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THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF

DONALD T. SLOAN

4th Sheriff of The City of Lynchburg, Virginia

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Fourth Sheriff for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia

GREETING	THE HONORABLE MITCHELL W. NUCKLES <i>Commissioner of Revenue, Lynchburg, Virginia</i>
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COLOR GUARD
INVOCATION	PASTOR JONATHAN FALWELL <i>Senior Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church</i>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	THE HONORABLE MITCHELL W. NUCKLES <i>Commissioner of Revenue, Lynchburg, Virginia</i>
INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUEST	THE HONORABLE KATHY BYRON <i>Virginia House of Delegates, 22nd District</i>
REMARKS	THE HONORABLE RONALD L. GILLISPIE <i>Former Sheriff of Lynchburg</i>
OATH OF OFFICE	THE HONORABLE EUGENE C. WINGFIELD <i>Clerk, Lynchburg Circuit Court</i>



**PASSING OF THE BADGE, OF THE OFFICE
OF SHERIFF, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA**
DONALD T. SLOAN
**PRESENTED AS THE SHERIFF OF
LYNCHBURG CITY**

REMARKS	SHERIFF DONALD T. SLOAN
CLOSING REMARKS	THE HONORABLE MITCHELL W. NUCKLES <i>Commissioner of Revenue, Lynchburg, Virginia</i>
BENEDICTION	REV. DR. JAMES E. COLEMAN JR. <i>Providence Ministries International</i>
RETIRING OF COLORS	CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COLOR GUARD

(No city funds have been used for this event)



LYNCHBURG SHERIFF'S OFFICE

OUR MISSION

To promote an atmosphere of safety and cooperation within the Judicial System for the citizens of Lynchburg, while providing a safe and secure environment for all judicial officers, victims, witnesses, jurors, visitors, and defendants in order to maintain the sanctity of the courtroom process which promulgates justice for all.

To protect the citizens of Lynchburg through security measures involving medical evaluation and criminal transports and to respect the dignity and rights of all those transported.

To process and serve all civil matters in a timely manner, ensuring and enforcing the rights of every citizen.

To discharge all obligations mandated by Federal, State, and Local Laws, while maintaining professional standards and integrity in public service.

OUR PURPOSE

To provide our citizens and judicial system with qualified and competent services in public safety and security, while partnering with other law enforcement agencies and civic leaders within the Lynchburg community. To utilize innovative and creative methods to educate, assist, and involve the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office within the Lynchburg community.

OUR VALUES

LEADERSHIP

The Sheriff's Office directs safety, security, and service for our citizens, courts, and transports. We value competent and caring leadership demonstrated through teamwork, problem solving and community involvement. Innovative leadership directs the Sheriff's Office for the future, down the right path and doing the right things. We not only want to make good decisions, but we want to make the right decision. Competent leadership helps us to accomplish our mission and it is leadership you can trust.

SERVICE

The Sheriff's Office dedication is to serve and service the Lynchburg community through teamwork. We value competent, professional; and courteous service and security demonstrated through our staff. Our key service is public safety in the courts, in the city, and to the citizens. We provide it with care and concern.

ORDER

The Sheriff's Office duties are to provide an orderly and safe environment for the uninhibited function of the judicial process. We value order in the performance and professionalism of our duties. Order demands standards of integrity and ethical behaviors by which we align our actions and access the accountability of our actions. Order provides structure and strength to all those engaged in the constitutional rights of every individual.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The General Assembly established an Act in October 1786, stating that forty-five acres of land, the property of John Lynch, and lying contiguous to Lynch's Ferry, in the county of Campbell, are hereby vested in gentlemen trustees, to be laid off into lots of half an acre each, with convenient streets, and established a town by the name of Lynchburg.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office provided law enforcement for Lynchburg until January 1805, when the Virginia General Assembly enlarged the town's size and established its local government.

