

## Reiber best man for the job

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In recent weeks we have sat back and watched the race for Dawson County sheriff. We have known each of the candidates who are running for a number of years and are extremely saddened at the way the other candidates are running their campaign. It appears accusations and statements are being made that are not correct. In one candidate's political ad he makes comments about the "changes" he is going to bring to the Sheriff's Office.

The candidate states he will bring back the D.A.R.E. program and school resource officers. What the candidate is not telling you is that the Lexington Public School system discontinued the D.A.R.E. program because they could no longer fit it into their schedules.

When the sheriff's office lost partial funding for D.A.R.E., the schools were asked if they would be willing to help with the costs of the program. They did not have the funding. It was decided to have deputies available to go into the schools and hold educational classes and work in a proactive capacity (school resource officer). Deputies frequently put on presentations to the schools.

The candidate states he will initiate safety and security plans for the citizens. Sheriff Reiber and his deputies give presentations throughout the year to the general public.

The candidate states he will bring an open door policy to the sheriff's office. Sheriff Reiber has always had an open door policy.

The candidate states he will aggressively investigate and enforce drug activity. Dawson County Sheriff's Office is a member of the C.O.D.E. Task Force. The investigators continue to work with this task force to aggressively investigate and curtail drug activity within the county. On April 29 they assisted in the arrest and apprehension of six individuals in the Lexington area after a two-year investigation.

Both candidates have made comments that investigations/drug investigations are the weakest area of the Dawson County Sheriff's Office. With the loss of the C.O.D.E. funds, the loss of two investigator positions and the initiation of Drug Court, the investigators have taken on a role of assisting in surveillance, intelligence gathering, warrant service, etc. The investigators also

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handle death calls, child abuse, sexual assaults, burglaries/thefts and make themselves available to all Dawson County law enforcement agencies and the six counties served by S.C.A.L.E.S.

It appears through these comments, one candidate is trying to re-invent the wheel. He is going to try to take credit for things that are already taking place and working great.

Sheriff Reiber continues to run his campaign in a positive manner, refusing to make negative comments/statements about the candidates. Sheriff Reiber has proven himself to be the best choice for sheriff, with the last 16 years as proof. You can tell the type of man he is, by how he runs his campaign—positive. Looking for the best in everyone.

Sheriff Reiber is the best man for the job, the best man for the county and the best man for his employees.