

# PRESS RELEASE

## SHERIFF BATEMAN FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

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### **Announcement**

Sheriff Ron Bateman is proud to announce the kick-off of his 2010 re-election campaign for Anne Arundel County Sheriff. This is a very special day for me as this is the start of my 30<sup>th</sup> year of uninterrupted law enforcement service in Anne Arundel County, which began on July 7, 1980” says Bateman. We are also very excited to showcase our new website, [www.sheriffbateman.com](http://www.sheriffbateman.com), which is full highlights from our Most Wanted television program, news articles, accomplishments, and some cool tunes so be sure to keep your volume up, said Campaign Chairman, Rick Tabor. “The past three years have been very productive and transforming for the Sheriff’s Office” said Bateman. “I have established a valuable connection with the communities, the businesses and the leaders in my profession and I am looking forward to another four years of doing my part to keep our county safe.”

### **Accomplishments**

I am so proud of the men and women, sworn and civilian, at the Sheriff’s Office. Together we have mounted a list of accomplishments and created a success file that has put this agency on the map.

- We have reduced the number of outstanding warrants by 32% by using creative, innovative and aggressive warrant service methods
- We continue to be vigilant in the service of domestic violence protective orders
- We have worked with the Leopold administration to secure long overdue pay raises for deputy sheriffs
- Sheriff’s Office brings in approximately \$900,000 in county revenue
- We have equipped our deputies with bean-bag shotguns & Tasers
- We have ramped up training to a level never seen in the agency in the past 359 years
- We have fortified lasting relationships with our neighboring agencies
- We opened a new state-of-the art Communications Center
- We have ignited a new Anne Arundel’s Most Wanted cable show featuring Pat Sajak as a guest, and now a new Community Connections segment
- Twice weekly we blast the names of **WANTED** people in the Capitol/Gazette newspapers so the public can do their part
- We have fully staffed the office for the first time in over 20 years
- We have created a specially trained Sheriff’s Emergency Response team to handle dangerous inmate cell extractions and high risk incidents
- Secured a public safety leadership role in the county’s Emergency Operation Center

- Acquired through the assistance of the Leopold Administration a new state-of-the-art Detention Command Center Control Panel
- Sheriff's Office has received nearly 1 million dollars in grant funding for positions, equipment and overtime
- Through grant funding the office added a new patrol canine to the Sheriff's Office who is capable of tracking, apprehension and bomb/explosive device detection

### **Appearance Change**

Sheriff Bateman agreed with Deputy Sheriff Nickoles who last year offered an idea to completely change the face of the marked sheriff vehicles. Staying within his budget, Sheriff Bateman was able to change the look of two replacement vehicles to a sleek black and gold theme, with a safer more pronounced reflective marking on the side and new markings on the roof for identification by the county and state's aviation units. Mr. Tabor said there is no additional cost for the black vehicles and most of the equipment such as the siren boxes from the old cars is recycled. Two more vehicles are expected to be marked with the new color scheme in the near future.

The sheriff and his second in command, Major Rick Tabor, have made themselves more visibly recognizable to the public by switching from brown shirts like their staff wears, to white shirts. Our clothing budget only allowed for the sheriff and I to change shirt colors, however through grant money the remainder of our command staff will be able to convert to white shirts in the coming months said Mr. Tabor.

### **Future Goals**

- We will continue with our innovative and aggressive approaches to serving outstanding warrants
- Plan and implement joint initiatives with neighboring law enforcement agencies to serve arrest warrants
- Plan and implement special efforts geared toward arresting dead-beat-parents.
- Continue to utilize the print and cable media to showcase wanted individuals
- Work in collaboration with state senators and delegates to establish legislation to make the arrest process more effective and efficient by conducting video commissioner appearances

Finally, Sheriff Bateman was happy to report that he was the first candidate to file for any office in the county for the 2010 election.

For additional information feel free to contact Campaign Chairman, Rick Tabor, at 443-336-1995.