

Statement provided by Sheriff Hartman to Parents for Kids Health -

Law Enforcement has been, and continues to be, my passion for 30 years. My career with law enforcement originated in 1991 with Basic Law Enforcement Training. Following, my service began as a Campus Police Officer at Wake Forest University, where I held several different positions during my tenure. Seeking a community to call home and raise a family, my wife Robin and I chose nearby Davie County after residing in Clemmons. Initially I served with Mocksville PD approximately a year. Afterward, I was recruited to Davie County Sheriff's Office, where I proudly continue to serve the citizens of Davie County.

Over the last 25 years, I have served in nearly every position at the Sheriff's Office, including ten years as Chief Deputy and now as Sheriff the last six years. My wife, Robin, and I have been together for 29 years and are blessed with two wonderful children, Madelyn and Jackson. Madelyn is a practicing Dentist and resides in Atlantic Beach with our son-in-law Patrick. Jackson completed his degree in Criminal Justice at Appalachian State University last year, and now works for a neighboring Sheriff's Office. Our family has attended Green Meadows Baptist Church for over two decades.

As firm believers in service and giving back to our Davie County community, Robin and I enthusiastically support and serve, or have served, as board members for several local non-profit agencies. I am a proud founding member of the Dragonfly House Child Advocacy Center, where I served two terms on the Board of Directors and held the posts of President, Vice President and Treasurer for this phenomenal organization. I continue to support the Dragonfly House, while Robin currently serves as the Board President. I have also served on the Advisory Board for Davie Domestic Violence and the Child Fatality Team for Davie County. While serving on the Farmington Community Center Board of Directors for numerous years, I held the position of President for five years. As a member of the Farmington Ruritans, I currently serve on the Board of Directors. Further, I serve on the Board of Directors for the Advocacy Center and am also a Mocksville Rotary Club member. Additionally, I am an active member of the NC Sheriff's Association and serve on two committees, the Legislative Committee and Training Committee. Over the last three years I have also

served on the NC 911 Board, working to enhance the 911 services for the state of NC. I also serve on the Davie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, and on its Funding Committee.

During my tenure as Sheriff, the Davie County Sheriff's Office has grown to be one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state. We maintained this even amid the COVID pandemic that affected, and continues to affect, most of our operations. We have implemented a new records management system, moved from the uniform crime reporting system to the national incident-based reporting system, and updated all of our technology. These changes improve our manner of responding to calls and needs in the county. I have also implemented mental health services in our Detention Center, adding a counselor that assists inmates with drug issues and re-entry into the community when released, as well as a GED program in partnership with the Davidson-Davie Community College.

Recently, I have also completed a facilities study with the county, completed the design and building of a new office, worked on the design of a new Detention Center, and implemented a fleet management program to reduce costs of vehicle maintenance as well as facilitate other workflow improvements that enhance the efficiency of our services to the county.

We have implemented a structured training program that has served to make my Deputies some of the very best trained in our state. Also noteworthy, of only 86 certified drug diversion officers in the state, one is employed at my office. Likewise, I have on my team one of the drug recognition experts in North Carolina, of which there are less than 200 in the state.

During my tenure, the Sheriff's Office has seized or been involved in seizing, over 4000 pounds of drugs, and made the largest drug bust in Davie County history. I am proud and honored to say two of my Deputies have received awards, as well as letters of commendation, from the US Attorney's Office and The Department of Homeland Security. We also, for the first time in Davie County history, used the nuisance abatement laws to shut down locations in neighborhoods; this combined using civil and criminal law to rid the neighborhood of residences that were blights on the community. The process involved courts to remove persons that were

prompting the problems, but with COVID rules halting evictions, we have not been able to use this mechanism and hope to start using it again in the very near future.

I am incredibly proud of our achievements, and very frankly, I could spend an infinite amount of time detailing all that the Sheriff's Office does, and all we have accomplished over my past 5 years tenure as Sheriff. Law enforcement, and the betterment of law enforcement services in Davie County, is truly my passion!

On that note, I would appreciate your continued support, along with your vote on May 17th, so that I can continue working to serve you and provide you with the best Sheriff's Office in the state.

Thank you,
JD Hartman
Davie County Sheriff