

Dear Editor in Chief,

I am writing this letter to personally endorse the candidate running for Kane County Sheriff Kevin Williams.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Kevin for over 7 years as we have worked together helping the seniors of Kane County. Kevin spends countless hours in the local Triads that serve this area. Triad is made up of seniors, law enforcement, and health care professionals working together to keep our seniors safe. We have worked on safety for our seniors through education and awareness. Some of these programs include (but are not limited) scams, increased safety awareness, what to look for with drug abuse, hoarding, and fun themes as well. He has worked in the Elgin Township Triad serving the local Elgin Township. I have worked side by side helping serve hot meals to seniors who do not always have a hot meal to eat. I have been able to be a part of watching as he works with seniors that have been forgotten by their families. There is one in particular that he has developed a trust level with, that prior had been "ousted" by her family and left on her own. If it was not for his time and talents that senior would have been socially unaccepted and be vulnerable in the local community. She now serves as a dedicated volunteer and is seen as accepted by her peers. The type of trust that has been established by Kevin allows our seniors to feel safe and able to approach the very people that are there to save them, which is the law enforcement and local agencies. There is another time in which he was able to relocate two family members that were living in squalor. Kevin worked to gain their trust and eventually they were relocated to a safer, secure, assisted living and now are being well cared for, where before, again they had nothing. This caring and dedication has been seen throughout all of the Triads he works with. He also gives never ending time to Senior Services Associates serving all of Kane County. That particular Triad is known to be the national role model for other Triads in the country. He has helped Senior Services Elder Abuse by serving on the MTeam. He also had been kind enough to help the Elder Abuse team by raising money by being "locked up" at our fundraisers. This type of team work can only be seen in people that genuinely care for who they serve. I have seen individuals in my tenure attend meetings and speak about what they can do, but do not have the courage and dedication to move it forward. It takes a special person with a gift and love for human kind that will carve out the hours that are needed to make it happen.

With Kevin's dedication as Kane County Sheriff, we will continue to experience the safety that our community deserves. Please consider voting for Kevin Williams on Tuesday March 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

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