



My Platform

Six children ranging from 2 to 18 years of age were killed by gunfire in Savannah in 2022.

1 Effective Public Safety

Yep, that's right. More dangerous than Atlanta.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office operates behind the times. The fact of the matter is our county is growing quickly and public safety is paramount. Residents of Chatham County should feel safe in their own community, not fearful when you step out of your home. Due to stagnant leadership, our county has become more dangerous than Atlanta. I will work closely with other police municipalities within the county to help better protect and defend our community from dangerous criminals.

2 Audit the Jail ~~19~~ 20

In the past 7 years, ~~19~~ deaths have occurred in the jail. Being an inmate does not diminish in any way your status as a human being. Inmates must be provided their proper medications, kept secure as to preserve officer and inmate safety, and most importantly, treated humanely—it's the law. When elected, I will appoint an independent auditor to report on conditions within the jail and use the results to appropriately implement reform in the jail.

All inmates, after all, are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

3 Officer Recruitment & Retention

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has lost nearly a quarter of its dedicated and passionate deputies, which makes our community less safe. To recruit qualified candidates, I will work diligently to provide officers with childcare and/or housing assistance to ease financial strains on deputies. Additionally, I will strive to create a more conducive environment at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for all officers and civilians. With these strategies, we can make Chatham County much safer.

4 Mental Health Services

Georgia ranks 50th in the nation in regards to access to mental health care. Too many people are jailed as a result of mental illness. When elected, I will implement a police mental health collaboration program (PMHC) for the Chatham County community. The program will make deputies safer, reduce the strain on our jail, and connect people with mental illnesses with services they need instead of jail—freeing up your hard-earned tax dollars. Additionally, I will provide mandatory Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and hire behavioral health clinicians to assist officers to better handle mental health situations.

CIT makes deputies and citizens much safer during interactions.

14 million adults in Georgia have a mental health condition (NAMI).

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