Sheriff-elect Henry Whitehorn, Sr. announces Command Staff

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Sheriff-elect Henry Whitehorn has announced the following appointments to his command staff:

Chief Deputy: Rickey Farris

Farris joined the Caddo Sheriff's Office in July of 1991. He was first hired as a corrections deputy at the Caddo Detention Center, then transferred to the Patrol Division, later becoming a field training officer on Patrol. He moved on to the Organized Crimes Division where he was an undercover narcotics agent and a member of the Caddo-Bossier Narcotics Task Force and the Ark-La-Tex Narcotics Task Force.

Farris was an investigator in the Internal Affairs Division for many years where he was promoted to sergeant. He was an adjunct instructor at the Training Academy and participated in the Caddo Sheriff's Explorer Program for at-risk children. He was a member of the Critical Stress Debriefing Team and a member of the Counter Terrorism Task Force with the FBI. He was the captain of Support and Security at the Caddo Correctional Center and served as the assistant chief of the Corrections Bureau, where he supervised more than 350 deputies.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration.

Assistant Chief Deputy of Enforcement/Investigations: Jacqueline Winston

Winston, a law enforcement veteran with more than 29 years of experience, began her law enforcement career at the Caddo Sheriff's Office. She served in a number of roles, from the Correctional Center to the Patrol Division. Her commitment to protecting children led her to become a juvenile detective, investigating sex crimes against children and all crimes involving minors. Her dedication was recognized with a promotion to sergeant in the Civil Department. She further demonstrated her commitment to her profession as a field training officer and served as a member of the Critical Incident Team, where she was involved in high-stress situations.

In 2018, Winston accepted a new position with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office followed by a move to the Caddo District Attorney's Office as an investigator in the Child Support Division. She is also a member of the Caddo-Bossier Domestic Violence Task Force, where she advocates for domestic violence awareness and prevention.

She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Wiley College, a master's degree from Grambling State University, and is pursuing her doctorate in criminology and justice administration from Grambling.

Assistant Chief Deputy of District Court Operations: James L. Matthews III

Matthews served as vice president of operations for the U.S. Marshal's Service, where he was responsible for its contracts in 11 federal circuits. The circuits consist of 47 states, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Guam, and Saipan, in 93 federal districts. In 2022, he also managed and supervised, at the request of the USMS, a temporary detail to provide security at the U.S. Supreme Court.

He is a former deputy with Caddo and Bossier parishes, where he served as a corrections deputy, school resource officer, and patrol deputy. Prior to that, he served 26 years with the Louisiana State Police. His duties included patrol, investigations, SWAT team member, commander of the SWAT team, deputy commander of Troop G, and executive officer. He is a former Shreveport police officer and a United States Air Force veteran.

Assistant Chief Deputy of Detention: Disha K. Darby

Darby has been employed with the Sheriff's Office for 25 years and most recently served as captain of Support at Caddo Correctional Center. She has worked as a property clerk at CCC, booking clerk, and programs administrative assistant. After receiving her POST certification in 2003, Darby quickly moved up the ranks, becoming a hostage negotiator, POST instructor for the State of Louisiana, field training officer, coordinator for field training officers, and shift sergeant at CCC.

Darby received her bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in psychology from Northeast Louisiana University. She received a master's degree in administration of justice and security from the University of Phoenix. Darby is also a registered social worker for the State of Louisiana.

Director of Human Resources: Peter Williams

Williams has more than 30 years of experience in labor relations and human resources. Throughout his career at Libbey Glass Manufacturing Company, he has held the positions of supervisor, department manager, employment manager, assistant human resources manager, and human resources manager. He was the national human resources manager of several glass manufacturing facilities across the United States.

Williams led the development and implementation of national labor relations strategies. He is knowledgeable of worker compensation employment-related issues, EEOC charges, safety, and employment training. His career experiences also include conducting various types of labor-related training, including sessions for leadership teams and supervisors. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Association of Self-Insured Employers and the Board of Directors for the Southern University Foundation. He has numerous certifications and a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology.

Farris, Winston, Matthews, and Darby will start their new positions on July 1, while Williams is expected to begin in August.