

# Stuart for Sheriff Volunteer Committee



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## PRESS RELEASE

### James Stuart Endorsed

### by Anoka County Sheriff's Office Investigative Division

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigative Division has announced that they are endorsing Sheriff's Candidate James Stuart for the position of Sheriff of Anoka County.

The Detectives of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division (CID) are responsible for investigating major crimes throughout Anoka County including serious felony level crimes such as deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, physical assaults, and narcotics investigations. In recent years CID has expanded its scope to include video and computer forensics.

The Detectives are accustomed to doing thorough case investigations prior to making any decisions. In this particular "case" the CID Division invited both Sheriff's Candidates to speak to their bargaining unit individually on June 30th. Following a brief presentation by each candidate, there was a question & answer session.

Following the sessions with the candidates, The CID Division had two decisions to make. The first vote was to decide on whether or not to endorse anyone during this campaign. When that vote passed, a later vote carried to endorse James Stuart as the next Sheriff of Anoka County.

The endorsement letter cited, " this group chose to endorse **James Stuart** as showing stronger potential to lead the Sheriff's Office in the efforts to work with all the agencies and people within Anoka County. The Detective's union historically has not often endorsed any candidate and has remained neutral. In this letter we announce our support for **James Stuart** for Anoka County Sheriff in the election year of 2010."

*Please see attached Letter of Endorsement from the Law Enforcement Labor Services Union Group of Detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.*

James Stuart is currently a Captain (Division Commander) for the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. He has been with the Sheriff's office since February of 1994. Since that time he has held many different roles and been responsible for many different aspects of the Sheriff's office operations.

Prior to starting with the Sheriff's office, James Stuart was the Assistant Public Safety Director at Rosedale Center. He was also a Police Officer with the Minnesota State Fair Police Department and a Reserve Officer with the Roseville Police Department.

James Stuart is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and completed his college degree in Police Science from *St. Mary's University of Minnesota*.

During his 16+ year career with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, James has held numerous supervisory & Command level positions including being the Field Training Unit Coordinator, Assistant S.W.A.T. Team Leader,

Honor Guard Unit Commander, K-9 Unit Supervisor, Patrol Division Sergeant, Civil Unit Sergeant, Terminal Agency Coordinator and Administrative Division Sergeant in charge of Professional Standards. James Stuart was also a Patrol Division Lieutenant until he was promoted to Captain for the Administrative Division in early 2008.

Most recently, James completed his role as the *Project Manager* for the new Anoka County Sheriff's Office and Regional Forensics Lab. The facility was nominated for a "Best in Real Estate" award. Under his leadership, the \$27 million collaborative project was completed on time and under budget. He received an Anoka County "Award of Excellence" for his work on the project.

He is currently responsible for budget planning & implementation, emergency management roles, county wide law enforcement training, overseeing grants & contracts, hiring protocols & internal affairs, public information services, background investigations as well as the gun permit processes.

James Stuart and his family live in Andover and have been Anoka County residents for over twenty years. During that time, he has been known for his commitment to community involvement as a Scout Leader, a Youth mentor /coach, for participating in community food drives, world missions projects, as well as park and road clean-up projects. He is the Co-founder and President of the North Metro K-9 Association which is a non-profit organization created to aid in funding and supporting local law enforcement K-9 teams.

He is a Board Member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and a Member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, a Member of the MN Law Enforcement Memorial Association, a Member of Rotary International, an Instructor for the National Tactical Officer's Association, a Member of the Association of MN Emergency Managers, and a Former member of the Special Operations Training Association and MN Tactical Officers Association.

His vast training and experience, coupled with a commitment to selfless service have prepared him well for his role as the next Sheriff of Anoka County.

For further information, please check out his web site at [www.StuartforSheriff.com](http://www.StuartforSheriff.com)

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July 12, 2010

Letter of Endorsement

By:

The Law Enforcement Labor Services Union Group of Detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Who we are:

The fifteen Detectives in this group are part of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office has been the central coordinator/employer for a group of detectives that work on serious felony level crimes including deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, physical assaults, and narcotics investigations. In recent years CID has expanded its scope to include video and computer forensics. The division is overseen by a council made up of representatives from law enforcement and other government officials.

Endorsement Decision:

The Detectives have met with the candidates for Sheriff in Anoka County during the 2010 election year, asked questions, and are familiar with the candidates from past internal experiences spanning well over a decade in many branches of the office. After careful consideration and a vote by the union membership, a majority of this Detective's group has decided to endorse **James Stuart** for the position of Anoka County Sheriff. This group found both candidates to have positive characteristics of integrity, experience, and a desire for professionalism in all aspects of the office. However, this group chose to endorse **James Stuart** as showing stronger potential to lead the Sheriff's Office in the efforts to work with all the agencies and people within Anoka County. The Detective's union historically has not often endorsed any candidate and has remained neutral. In this letter we announce our support for **James Stuart** for Anoka County Sheriff in the election year of 2010. This endorsement is given without political promise or expectations in any form to the members of this group.

Sincerely,

Larry Johnson, Union Steward

Daniel Douglas, Union Steward