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ADVANCING JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

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**Officer Joseph Lachance (Fmr.)  
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Joe Lachance served for ten years as a part-time police officer in Bedford, New Hampshire, and as a military police officer for the U.S. Army Reserves in Manchester. He has also served as a Republican Representative for Hillsborough District 8 in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Lachance had always dreamed of becoming a police officer to help others. When he finally accomplished that dream, he was disturbed to see that drug prohibition was harming young people and making police officers less effective. He also realized that the more time police officers spend making low-level drug arrests, the less time they spend properly investigating serious crimes.

He hopes to create a positive impact through his position in the legislature and his involvement with the Law Enforcement Action Partnership..

Lachance earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Hesser College and an M.A. in Business Education and M.S. in Organizational Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University. He served in the 25th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army from 1989 until 1992, when he was honorably discharged. He received numerous awards for his military service including the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

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