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Jim Manfre for Sheriff Campaign Receives Republicans' Support

As Election Day grows closer it is apparent that this year the election of our sheriff will *not* be about party affiliation. People of both parties and nonpartisan voters are looking earnestly into the conduct, ethics and performance of the candidates and voicing their support for Jim Manfre as Flagler County Sheriff.

During his tenure from 2001–2005, former Sherriff Jim Manfre established at least ten innovative programs in his effort to enhance public safety. By establishing a Community Advisory Board, he solicited Flagler County residents' views as matters of public importance. The Sheriff's office under Manfre participated in a Multi-county Narcotics Taskforce, Multi-county Homicide Taskforce and the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), all for the first time in the 80-year history of the agency. In addition, Manfre is the only candidate with FBI executive training.

Here is what experienced police officers and law enforcement executives are saying about Manfre's performance and their intentions to cast their ballots for **Jim Manfre**:

Dennis Creamer, a retired police Chief and a Republican, claims his decision was easy. "Why would a Republican support a Democrat? When you need help, you don't ask the Deputy what their party affiliation is—you are asking for their professional help. I know, from talking to Jim Manfre, his passion and concerns for the employees of the Sheriff's office and the citizens of Flagler County. That is why I am supporting Jim Manfre. It's not about his party affiliation; simply it is about his ability and leadership. I always am supporting the best candidate for Flagler County Sheriff, and for me that is JIM MANFRE. Like all the citizens of Flagler County I, too, have a vested interest in the safety and welfare of this community. My daughter and grandchildren live here."

Ray Stevens, a Republican primary candidate for the office of Sheriff, opposing the incumbent sheriff, states it plainly. “Although I have been a lifelong Republican I am supporting Jim Manfre for Flagler County Sheriff. The issue of public safety and the good and welfare of the residents of Flagler County takes precedence and transcends party lines. I believe Jim Manfre is by far and away the better candidate. I am confident that he will bring fresh, new and innovative law enforcement oriented ideas and programs to the office of sheriff. This era of fuzzy ethics, reckless spending and secret backroom deals made to influence the outcome of elections must end. So please join me in voting for Jim Manfre for Flagler County Sheriff on Election Day, November 6.”

Bill Karback, also a Republican primary candidate, served previously as Sheriff Fleming’s Under Sheriff. He was also Chief of Police in Lincoln Park, New Jersey before moving to Florida. His professional law enforcement executive experience plus over 40 years of diversified and progressive administrative experience has caused him to say this about Manfre. “In Jim Manfre I have found many good attributes, three of which are important to the citizens of Flagler County regarding his bid for Sheriff. I find in Jim ethics and values, vision, and a community and leadership role in Flagler County. He has a strong “moral compass.” He knows how to upgrade and professionalize the Sheriff’s Office, and through his moral compass that points true north, he understands the community and has been able to identify and serve the needs of our community. I’ve lived in Palm Coast for over 20 years and have known Jim since he first moved here. He’s a great family man and a great leader. For these reasons I feel that Jim Manfre is an excellent candidate for Flagler County Sheriff.”

A statement of firm endorsement comes from **Joe Rizzo**, also a Republican candidate for Sheriff in the primary and a retired law enforcement officer with 33 years of law enforcement experience in the NYPD and State of Florida, Probation & Parole. He says, “I have known Jim Manfre and his family for 12 years. He is a dedicated individual who will work 24/7 to ensure that the Flagler County Sheriff’s office functions in a professional manner. I believe Jim’s many years of experience as an investigator and Assistant District Attorney in New York and as the former Sheriff of Flagler County make him the best candidate to lead the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office.”

John R. Dance adds his support by saying, “I am a registered Republican. I have been a resident of Flagler County since 1970. My family is deeply seated in the community, and we have been public servants in many different arenas. I recently retired from the Florida Highway Patrol after more than 25 years of service. I am supporting Jim Manfre because I believe he is the right person to take control of an out-of-control Sheriff’s Department.”

For more information about Jim Manfre for Flagler County Sheriff or to contribute to his campaign, you can visit manfre4sheriff.com, browse his Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/manfre4sheriff>, email him at manfre4sheriff@gmail.com, or call him at (386) 793-0216.

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