The first recorded law enforcement officer for Lynchburg was John Davis, who was made City Sergeant. The common council then established a watch or patrol, and a jail was built just beyond town limits, which would have been just to the rear of the "old courthouse", now the city's museum.

Following John Davis:

John W. Hughes	1881-1882
E. P. McFadden	1883-1884
M.M. Day	1885-1886
M.J. Day	1887-1891
Samuel H. Johnson	1892-1911
Charles J. Tyree	1912-1933
Fauntleroy S. Tyree	1934-1941
Charles Watts	1942-1961
John A. Wilkerson	1962-1974 <i>*First elected Sheriff of Lynchburg</i>
Lawrence Simpson	1974-2001
Ronald L. Gillispie	2002-March 31,2017

DONALD T. SLOAN MARCH 31,2017-PRESENT

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office currently consists of 20 full-time employees, including Sheriff Donald T. Sloan, 13 part-time employees, and 5 Auxiliary Deputies.

SHERIFF RONNIE L. GILLISPIE'S REMARKS

Thank you, Mitch. Good evening friends and honored guests. I am so honored to be with you tonight.

As most of you know, I have served as Sheriff of Lynchburg for the past 15 years. After much consideration and discussion with my beautiful bride of 50 years, I have decided to retire. It has been with a heavy heart that I have reached this decision. The time is right for my retirement. My father is 92-years-old, lives 1 ½ hours away, and needs my attention. I have seven grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren who also need my attention and far more energy than I can explain. Those of you with grandchildren of your own understand exactly what I am referring to.

I want to express my gratitude, to you, the citizens of Lynchburg, for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you as your Sheriff. It has truly been the highlight of my 46 years in law enforcement. As I look around the room tonight and see the faces of the Deputies that have served with me, I want each of you to know, I have never been more proud of a group of men and women than I am you, and I salute each of you here tonight.

I am sure many of you here tonight have noticed on the program that I was only the third Sheriff of the City of Lynchburg, and you have asked yourself, "How can that be possible in a city as old as Lynchburg?"

Well, let's take a moment to look at our great city's history. It was in October 1786 that the Virginia General Assembly granted John Lynch a charter for a town where he owned 45 acres in Campbell County (which is why Colonel Sloan saw it so fitting for Campbell County Sheriff's Office to be a part of tonight's program). Lynchburg was then incorporated as a town in 1805, and as a city in 1852.

The first recorded law enforcement officer for Lynchburg was John Davis, who was made City Sergeant, and all that served after him were also known as such. It was not until the 1960s that the office of Sheriff was created in Lynchburg. The first elected Sheriff of Lynchburg was John Wilkerson, who served from 1962 until 1974. Lawrence Simpson followed him as Sheriff from 1974 until 2001. In 2002, I was elected, allowing me the distinct pleasure of serving as your Sheriff, which brings us to tonight's ceremony.

Donald T. Sloan, my Chief Deputy and second in command, has served me faithfully for these past 15 years. I have observed Don to be a man of character and integrity who I have been privileged to serve with. Don's love for Lynchburg and her people, along with his strong faith, have been a compass that has guided his journey through 37 years of law enforcement service. I have relied heavily upon his wisdom and expertise.

I can assure each of you here tonight that I will be leaving the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office in capable, experienced, and steady hands to guide her through many more years of service to her citizens.

Our type of supportive leadership has the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office in excellent condition. The Office has a solid fiscal footing, and is staffed with exceptional individuals. I could not be more confident in its ability to continue to serve and protect our citizens in the professional manner that it has during my tenure as your Sheriff.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity and honor to serve you as Sheriff for the past 15 years.

I have been truly blessed these past 46 years and to that I say, "To God Be The Glory."



SHERIFF DONALD T. SLOAN'S SPEECH

I am humbled as I stand before you tonight. I do not take lightly the responsibility that has been bestowed upon me in this position.

