

NAME: Butch Conway
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Sheriff of Gwinnett County



Why are you seeking your office?

I've enjoyed serving as sheriff of Gwinnett County for the past 19 years. I began my law enforcement career 38 years ago with a strong desire to serve my community and that intention remains the same. As sheriff, I have many opportunities to serve my constituents. I consider that an honor.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will continue to serve the citizens of Gwinnett in any way that I'm able. I am committed to continue the programs we've already established, which have proven the test of time. I will continue to respect taxpayer dollars by responsibly managing a \$75+ million dollar budget each year and doing everything within my power to keep jail recidivism lowered.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the most qualified person for the job. My record speaks for itself and I am proud of the supportive staff that has enabled our accomplishments.

What are the key issues in your race?

The key issue in this race is experience. I am the only candidate with extensive experience in managing a sizeable budget and a staff of over 700. I have worked hard to establish and maintain strong working relationships with other county leaders to accomplish beneficial programs for Gwinnett County.

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

In addition to providing security at the jail and courthouse, the security of our community is important. Working with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies is a critical component, which is why I have staff assigned to Homeland Security, US Marshals, DEA Tactical Diversion Squad, FBI Strike Force, Gwinnett Metro and Gang/Violent Crime Task Forces.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I began my 38 year career as an officer with the Gwinnett County PD, eventually running the Vice, Intelligence and Narcotic Units. I left the department to run my own office supply business, which was later acquired by a Fortune 500 company. I've served as a magistrate judge for seven years and as Chief of Police of

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Lawrenceville PD for six years. I was elected sheriff in 1996 and have led our sheriff's office through tremendous growth, implementing numerous beneficial programs to the county along the way, including the 287(g) Unit, Gwinnett County Reentry Program and Operation Second Chance.