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GREENWOOD COUNTY SHERIFF TONY DAVIS FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

Greenwood, S.C.; March 16, 2016 – Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis filed for re-election Tuesday, seeking his third term as the county's top law enforcement official.

"I am pleased to officially kick off my campaign for re-election to my third term as the Sheriff of Greenwood County," Davis said. "Should the citizens of Greenwood County re-elect me as their Sheriff, this will be my final term. I look forward to serving the citizens for four more years."

Sheriff Davis first won election as Greenwood County's eighth Sheriff in 2008 over Dan Wideman and ran unopposed in 2012.

Davis' law enforcement career spans more than four decades, almost all of which is here in Greenwood County.

Sheriff Davis completed two tours of duty in Vietnam as a member of the United States Marine Corps, where he earned two Purple Heart medals for being wounded in action along with host of other commendations and awards.

After being honorably discharged from military service, Sheriff Davis earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Lander College in 1973. He joined the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office in 1975.

In 1990, Sheriff Davis was promoted to the rank of Major and placed in command of the Investigations Division, where he served as the county's top investigator for 16 years.

Sheriff Davis volunteered to train Iraqi police officers and spent two years helping Iraqi citizens usher in a new era of freedom into their war-torn country.

Over the course of his career, Sheriff Davis has attended and graduated from some of the nation's most respected law enforcement academies, including FBI National Academy, National Sheriff's Institute, FBI Command College and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Association.

In 2015, Sheriff Davis was inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Heroes for his service and commitment to his country and to Greenwood County.

Since taking office in January 2009, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded accreditation through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council and has joined forces with the Greenwood Police Department to form a joint Drug Enforcement Unit, a joint SWAT Team, a joint Violent Crimes Task Force and a joint records management system. These endeavors have improved efficiency and effectiveness, resulting in better law enforcement without duplicating of efforts. This level of cooperation among law enforcement agencies is unrivaled in South Carolina.

More recently, Sheriff Davis has implemented a full time Evidence Technician/Crime Scene Investigator position, a two-man Animal Control/Litter Unit, and a four-officer Community Action Team. Sheriff Davis has also modernized the E-911 Dispatch Center with advanced technology which allows law enforcement, EMS and local fire departments to provide Greenwood County with faster and more efficient service.

Sheriff Davis hopes to use his final term to continue serving and protecting the citizens and communities of Greenwood County and improving the relationship between officers and the community. He recently started the Citizens Academy to educate citizens on the inner workings of law enforcement and is currently working on an elderly watch program as well as a church safety and security program.

"I care deeply about the citizens of our county and the communities in which we live," Sheriff Davis said. "Having the pleasure of serving as Sheriff for the past eight years, I have acquired a level of experience that is unmatched and invaluable. I look forward to using this experiencing to make Greenwood County a more proactive and safer community in which to live and raise our families."

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