



Sheriff Chuck Jenkins

About Chuck: Charles A. Jenkins, Frederick County Sheriff
Republican

Chuck Jenkins was born and raised in Frederick County, Maryland, one of five children of Gordon and Joy Jenkins. He grew up in Frederick and graduated from Frederick High School in 1974.

Chuck worked in the communications satellite industry for 16 years prior to beginning his law enforcement career in 1990 with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Upon completing the Harford County Law Enforcement Training Academy, he worked in the Patrol Division for three years. In 1993, he became a criminal investigator where his passion for criminal investigations resulted in the closure of many cases. Chuck investigated many local high profile criminal cases, specializing in homicide and death investigations and crimes against persons including sex crimes, child abuse and sexual assault. During this time he also served as a hostage and crisis negotiator and instructor for criminal investigations and firearms training.

In November 2006, Chuck was elected to the Office of Sheriff for Frederick County, the largest county in the State of Maryland. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is the largest of five full-service law enforcement agencies in Frederick County. As Sheriff, he also oversees the Frederick County Adult Detention Center including central booking and the work release program and security for the Frederick County Courthouse, which encompasses the service of all civil process for the county.

Sheriff Jenkins is currently serving in his third term as Sheriff. He is a 2007 graduate of the National Sheriff's Leadership Institute and he serves on the Immigration / Border Security Committee and Homeland Security Sub-Committees of the National Sheriff's Association.



He maintains a strong stance on illegal immigration enforcement and has effectively partnered with ICE to participate in two major programs, the 287g Immigration Enforcement Program and the Federal Inter-Governmental Services Detainee Housing Program. He was named by FOX News as “America’s second toughest Sheriff on illegal immigration.” In the summer of 2014, the Sheriff visited the Mexican border in the McAllen sector of Texas, to view first-hand the surge of illegal immigrants streaming across the borders, and the local impact to crime and public safety due to an open southern border.

He has testified several times before Congressional Sub-Committees on illegal immigration issues. In 2013, he testified before the Maryland Senate Judiciary Committee on the Maryland Firearms Act, and in 2014, his testimony before the Maryland House of Delegate’s Judiciary Committee was instrumental in blocking the passage of the Maryland Trust Act. In 2015, the Sheriff participated on a panel forum at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. to discuss the topic of sanctuary cities, and the resulting increased crime because of those adopted policies. The Sheriff is often contacted by Congressional leaders and staffers as a law enforcement source of information on illegal immigration and enforcement. In 2015, Jenkins was elected and is currently serving as 2nd Vice-President of the Maryland Sheriff’s Association. In late 2015, the Sheriff was invited to participate in a year-long project sponsored by the U.S. Army War College’s Homeland Defense and Security. The program is identified as Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement, a work group of over 80 participants from the military and law enforcement across the country

During his nine years in office, Jenkins has effectively managed the sheriff’s office’s budget, consistently returning large budget fund balances to the county coffers; yet has maintained a well equipped and well staffed agency. Known as the “People’s Sheriff” Jenkins prides himself on being accessible and continually in touch with Frederick County citizens. Year round he hosts community meetings throughout the county. He works closely with Frederick County Public Schools as well as other local, state and federal agencies to address public safety issues. He has also implemented criminal enforcement initiatives such as the Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force and the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Unit



(P.A.C.E. Unit) to effectively target enforcement efforts in the community. For three full years since 2013, the Sheriff has hosted and personally presented at scores of public meetings to bring forward a public awareness of the Heroin crisis that has impacted Frederick County.

Sheriff Jenkins is a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, firearm ownership rights, and the right of personal self-protection. He remains very active in the local community and is a life member and current vice-president of the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department as well as many other fire departments and associations. He served seven years on the Republican Central Committee from 1999 to 2006, five of those as the chairman. He has received numerous other public service awards from local organizations including the Distinguished Alumni Award from Frederick High School in 2013, and the President's Medal from Mount Saint Mary's University in 2014. Since 1993, Sheriff Jenkins has lived in Lewistown with his wife Shari and two children, Charles Jr. and Meghan.

Current Committees & Affiliations

National Sheriff's Association since 2006

Immigration and Border Committee

Homeland Security Sub-Committee

Maryland Sheriff's Association since 2006

Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department (33 years)

Junior Fire Company #2

Independent Hose Company

Lewistown Ruritan Club (32 years)

Lewistown Youth Athletic Association

Frederick County Farm Bureau

Monocacy Pistol Club of Frederick

National Rifle Association (40 years)

Frederick County Republican Club

Frederick County Republican Central Committee (year to year)