



***EXPERIENCE MATTERS*----THE RIGHT EXPERIENCE, THE RIGHT CHOICE**

Dear Cattaraugus County Resident,

My name is Eric Butler. Upon the recent retirement of the County's long serving Sheriff, Timothy Whitcomb, I became your Acting Sheriff. I am asking for your vote on November 5th as I am seeking election as your next Cattaraugus County Sheriff.

I would like to introduce myself, explain my qualifications for this position, and why I believe that I am the best candidate for the job.

First, I am the only candidate that is a police officer. I have 27 years of progressively significant law enforcement experience. My law enforcement career started with the Salamanca Police Department in 1997. Three years later, I joined the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department, where I have since served in many capacities, including being Captain of Communications Division/911 Coordinator, a Road Patrol Lieutenant, Sergeant of the Southern Tier Regional Drug Taskforce, Sergeant in the Criminal Bureau, Court Security, Road Patrol Officer, Casino Division Officer and School Resource Officer.

Second, seven years ago, then Sheriff Whitcomb appointed me as his Undersheriff—his second in command. The Undersheriff is a critical, integrated position, which oversees all daily operations of the Sheriff's Office, including, but not limited to the administration of a 150-bed Jail and its operations, the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center, our Road Patrol, the Special Response Team as well as the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The role has direct oversight of all of the Sheriff's Office operations.

I am grateful that the diverse roles I have held in the Sheriff's Office have provided me with a deep understanding of the complexity of the Sheriff's Office, and the critical functions it provides in protecting and serving the community---we exist to protect and serve.

Last, I am the only candidate that is endorsed by all Cattaraugus County based police agencies and the municipal law enforcement arms of Olean, Salamanca, Allegany, Ellicottville, Franklinville and Portville. I am grateful and humbled to be the recipient of my fellow law enforcement officers' support and confidence.

As a husband, father and grandparent. I am deeply committed to our community and assuring that our streets and homes are safe. I revere our Constitution. I will ensure that the rule of law is upheld, criminals are held accountable for their crimes, and that victims are heard. I promise to vigorously continue the war on the dangerous drug dealers that are wreaking havoc in our community.

I would be honored if you will vote for me on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. I promise to continue to serve this Office with integrity, grit and passion.

Sincerely,

Eric Butler
Acting Cattaraugus County Sheriff