafficking, or other evolving criminal activities impacting WV communities?
   * What is your stance on gun control and the Second Amendment, and how do you plan to balance the rights of gun owners with public safety concerns?
9. **Leadership and Experience:**
   * What specific experiences or qualifications make you well-suited for supporting sheriffs in WV?
   * How will your leadership style positively impact the effectiveness and morale of sheriff’s offices?
10. **Closing Statement:**
    * Is there anything else you would like to share that highlights your commitment to supporting sheriffs, law enforcement and the West Virginia community?

ALL CANDIDATES ANSWER: Please use additional sheets as you feel are necessary to describe any additional issue(s) that you believe should be considered by this Association in its endorsement process.

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Send questionnaire, and you may include resume, biography, or other information you would like considered and email to: [wvsheriffs@gmail.com](mailto:wvsheriffs@gmail.com)

or US mail to:

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