

## Sheriff Eliezer "Eli" Rivera Cheshire County Sheriff's Office Keene, New Hampshire

Sheriff Eliezer "Eli" Rivera began his extensive law enforcement career in 1989 as a corrections officer with the Cheshire County Department of Corrections. In 1991, he joined the Keene Police Department as a police officer. After advancing through the ranks from undercover detective to police sergeant to police lieutenant, he retired from Keene Police as a Shift Commander in 2012.

In 2012, Rivera was elected Cheshire County Sheriff, becoming the first Hispanic elected as Sheriff in New Hampshire. He was re-elected to the Office of the High Sheriff for a sixth term in 2022.

Sheriff Rivera was enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1982. He was honorably discharged after serving five years of active duty in 1989, transferring to the United States Army Reserve for an additional seven years.

Sheriff Rivera has served as the President of the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association and is currently the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Executives Association. He is the recipient of the New Hampshire Sheriff of the Year award and two New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Awards. He holds a Master of Science degree in Forensic Psychology from Walden University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies from Franklin Pierce College.

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