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ADVANCING JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

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**Sheriff Steve Tompkins**  
**Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Massachusetts**  
**Suffolk County, MA**

Sheriff Steve Tompkins began his law enforcement career in 2002 with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department in Massachusetts. He served previously as the Chief of External Affairs, where he was responsible for the day-to-day management of the department's operations. He developed the Common Ground Institute, a vocational training and prisoner re-entry program designed to help formerly incarcerated people find employment. He later created a juvenile justice program known as JailBrake to help educate young people about the realities of incarceration.

In 2013, Tompkins was elected Sheriff. His responsibilities include managing all operations for the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Nashua Street Jail, and the Civil Process Division. He also provides care, custody, and rehabilitative support for inmates and pretrial detainees. He formerly served as chair of the Community Service Board for the Dimock Center and is currently vice chair for the Board of Trustees at Roxbury Community College. He holds a B.A. in communications from Boston College and a M.A. in public affairs from the University of Massachusetts.

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