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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN - **NEW SHERIFF**

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department is proud to announce the swearing in of Eddie Farris as the new Sheriff of Putnam County. Sheriff Farris is an experienced 26-year law enforcement veteran who begins his tenure as Sheriff with the goal of advancing the agency and promoting a safer community. Sheriff Farris announced that he has implemented a transition team with more than 300 years of diverse law enforcement experience from across the country. The Sheriff's team has been working tirelessly since winning the election to advance the Sheriff's electoral platform.

Accreditation - Like all law enforcement agencies in Tennessee, the Sheriff's Department is required to "commit and provide" to the citizens of Putnam County a law enforcement agency that provides the highest quality of professional services to its community. To receive accreditation, the sheriff's department must meet certain nationally recognized standards.

Staff Training and Development - The training of deputies will focus on the most innovative and effective ways to fight crimes, conduct investigations, and to exemplify professionalism at all times.

Jail Operations - The operation, maintenance, and continued certification of our jail - a "direct supervision jail" - is a challenging task. With strong oversight, new leadership, and properly trained personnel, the citizens of Putnam County can be assured that the jail will be properly operated and maintained, and become a cleaner and safer environment for all detainees.

Development of Community Programs - Sheriff Farris has initiated a Citizens Strategic Advisory Council which is made up of community representatives who will advise the Sheriff's Executive Team on an array of topics.

He also announced that the following programs will be implemented or improved upon:

- Reserve Officers
- Citizens' Academy
- Explorers (Junior Deputies)
- SCAN (Senior Citizens Awareness Network)
- Chaplains (Assistance with Victims)

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