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Lancaster County Sheriff Chris Lepler Announces Plans to Retire After 32 Year Career in Law Enforcement

Lancaster, PA – On Wednesday, May 13th, Lancaster County Sheriff Chris Lepler announced his plans to retire after spending the last 32 years protecting and serving the residents of Lancaster County.

“It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to not only protect and serve the people of Lancaster County and Pennsylvania, but it has been a privilege to have worked side by side with the men and women in law enforcement who never hesitate to put the safety of their community and duty before themselves,” Sheriff Lepler said “I want to especially thank my staff and Deputies for their role in this office’s success. This has truly been a team effort. I know that they will continue to serve this community and the courts with dignity, honor and respect as we have for the last 9 years.”

Sheriff Lepler began his career with the Sheriff’s Office as a Deputy Sheriff in 1994 and ascended the ranks to become Sergeant in 2005. In 2017, he was first elected by the voters of Lancaster County to fill the remaining two years of the Sheriff’s term before being elected to his first full four-year term in 2019. To date, Sheriff Lepler has recorded the most votes for any Sheriff candidate in the County’s history.

Since arriving in Office, Sheriff Lepler has made it a priority to provide effective and efficient service to the residents of Lancaster County. Throughout his time as Sheriff, the office has seen a significant increase in the number of highly trained, highly skilled Deputy Sheriffs. Further, under Sheriff Lepler’s leadership, the office has made it a focal point to collaborate and build relationships with law enforcements agencies at the local, state and federal levels. The Sheriff’s Office has worked directly with local partners including the District Attorney and Local Police Departments on the County Special Emergency Response Team (SERT), the Human Tracking Task Force, Joining Forces to combat the opioid epidemic and many more initiatives. The office has also collaborated on many federal law enforcement operations including working with the U.S. Marshalls, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, United States Secret Service and more.

“We’ve greatly appreciated the partnership and collaboration we’ve had with Sheriff Lepler and his office” said District Attorney Heather Adams “together we have had tremendous success in keeping Lancaster County residents safe.”

Sheriff Lepler’s retirement will take effect as of July 10, 2026. Per County Code, the Chief Deputy Sheriff will be sworn in.

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