SHERIFF DARON HALL

Davidson County Sheriff's Office Nashville, TN



Daron Hall was sworn-in as the 61st sheriff of Davidson County September 2002 and elected to his fifth term in 2018. Upon conclusion of this term, he will be the longest serving sheriff in Metropolitan Nashville's history.

Hall has made it a priority to focus on programming, treatment, and community involvement to ensure inmates become productive citizens. Over the past 10 years, these efforts have resulted in a dramatic 32 percent decrease in the inmate population. Hall has always expressed the desire to celebrate the closing of a jail and, in 2011, he realized that goal and shut the doors of a 300-bed facility.

For the first time in Nashville history, fewer jail beds are being built. As he continues this effort, he is also passionate about decriminalizing the mentally ill and currently working towards criminal justice improvements for this population. In September 2017, he was awarded the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Sam Cochran Award for his commitment to this on-going effort and earlier this year, was presented with NAMI Tennessee's Vision of Hope Award.

During his more than 30-year criminal justice career, Hall has served Davidson County under three sheriffs. He is on the National Sheriffs' Association's Executive Board and Board of Directors, serving as that organization's President and is the first NSA president from the state of Tennessee. Additionally, he served as the 101st president of the American Correctional Association (ACA), was the first sheriff ever elected to this position in the organization's 141-year history, and was chosen as the recipient of ACA's 2018 E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award.

Seen as an expert in his field, Sheriff Hall has been interviewed by national and international media outlets including Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, NPR, the New York Times, CNN, and Fortune Magazine.