

Stuart for Sheriff Volunteer Committee

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PRESS RELEASE

James Stuart has announced that he is a candidate for Sheriff of Anoka County.

The current Sheriff, Bruce Andersohn, has announced that he does not intend to seek re-election and will complete his term on January 4th, 2011.

James Stuart is currently a 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.

During his career with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, James has been a Field Training Officer, and later became the Field Training Unit Coordinator. He was a Bicycle Patrol Officer as well as a SWAT Team Member & SWAT Team Leader. James was an Honor Guard Unit Member and was then promoted to the unit's Commander. He has held the roles of K-9 Unit Supervisor, Patrol Division Sergeant, Civil Unit Sergeant, Terminal Agency Coordinator, Administrative Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant and Captain for the Administrative Division.

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.

Most recently, James just 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.

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 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.

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

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