

Brian Davis for Baxter County Sheriff Announcement Speech

My name is Brian Davis, and I am here today to announce my intent to run as a Republican candidate for Baxter County Sheriff, in the May 2026 election. I've lived in Baxter County for the past 14 years and I am married to Alise Davis. We have 3 grown children, 5 grandchildren and live in rural Mountain Home.

I have 33 ½ years of law enforcement experience comprised of continued advancement and over 26 years in leadership and administrative positions.

I began my career in 1991, in Eastern Arkansas, with the Forrest City Police Department. I served as a reserve officer, dispatcher, court officer, patrol officer, an investigator in the criminal investigation division, narcotics officer, CID Sergeant, commander over narcotics investigations, and a member of the Delta SWAT team. I was promoted to CID Lieutenant and served as the commander of the criminal investigation division and second in command of the department of approximately 45 employees. I was also deputized as a St. Francis County Deputy during the last 16 years I was in Forrest City.

In 2011, I was hired by Sheriff Montgomery and began working at the Baxter County Sheriff's Office, and for 14 years I've been serving the citizens of Baxter County. I started as a patrol deputy and worked my way up through the patrol corporal and patrol sergeant positions. I currently hold the rank of patrol lieutenant, and I am the commander of the patrol division, and a member of the Sheriff's command staff.

We live in God's Country, where we are consistently ranked as one of the safest and best places to live and raise a family. It is a peace of mind to know you can feel safe when you are at home, going for a walk, or even going to the store and I pledge to work hard to maintain that peace of mind. The crime rate is consistently rising statewide and although we have crime, our crime rate is considerably lower compared to other places throughout the state. Baxter County is growing and with that continued growth comes good and bad. We get increased revenue and a lot of good people, but unfortunately, we will get some bad and we will see an increase in both our small crimes and violent crimes. As drugs become more available, we will see a rise in our drug activity and our property crimes. I started my career in one of the highest crime rate areas of the state and these are problems that I've experienced firsthand. Law enforcement agencies working together is vital to maintaining the quality of life that we have here in Baxter County. I have a good working relationship with our local and state law enforcement agencies, and the ability to work together toward a better and safer Baxter County.

Many of our citizens have often asked me for ways to make their property safer and less inviting for thieves. I believe that by working together with the citizens, we can ensure our quality of life and safety is not compromised by those who wish to break the law.

The Sheriff has a responsibility to keep the citizens of Baxter County safe. At the end of 2026, the leadership of the Baxter County Sheriff's Office will change, with Sheriff Montgomery's retirement and the new election. We need a Sheriff that will continue to lead the Sheriff's Office with the professionalism the citizens deserve and are accustomed to. We need a Sheriff with the leadership experience to handle not only our current problems, but the ability to recognize future problems before they arise, be prepared, and make tough decisions for the safety of Baxter County and I have that experience and ability.

Over three decades of law enforcement experience, at only two different agencies, demonstrates not only a long-time commitment to public service, but loyalty to the community in which I serve. I plan to spend the rest of my life here in Baxter County and I am committed to working hard to keep Baxter County a safe place to live and raise our families.

During my campaign, I will not make unrealistic promises just to get your vote. I do promise to use my training and experience to keep Baxter County the safe place that it is now, and I will work hard to keep us moving forward.

I will ensure the practice of **Fair and Impartial Law Enforcement** where everyone will be treated the same regardless of race, history, or social background.

I will run the Sheriff's office with **Honesty and Integrity**, and I will demand that I along with every member of the Sheriff's Office remain completely honest and practice strong moral principles in both professional and personal lives and be held to the highest standards.

The Sheriff's office will remain **Transparent** and will keep the public informed of our activities. If we do good, we will let you know, and if we make a mistake, we will also be transparent, take responsibility, and handle it accordingly.

I will make myself **Available to Every Citizen** if you have a problem and need to speak with me. I will listen to your concerns, and we will work together toward a solution to your problem.

I will use these guiding principles to continue to ensure that Baxter County has the highest caliber of law enforcement agency with equal law enforcement and investigations available under the law.

We have a Sheriff's Office that is second to none, with employees that work daily to keep our community safe. I've had the privilege of assisting Sheriff Montgomery in building this outstanding organization and you have my commitment to build upon this strong foundation to continue improving what we have started.

Baxter County is our county. If we work together, we can make Baxter County even better than the wonderful place that it is today. Baxter County needs a Sheriff that is respected and has strong leadership ability. A leader that is willing to be honest, responsible, make sound decisions and always do what is right. Brian Davis is that leader, and I ask for the opportunity to work for you as your next Baxter County Sheriff. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote in 2026. Thank You.