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Sheriff Craig Apple Albany Police Department Albany, NY

Sheriff Craig Apple began his law enforcement career in 1989 as a corrections officer for the Albany Sheriff's Department in New York. In 1991, he became a deputy sheriff and subsequently served in the Investigations Unit. In 1997, he became a patrol commander and oversaw an area of 375 square miles. He later became the Chief Deputy Field Commander, where he led the Law Enforcement Division and was responsible for oversight of the Albany County Correctional Facility. In 2009, he was promoted to Undersheriff and was the commanding officer in charge of all department operations. In 2011, he was elevated to Sheriff.

Sheriff Apple has been recognized for his commitment to fighting the opioid epidemic through initiatives such as the Sheriff's Heroin Addiction Recovery Program (S.H.A.R.P.), which connects people detained in Albany County Jail with evidence-based treatment and care. He is also a strong proponent of reducing recidivism by making sure that inmates have access to employment, housing, and support services after release.

Sheriff Apple has received numerous awards including the Law and Order Award from New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco, the American Legion Police Officer of the Year Award, and the Blanchard American Legion Post Fireman of the Year Award. He holds a B.S. and M.A. in public administration in addition to certifications from the New York State Law Enforcement Institute at John Jay Criminal College, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the United States Department of Justice, the F.B.I. National Academy, and the New York State Corrections Academy.

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