



MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Sheriff's announcement

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Long-time Sheriff, Ted G. Kamatchus, announces that he will not be running for re-election in the 2016 Sheriff's race for Marshall County. Kamatchus initially was sworn in on February 29, 1988 after the Marshall County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed him as Sheriff. His initial appointment was to fill the unexpired term of former Sheriff Derald E. "Bud" Gonzales.

Kamatchus stated, "For the past year, I've thought about what I want for my future and for the future of Marshall County. I truly believe that the Sheriff's Office is at a point where it would be a good time to turn the reigns over to someone else." He went on to say, "We have a solid staff in place, our agency operations plan is established for the next several years and our infra-structure is in great condition. At the end of this term, I'll have just shy of 29 years in as Sheriff and I would hope that my dedication to my Oath and to Marshall County has resulted in positive service to the citizens who have elected me."

Kamatchus asked that for now, his friends, supporters and community shift their consideration toward which person it might be that they choose to replace him as the longest serving Sheriff in Marshall County history. "When I was first appointed to complete the term of Sheriff Gonzales, I never would have dreamed serving this many years. Having had the support of the citizens for this long has truly been a blessing. I sincerely hope that when the citizens go to elect the person to follow me as Sheriff, they give strong consideration toward someone who understands the modern office that it is now. That the person is clearly able to show proof of their ability to lead and to handle the broad complexities of the Civil, Uniform Patrol, Investigative and Jail areas that make up the Sheriff's Office today. "

Finally, he asked that for now, he be allowed to concentrate on his duties as Sheriff for the next several months, rather than having the media pursue stories on his career. "I've been asked by the media about the possibility of doing interviews and I have requested that for now, they wait until we get a bit closer to the end of this term before pursuing any articles on my career as a law enforcement officer. All that has been compiled over the years can be discussed once we get closer to the end of this term. I don't wish to disrupt the Sheriff's Office operations over the next year. "

When asked what the future might hold for Kamatchus, he stated, "I plan on getting more active in a side-line business that I have been working on for several months as well as doing a bit of research over the next month or so on the potential for running for a different elected role in government." He declined to comment on what that role might be.

About Marshall County Sheriff's Office

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is led by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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