

Lt. Jeremy Lear Retires



This week, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office said farewell to one of our own as Lt. Jeremy Lear officially retired from a distinguished career of service. On Tuesday, our LCSO family gathered to celebrate him with a retirement party filled with great BBQ, a commemorative cake, and the fellowship of colleagues, family, and friends.

Lt. Lear's impact on District Three, and the agency as a whole, is evident in the words shared by those who had the privilege of serving alongside him: "It has been an honor working alongside Lt. Lear. I appreciate his leadership, professionalism, and the example he has set throughout his career. Wishing him all the best in retirement. It is well deserved, and he will certainly be missed." - Deputy Totherow

"Lt. Lear has been an asset to this agency and to me as I was just getting started. He is a true mentor and always offered a wealth of knowledge to pull from. Thank you, Lt. Lear, for all that you have done for me and this agency. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!" - Deputy Eason

"Lt. Lear has been a very positive influence to many deputies and supervisors over the years. He has always been willing to show and guide deputies and supervisors with anything that they have asked of him. I will definitely miss his great leadership and wish him well in his new adventures." "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams - Corporal J. Gibson

As he closed this chapter of service, Lt. Lear left his colleagues with a few final words that reflect the very example he has set throughout his career:

"The most important advice I think I can give you though is to grow where you are planted. Do the best possible job you can in your current position, committing to excellence day in and day out. Epitomize the traits of integrity, accountability, and selfless service instead of just letting them be words on a wall somewhere. Growing where planted will help you maintain the necessary perspective needed to earn the individual goals you have for yourself in this career."

That advice embodies the standard Lt. Lear upheld every day in uniform.

Lt. Lear, we thank you for your leadership, your mentorship, and your unwavering commitment to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the citizens we serve.

Your influence will continue through the deputies you've guided.

Thank you for the outstanding example you have set, and enjoy this well-earned retirement.

You will certainly be missed here, but your legacy will remain and continue to grow for many years to come.

2026 Polar Plunge in Lancaster County



We went in with a goal of \$70,000... and somehow came out crushing it at \$87,230 and counting! And yes, that meant Major Matt Shaw made good on his promise and dyed his beard black when we hit that milestone. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU to everyone who came out, donated, plunged, cheered, froze, and supported this year's Polar Plunge. Every dollar raised goes directly toward helping Special Olympics athletes continue to achieve, compete, and thrive, and that's what this day is all about. This year's plunge brought: An awesome costume contest, won by Flourish Family & General Dentistry Indian Land Middle School, taking home awards for Highest Fundraising Team and Coolest School. A huge shoutout to Walnut Creek HOA for generously allowing us to use their pool for this year's plunge. As you can see in these photos, we had no shortage of brave souls who hit the frigid waters and froze for a reason, all in support of an incredible cause. Overall, the day was a massive success, and it truly wouldn't have been possible without the overwhelming support from our community.



OBITUARY - JESSE JACKSON

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a towering figure in the American Civil Rights Movement and a native of Greenville, South Carolina, died on February 17, 2026, at the age of 84. A protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jackson led national campaigns for equality, founded the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and ran for president in 1984 and 1988.

Key Details of Rev. Jesse Jackson's Life and Legacy:

Birth and Early Life: Born in Greenville, SC, on October 8, 1941, he grew up in a deeply segregated environment before rising to prominence.

Civil Rights Leadership: Following Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Jackson emerged as a key leader, organizing economic boycotts through Operation Breadbasket and later Operation PUSH.

"Rainbow Coalition": He popularised this term during his 1984 presidential campaign to unite the poor, minorities, and working-class Americans.

Diplomatic Efforts: Jackson was known for securing the release of hostages and prisoners in Syria, Iraq, and Yugoslavia.

Health and Final Years: He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2017 and later suffered from a rare neurodegenerative condition, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), according to The New York Times.

Legacy: He continued advocating for justice into the 2020s, bridging the era of Dr. King with the Black Lives Matter movement.