Thomas Jefferson said *"When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property."*

Those words have never been more profound than they are today. I pledge to you tonight that I am your Sheriff, and as your Sheriff, I am accountable to you, the good citizens of Lynchburg. I will work tirelessly to earn your trust and be your strongest representative and voice. Sheriffs and their deputies are public servants first. The Sheriff has no power of his own; he has authority and that authority comes from you the people.

I look forward to serving the Lynchburg community by working hand-in-hand with our citizens, partners, and leaders to make Lynchburg a great place to safely live, work, and play.

I would like each of the Deputies with the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office that are here tonight to please stand and be recognized for your service to the City of Lynchburg. I want you to know how grateful I am for each of you. I promise you that I will lead by example, for you are some of the finest men and women in law enforcement. I am honored to serve along side each of you.

When I moved to Virginia in January 1978, I immediately fell in love with this Great Commonwealth and her people. It's true that being a Virginian is a state of mind, not an address. I am proud to call the Lynchburg area my home for these past 39 years. God has truly blessed me by bringing me here.

I would like to recognize the Honorable Ronald L. Gillispie, the third Sheriff of Lynchburg. Ronnie, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Chief Deputy for the past 15 years. I have always found Ronnie to be a fair, kind hearted man with a stern resolve, and a man of very few words. So, when he speaks, you should listen.

Sheriff Gillispie has had a long and distinguished career in public service. He served in the United States Navy for 8 years of active & reserve duty. While on active duty, he served in An Thoi Vietnam with the "Swift Boats."

He served the Lynchburg Police Department from 1969 through 1996. – **27 Years**

He served Liberty University Police Department from 1997 through 2001. – **4 Years**

Finally, he has been the Sheriff of Lynchburg from 2002 until March 31 of this year. – **15 Years**

I am grateful to you, Sheriff Gillispie, for your 46 years of dedicated law enforcement service to the Lynchburg community with the last 15 years as our sheriff. I pray that as you start your retirement spending more time with your family and ministering to your ailing father, that the Lord will bless you with good health, added strength, and an enjoyable, well-deserved retirement. Ronnie, would you please come forward and join me?

I am so grateful for each of you here tonight. I look forward to serving you, building stronger bonds with each of you, and dedicating myself to the service of the citizens of Lynchburg. May God Bless each one of you and May God Bless Lynchburg and May God Bless the United States of America is my prayer!

Thank you.

*Sheriff
Donald T. Sloan*



SHERIFF DONALD T. SLOAN'S BIO

Don Sloan is a 1976 graduate of Central Linn High School in Halsey, Oregon. He came to Lynchburg in January of 1978 to attend Liberty Baptist College. He began working with the campus safety department in October of 1979 and worked his way through the ranks to Chief of Police for Liberty University Police Department, serving as Chief from October 1997 through December 2001. During his tenure with Liberty University Police Department, Don earned his Bachelor of Science and two Master's degrees. Don also met the love of his life, his wife Carla, at Liberty University, and they were married in July 1984. They have been married for 32 years and have one son, John-Wesley Sloan, who is a sophomore at Liberty University. Don and his family are long time members of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

In January of 2002, Don accepted the appointed position of Chief Deputy Sheriff for the City of Lynchburg Sheriff's Office with Sheriff Ron Gillispie. Don has served the citizens of Lynchburg in this highest appointed position for the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office for the past 15 plus years.

Chief Deputy Sloan was instrumental in overseeing and leading the sheriff's office through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation process, earning the office's current State Accreditation beginning in November 2006, again in November 2010, and again in November 2014. Chief Deputy Sloan also oversees all office budgetary process and preparation, submission, and defense of all annual budgets to the city of Lynchburg and the State Compensation Board.

After the retirement of Sheriff Ronnie L. Gillispie on March 31, 2017, Donald T. Sloan was sworn in as the fourth Sheriff of Lynchburg, Virginia to complete the term of Sheriff R. L. Gillispie for the year of 2017.