



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

SHERIFF KIERAN DONAHUE
President

Thompson to retire from National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

December 31, 2024, Alexandria, VA -- The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) announces that Jonathan Thompson, the Association's Executive Director and CEO, will retire at the end of 2025 after serving as the CEO for over 10 years.

"This is a significant time for the Association and the Nation's 3,081 Sheriffs," stated NSA President Sheriff Kieran Donahue (Canyon County, ID). "For a decade, Jonathan has been a driving force in helping move the NSA forward, overcoming many hurdles and challenges. Working alongside the NSA Executive Committee leadership and Board of Directors, he has been asked to make some tough decisions, and the Association is undoubtedly better because of it. His experience and relationships inside the Beltway and on Capitol Hill have been instrumental to the NSA's success in advocating for the Office of Sheriff, Sheriffs, and law enforcement interests in Washington, D.C., and across the nation."

The NSA is officially accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Candidates should have extensive law enforcement experience and/or considerable exposure to the policy, legislative, judicial, and regulatory activities that affect the NSA's membership and its partners.

Interested candidates can view the position description by visiting www.sheriffs.org under the Announcements and News banner. Applicants must submit a cover letter outlining their vision, the unique skills they bring to the Association and its membership, and salary requirements. Interested applicants must also submit a detailed resume along with the cover letter to ExecDirectorApp@sheriffs.org. All submitted documents must be attached in PDF format only. The submission deadline will be January 30, 2025, and no calls or in-person inquiries will be engaged.

"Jonathan will remain active with the NSA at the end of his tenure, working on a vital set of projects," added Sheriff Donahue. "At my request, he has agreed to make himself available to assist with the transition of the new Executive Director once that person has been selected."

"This has been an honor of a lifetime," proclaimed Mr. Thompson. "I've had a front-row seat at the most important moments in law enforcement these past 10 years. The success we've encountered isn't the result of one person or Sheriff. Rather, it has been our employees, our member Sheriffs, the Chief-Deputies, Under-Sheriffs, deputies, and partners who have done the lion's share of the work. I will never forget the reason we fight as hard as we do, because every day deputies, corrections officers, and dispatchers pledge to protect everyone in their community, regardless of their social status, gender, race, political views, or personal circumstances. We owe these public servants an enormous debt, and should be 110% committed to helping them succeed."

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is one of the largest non-profit associations of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and has a membership of approximately 14,000 individuals. For the past 84 years, NSA has been dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice, and serving as a resource for local, state, and federal law enforcement and other government agencies.

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