

## **Sheriff Daron Hall Biography**

### ***Becoming Sheriff***

Daron Hall was sworn-in as the 61<sup>st</sup> Sheriff of Davidson County September 3, 2002 – becoming the youngest sheriff since the formation of Metropolitan Government in 1963. Four years later, he became the first sheriff since then to run unopposed and began his second term on September 1, 2006. He was sworn-in for his third term August 31, 2010, after running unopposed a second time and sworn-in for a fourth term August 28, 2014. With management-level experience in both the public and private sectors, Sheriff Hall has spent 25 years dedicated to the field of public safety.

### ***Education and Experience***

Sheriff Hall, a native Nashvillian, earned a B.A. degree with an emphasis in criminology from Western Kentucky University. Prior to his swearing-in, Hall worked under the direction of three Davidson County Sheriffs. His private sector experience includes program director for Corrections Corporation of America where he had the opportunity to work in Brisbane, Australia.

### ***Accomplishments as Sheriff***

Since Hall became sheriff, the Davidson County inmate population has decreased by 26 percent. Under his direction, programming, treatment, and community involvement has become a priority and has led to offenders becoming productive citizens; therefore, reducing over incarceration. 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. Hall has worked tirelessly to make the Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) a model for others to follow. Part of that effort is assisting Metro Government run as efficiently as possible by absorbing responsibilities from other agencies and divisions including hospital posts, serving criminal warrants on those incarcerated, the orders of protection unit, courthouse security, and DNA swabs. These duties, along with booking, keep approximately 122 police officers in the community – where they belong – and save Metro nearly \$4 million.

Under Hall's direction, the DCSO prides itself in operating efficiently and professionally. The agency remains the only of its kind in the United States fully accredited by the American Correctional Association. Additionally, the DCSO boasts one of the lowest officer turnover rates in the country at 11 percent. Hiring and keeping quality employees is an important part of maintaining the highest degree of professionalism.

### ***Community and Professional Designations***

Hall is currently a board member of Franklin Road Academy. Sheriff Hall's organization affiliations over the years include Nashville's Exchange Club Family Center, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital board member, executive member of the Boy Scouts Council of Middle Tennessee, Senior Citizens Inc. board member as well as the Rochelle Center and the Alcohol & Drug Council of Middle Tennessee. In 2003, he was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen as one of two Tennessee sheriffs on the seven-member Tennessee Corrections Institute Board of Control and concluded his term in 2011.

Additionally, he was one of the first people in the country to receive the designation of Certified Jail Manager by the American Jail Association and is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association's Executive Board and Board of Directors; serving as that organization's Treasurer and will become the first NSA president from the state of Tennessee. Hall served as the 101st president of the American Correctional Association. He was the first sheriff ever elected to this position in the organization's 141-year history. 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, New York Daily News, and Fortune Magazine.

### ***Recognitions***

In 2003, Nashville's daily newspaper, *The Tennessean*, selected him as a "Top 40 Under 40" for his leadership and community involvement. Additionally, the February 2004 edition of *Business Tennessee* magazine recognized Hall as one of Tennessee's "40 Under 40." In 2005, he received the Women's Political Caucus "Good Guy" Award as well as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) "Ambassador of Hope" Award and in 2006 he was recognized as committing his life to justice and reconciliation by receiving Dismas' "Jack Hickey" Award. Finally, in 2012, he received the Nashville Prevention Partnership Lifetime Achievement Award for his career-long commitment to battling substance abuse for those incarcerated and beyond.