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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sheriff's Office Names Chief Deputy**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN (January 7, 2019): On Friday, January 4, 2019, Sheriff Eddie Farris promoted Lieutenant Robert (Bob) Crabtree as Chief Deputy of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

"I am pleased to appoint Lieutenant Bob Crabtree to the position of Putnam County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy," Sheriff Farris proudly announced.

"Lieutenant Crabtree is one of the finest examples of a law enforcement professional that I have ever met. Throughout Bob's professional career he has demonstrated exceptional work ethic, aptitude and dedication to the law enforcement mission in Putnam County. He goes above and beyond the call of duty in all that he does and has succeeded in amassing numerous accomplishments since his career's inception. I am confident he will be a positive addition to our command staff," said Sheriff Farris.

Crabtree began his law enforcement career in 1994 working in Corrections at the Putnam County Jail. Within a year, he was promoted to the position of Corrections Supervisor. By the end of 1996 Crabtree was promoted to the position of Patrol Deputy. He continued advancing through the ranks to his current position as a Lieutenant within the Criminal Investigations Division where he handles and oversees various investigations of complex cases such as criminal enterprises and homicides. In addition to his daily duties within the Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Crabtree serves as our representative with the Federal Bureau Investigation Federal Task Force where he holds a National Security Clearance.

Crabtree's 25 years of law enforcement experience has been reinforced with numerous nationally

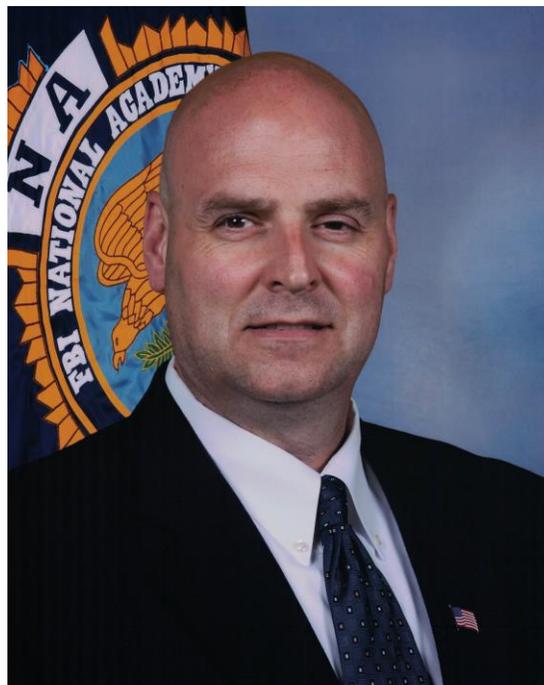
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recognized training certifications. His criminal investigations expertise has been bolstered by training topics such as death investigations, bomb and arson, computer crimes, internal affairs, hostage and crisis negotiations as well as narcotics. Coupled with his hands-on experience, training and supervisory tenure, he honed his understanding of command knowledge when he attended the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Attending the FBI National Academy is a distinct honor. It reflects the world's top law enforcement professionals, and only 1,000 people are selected annually to attend.

“It is a great honor to have been chosen for this position,” Crabtree humbly stated. “I’m proud to say that I work at one of the best Sheriff’s Offices in Tennessee (with some of the best people), and I appreciate the opportunity Sheriff Farris has given me to use my skill set to better serve my community and neighbors.”

In his new role, Crabtree will take on the supervision of all Sheriff’s Office personnel and act as executive administrator for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office. He will ensure county policies and procedures are followed and act as the department head in the absence of Sheriff Farris.

Crabtree is a long time resident of Putnam County and remains active in the community. Lt. Crabtree will formally begin his duties as Chief Deputy on Friday, January 4, 2019.



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