



Kootenai County Deputy Sheriff's Association

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ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2012 PRIMARY

The Kootenai County Deputy Sheriff's Association is an organization made up of members, both sworn and civilian, of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department. The purpose of the organization is to elevate the morale and welfare of our members and provide assistance to their families in times of need; to improve working conditions; to promote fair and equal promotional opportunities; and to promote a spirit of fellowship and fraternity. We support community organizations through our charitable giving and the promotion of programs that enhance public safety. Our members, like most county employees, live and raise families in this community, and we want what every citizen wants, "An innovative, cost effective government the community can be proud of, committed to a high quality of life and excellence in public service." The KCDSA is not a union organization nor do we have collective bargaining rights.

The KCDSA historically does not endorse candidates for public office. However, as of late some alarming trends have surfaced in both local and state government. Over the last year approximately 150 employees have ended their employment with Kootenai County. This loss in terms of training, experience and knowledge with these employees' departure is immeasurable. The financial loss to the citizens of this county is in the millions when you also take into consideration the additional cost of hiring and re training their replacements. Therefore, we found it necessary to seek out and endorse candidates committed to open and transparent government, who possess positive and effective leadership qualities and a high level of integrity. Therefore, we chose to endorse the following candidates.

Kootenai County Commissioner District #3: Vic Holmes

Kootenai County Commissioner District #1: Tim Herzog

Kootenai County Prosecutor: Barry McHugh

Idaho House of Representatives Seat B, District 2: Fritz Wiedenhoff

The KCDSA has chosen to hold our endorsement in the Sheriff's race until after the May primary as there are several Republican and Independent candidates who have the knowledge and relevant law enforcement experience to be successful and effective leaders.

More information about our association and the candidates we are endorsing can be found at www.kcdsa.net

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