



DUSTIN EARL BEALS

Candidate for County Sheriff

Hello, my name is Dustin Beals, and I'd like to tell you about myself and explain why I am a strong candidate for your next Sheriff of Marion County. A 1991 graduate of Yellville-Summit, I joined the United States Marine Corps- where I spent four of the most memorable years of my life. Life and family had me moving around until I finally settled back in Yellville in the

summer of 2004. I was hired as a part-time jailer/dispatcher at the Marion County Sheriff's Department in the summer of 2006 and offered a full-time position the following week after my training and working my first weekend of scheduled shifts. I was offered a Patrol Deputy position in April of 2007- which I accepted without hesitation. In January of 2007, I entered the Arkansas Law Enforcement Academy in Camden, AR. I remained on patrol until I received a promotion to Patrol Sergeant in January of 2014. In September of 2017, I took a lateral move into Criminal Investigation as an investigator. During my time with the Sheriff's Department, I took as many classes as I could- becoming a firearm and taser instructor, and an instructor who can teach most classes pertaining to law enforcement.

Law enforcement is a career where laws constantly change, making for an environment where you always learn new and exciting things. As sheriff, it is imperative to continue to grow in knowledge and application, making it both rewarding and helpful to the community I serve. Law enforcement is not just a job: it is a calling and something I can't see myself not doing. I believe the position of elected sheriff is not to be looked at as a hobby or side job: it is a position that demands making both our people and county the number one priority. As your sheriff, I pledge to work hard, listen to the citizens, and stand by the employees of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. I want to make and keep Marion County a great place that we all call home. I hope you will allow me to prove that I am both knowledgeable and capable of being your next Sheriff. Let's make Marion County Great again together.