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### **Sheriff Farris to Honor Past Sheriffs at Annual Awards Banquet**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Sheriff Eddie Farris will honor all of the past sheriffs of Putnam County at the Sheriff’s Office Annual Awards Banquet on December 17 at the Putnam County Community Center. In honor of the occasion, Sheriff Farris would like to invite the immediate family members of past sheriffs of Putnam County to attend the event and be recognized. Those interested in attending should contact Office Manager Shannon Lee at the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office by phone at (931) 528-8484 x3234 or by email at [slee@putnamcountyttn.gov](mailto:slee@putnamcountyttn.gov).

“It is important to remember our past even as we continue to innovate and change for the future,” said Sheriff Eddie Farris. “There have been many fine men and women who have served in the Sheriff’s Department over the years. I am honored to serve as the Sheriff of Putnam County and look forward to meeting the families of those who have served before me.”

The Sheriff’s Office was founded in 1872 under the leadership of Sheriff Campbell Bohannon. Since its inception, there have been 29 Sheriffs, including current Sheriff Eddie Farris who was elected sheriff by the residents of Putnam County in August 2014. He was elected to a four-year term with approximately 98% of the vote and is the only sheriff elected in the history of Putnam County without an opponent.

1872 – 1876 Campbell Bohannon	1936 – 1940 Sam Denton Poteet
1884 – 1888 Charles Bradford	1940 – 1944 Marrion T. Warren
1892 – 1894 Charles Bradford	1944 – 1948 Harvey Higgenbotham
1894 – 1896 C.F. McCaleb	1948 – 1950 Charlie B. Pierce
1896 – 1900 G.W. Alcorn	1950 – 1954 Nashaw Matheny
1900 – 1902 R.L. Jared	1954 – 1956 Ernest Webster
1904 – 1908 G.W. Alcorn	1956 – 1958 Sam Denton Poteet
1908 – 1912 A.L. Weeks	1958 – 1960 Ernest Webster
1916 – 1920 L.F. “Dock” Miller	1960 – 1964 Bill Bilyeu
1920 – 1922 Morgan Stout	1964 – 1966 Ed Stamps
1922 – 1926 John M. Lee	1966 – 1968 Bill Bilyeu
1926 – 1930 Marrion T. Warren	1968 – 1974 Billy G. Smith
1930 – 1932 Hubert Crawford	1974 – 2002 Jerry Abston
1932 – 1936 Alex Burton	2002 – 2014 David Andrews
	2014 - Eddie Farris

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The Putnam County Sheriff's Office provides a full range of law enforcement services and enjoys a close working relationship with the other municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies in the county. The Sheriff's Office is headquartered in Cookeville, the county seat, and has jurisdiction throughout Putnam County. The county covers 401 square miles of land in middle Tennessee and has a county population of over 76,000 residents. In any given day, however, there are more than 100,000 people in the county due to the work force and its position as the hub of the Upper Cumberland.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA). When this professional standards accreditation process is completed in 2016, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office will be only the third TLEA accredited Sheriff's Department in the State of Tennessee.

The Sheriff's Office currently has 66 commissioned/sworn deputies and a total of 146 employees including law enforcement, court security and corrections.

For more information or to RSVP for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Annual Awards Banquet, please contact Shannon Lee at (931) 528-8484 x3234 or [slee@putnamcountyttn.gov](mailto:slee@putnamcountyttn.gov).

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