

## SHERIFF TAYLOR WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

In February, I announced that I would not seek re-election after the SLED investigation hit the news media. Since that time I have had an outpouring of support from the citizens of Union County to seek re-election as Sheriff. I was cleared of any wrong doing through the investigation by SLED and 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson. During the investigation, several allegations were made that I had made sinful mistakes in my life. That statement was true because I am human and humans make mistakes. I have asked for forgiveness for my personal failures and if God allows me to continue to live I will continue to make mistakes. One thing I have never wavered on was my dedication to serve the citizens of Union County.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS: As we go through these pandemic days with Covid-19 virus, it is NOT the time for Union County to elect a Sheriff to get on the job training. As I represent you as your Sheriff, I will continue to focus equally on all residents and areas of Union County.

In my campaign, I have set forth important information that we wanted the Sheriff's Office not only to reach but maintain for the future. Today we face many challenges and one of the most important things we have to do is protect our senior citizens. One of the most important accomplishments was fulfilling our pledge to protect our senior citizens in every aspects of living in our county. We are living in a society where our elderly are under attack by fraud, scams and door to door visitors.

We have made a commitment to work with our youth and we have done that by going into our schools and participating in school activities. We now have State funded SRO's in every school that provide a positive influence with our youth and also provide extra security in the school environment. We have provided and continue to train with our county school teachers about what to do in an Active Shooter situation.

We have visited many churches in Union County to discuss active Shooter Response and security measures that can make church worship safer. We have work with the local Chamber of Commerce to provide Active Shooter training in the workplace for local industries.

We have an active crime prevention program going in two areas of the county and are hoping more communities will get programs in their communities when things get back to normal.

Safety and training for our deputies is of the utmost importance to me as we continue to move forward in these dangerous times. We now have tasers, Body Worn Cameras and now having to issue more protective equipment during the Covid-19 outbreak. We have been able to access a much needed Employee Assistance Program which is available to our deputies and dispatchers. This program is to assist our employees to cope with tragic and personal situation they may encounter in their lives. This is provided at no cost to the employee or to the citizens of Union County.

We have implemented a new Records Management system that now links the Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911. We are currently installing computers in our patrol units to allow deputies to fill out reports and access other vital information from the field and help cut down the workload of our 911 dispatchers. We

have more deputies on the road now than ever before in Union County. We were able to do this by eliminating Captain and Investigator positions. We have our own Special Response Team with a Drone to help protect our deputies and the citizens of Union County. The Drone was purchased with grant money and we have two pilots that can fly the drone and assist our Bloodhound Units when they are searching for a suspect or just a lost person in the woods.

The Union County Sheriff's Office is more unified than it has been in the last eleven years. Deputies are working together and helping each other in their jobs. I encourage you to ask a deputy how the work environment is NOW in the Sheriff's Office. I am proud of the men and women who serve in the Sheriff's Office because the times are surely more dangerous than ever.

I ask you to ask yourself is now the time to elect a Sheriff to get on the job training. Experience can't be replaced by someone who has never been a Sheriff. In the next four years, we will continue to face many new challenges and do you want to face those challenges in inexperience. Do you want to see law enforcement continue to move forward or do you want to see law enforcement for lack of leadership.

We have to continue to battle the drug epidemic in this county and in this country. We are having more drug overdoses in the county than ever before so we have to continue to get the word out about the drug dangers we face in our County. We will continue to battle the streets of the Narcotic trade and its association with gang activity.

I am asking for your prayers and continued support as I seek re-election as your Sheriff of Union County. Remember to cast your support for the Democratic candidate, David H. Taylor, for Union County Sheriff.

Sheriff Taylor and his wife Betty have four children and eight grandchildren.