

Beaches Watch
2015 Jacksonville Sheriff Candidate Questions

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1. Beaches Assistance:

- a. What are the major public safety issues facing the Beach Cities that you as Sheriff can help with?

Major events, prisoner transport; cooperative gang and drug investigations.

- b. How will you assist the Beaches during special events and major holidays like the 4th of July?

We will continue to work with the Beaches through our Special Events Division and Patrol, on the crowd and traffic issues – as well as investigatively and undercover on the drug & gang issues (both as a result of large events and throughout the year).

- c. Would you assist in transportation of prisoners from the Beach if large numbers of arrests become necessary?

YES

2. Mutual Aid Agreements: Do you have any intention of making any changes to the current mutual aid agreements signed by the Beaches agencies and the current Sheriff? If so, what changes would you propose and why?

No changes – always ready to review and discuss with Chiefs.

3. What will be your process for coordinating mutual issues with the Beach Cities?

We have excellent communication and cooperation now, and that will continue.

4. Hurricane Evacuation Support: The current sheriff has made a very strong commitment to the beaches in the event of a hurricane. He has agreed to transfer approximately 100 officers to the Beaches Complex (for all three beaches) before during and immediately following the event. The current plan puts those officers under the direction and command of the Beaches Complex. This is in addition to the number of Sheriff's officers needed to assist with any evacuation to the Beaches. Are you willing to make the same level of commitment to public safety at the Beaches in the event of a hurricane?

Absolutely, and as a certified Incident Commander, I know the system intimately and not only approved the current plan but also will support it moving forward.

5. Relationship with Beaches:

- a. What ideas do you have that will facilitate and ensure a cohesive working relationship with the Beach Police Departments?

Cooperation and communication. We also support the Beaches with Crime Analyst who works cooperatively with the four agencies.

- b. Is there anything that you want to specifically do to improve the relationship between the sheriff's office and the beaches?

I have worked with two of the three Chiefs extensively. We have a great relationship. (I look forward to meeting and working with Chief Deal.) The key is open communication and committed cooperation.

- c. How often will you commit to meeting with the Beach police chiefs?

At least quarterly, but ensure to always have open line of communication.

6. Mayport Road Corridor:

- a. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office frequently conducts law enforcement investigations and operations in the Mayport Road Corridor to include areas that fall within the City of Atlantic Beach. What is your plan to ensure that the sheriff's office shares critical information regarding criminal intelligence and on-going investigations and undercover operations that could impact the efforts and safety of the Atlantic Beach police officers?

We will ensure that Chief Deal and JSO commanders are communicating and working cooperatively.

- b. What are your plans to maintain a positive relationship with the community along the Mayport Road Corridor?

Our Zone 2 ShAdCo will continue to work with the neighborhoods to grow community involvement.

7. As Sheriff, how do you feel about sharing the Sheriff's RMS and CAD systems with the Beaches Police Departments?

All of the Beaches agencies use our arrest and booking reports. There are varying levels of integration of the field reporting system. I am interested in discussing integration, as it support Intelligence Led Policing, but we will have to work out sustainability and technical support.