

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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**John D. Idleburg**  
Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Sheriff John D. Idleburg Takes Oath of Office

This morning, Sheriff John D. Idleburg was sworn-in for his second term as the Sheriff of Lake County. Deputy Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes administered the oath of office at a ceremony held in the Lake County Boardroom.

In his first term, Sheriff Idleburg and his team amassed a number of accomplishments to improve the sheriff's office and provide greater safety and service to the Lake County community. Some of the accomplishments include:

- Formed a partnership with HIDTA to federally fund gang enforcement, and human and drug trafficking enforcement in Lake County
- Increased the number of sheriff's canines from four canine teams to ten canine teams
- Created a robust inmate programming system to help inmates cultivate their skills so they can be successful when released from jail
- Greatly expanded community outreach and external communications
- Redirected the efforts and focus of the Sheriff's Special Investigations Group, resulting in record drug trafficking seizures each year, successfully dismantled a street gang, and seized hundreds of illegally possessed firearms
- Worked with area police chiefs to expand the Crisis Outreach and Support Team – creating a rapid response team including a deputy/police officer and mental health clinicians to respond to mental wellness calls in progress

Sheriff Idleburg looks forward to working with his staff this next term to provide even more deliverables for the community.

Sheriff Idleburg said, "I am incredibly honored by the trust and support of the community. I am grateful to continue leading the incredible men and women of our organization during this next term, and we will continue providing exceptional service to the Lake County community."

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