

Town of Allenstown  
Board of Selectman  
16 School Street  
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275

Dear Select Board:

My name is David A. Croft and I am running for election as your next Merrimack County Sheriff. I would like to share my experience with you and why I am passionate about further service to our county and local communities.

From 1977 to 1983 I proudly chose to serve our country as a United States Marine, finishing my tour of duty as a Sergeant and mentor to young men and women wishing to become Marines. Enjoying my service, but missing home, I chose to serve my country and community locally, leading me to begin a career in NH Law Enforcement, first as a Correctional Officer with the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and then in 1984, becoming a part-time Police Officer for the Town of Boscawen, NH. I worked hard in Boscawen, eventually moving into a full-time position, becoming a Sergeant, and then being chosen to be Boscawen's Chief of Police in 1997, proudly serving the town for over two decades.

After retiring in 2007, I have worked as the Director of the Alternative-to-Sentencing Program assigned to the Merrimack County Attorney's Office, I also simultaneously became and remain today a Deputy with the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. As Director of the Diversion Program I have been able to utilize my skills learned from years of serving our communities to design and implement programs that assist adults in the criminal justice system. These programs are customized to individual needs and act as a critical component in each individual's rehabilitation. One of my programs received the National Association of Counties award in 2013.

Both as Chief of Police and in my current role, I have had the opportunity to work with all of the towns and cities in Merrimack County, providing expertise and/or assistance to many other town and government officials over the years. Becoming Sheriff would be a natural extension of these years of work and experience and would be an easy conversion for me as I continue to support and assist citizens in the communities of Merrimack County.

Having been the Police Chief of a small New England town for many years I understand the difficulties and strains that come with this responsibility. Being a natural fiscal conservative, I have always worked hard to stretch every dollar while remaining within a budget. The challenge is to give the taxpayers (You!) the services which they rely on and pay for. In my experience, this takes fortitude, focus, intelligence and mostly, years of experience honed by working with communities and taxpayers, experience that I firmly believe I bring to the Office of Sheriff.

First and foremost, the day to day services that the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office must provide would be scrutinized daily, to ensure that each dollar raised by our taxpayers is appropriately spent to perform the important Constitutional duties of the Office of Sheriff. As your Merrimack County Sheriff I will make sure that your hard earned dollars are spent appropriately and toward the future of a safer and stronger county.

I also feel that it is time to look at other ways to hold minor offenders accountable without them having to receive the heavy burden of a conviction. Empowering them with the tools and education they need to become responsible, contributing citizens, would, in turn, save countless tax dollars.

My office would continue to serve and assist our towns and communities in whatever, it is that they are in need of-whether it may be an investigation or as simple as helping with traffic enforcement, while helping to keep taxpayer costs down through teamwork, bulk equipment purchasing, and working together for the good of Merrimack County.

In closing, my family and I along with our 3 dogs, live in the beautiful town of Salisbury. We enjoy the outdoors and take pride in our roots in the great state of New Hampshire. I look forward to earning the position of Merrimack County Sheriff and working closely with its citizens to provide the best possible law enforcement services.

Your assistance in partnering with me on this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. I welcome your questions. I can be contact via e-mail at [dcroft4@msn.com](mailto:dcroft4@msn.com). Or by phone at 648-6230

Thank You!

Respectfully Yours,

David A. Croft

