



**DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION  
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Greetings All,

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The Executive Board and the Board of Directors of the DSAP wishes all of you and your families a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. It is a pleasure to graciously thank the membership for your continued support as we move forward as an organization beginning our forty-first year representing our chosen profession in the law enforcement community while upholding our motto of "Professionalism through Training, with Honor, Integrity and Conviction".

At our annual meeting during the conference in Philadelphia in October the county representatives present elected Officers of the Executive Board and Regional Directors for five of our six regions. Paris Washington (Philadelphia) was sworn in as President for the 2015-2017 term as Harry McKinney (Chester) takes his place as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Thanks and all the best to our Immediate Past-President Michael Mohn (Northampton) for his years of service holding numerous positions on the Board. Jason Grecco (Westmoreland) was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Shawn McKown (Westmoreland) was elected as Treasurer and Pam Gasperi (Berks) was re-elected for another two years as Secretary. Our elected Regional Directors are as follows: Angelinel Brown (Philadelphia) Southeast, Brad DeSando (Chester) South Central, Pete Palucaucos (Westmoreland) Southwest, Kelly Sawtelle (Erie) Northwest and Jason Seagraves (Northampton) Northeast. The DSAP is actively searching for a North Central Regional Director. Please contact President Paris Washington if you are interested. Thanks to all the County Representatives who attended and participated in our Bi – Annual Elections.

In addition to the elections there were legislative matters in the current session that were addressed concerning Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs. The DSAP is requesting our membership to contact your state representatives asking their support for House Bill 1303, Printers No. 1739. This bill would amend the statute to include Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs under the Body Cam Act. HB 1303 is currently assigned to the Judiciary Committee. There was also discussion on Senate Resolution 172, Printers No. 1225 that establishes a task force on LE practices and procedures in response to demonstrations, protests and civil disobedience. Sheriffs are not included in the resolution and for that reason we oppose the passage or movement until SR 172 is amended. It is incomprehensible that representatives of The Office of the Sheriff are excluded from this task force. We as Deputies have just as much, if not more, interaction and experience in acts that threaten our citizens and property than many of our brothers and sisters in the law enforcement profession. In the event of any court order or injunction in such matters it is the duty and responsibility of the Sheriff to enforce. We urge all of you to contact your State Senator to voice your concerns.

The DSAP encourages all deputies to be become involved in our association. Your input is valuable regardless of the county you serve. The information we receive from the membership assists all of us in networking within the commonwealth. Please forward any news items or photos to be posted on our website. This includes any of your offices accomplishments, community affairs or fundraisers. Take advantage of our Facebook page to reach our membership. There are links to e-mail the officers who represent you.

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