

## Candidate Qualification / Position Statement For *Coalition for a Better Memphis* Website

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Name: William P. “Bill” Oldham

Website: [www.sheriffbilloldham.com](http://www.sheriffbilloldham.com)

Candidate for: Shelby County Sheriff

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I am a 40 year career law enforcement professional. I was elected Shelby County Sheriff in 2010. Since my election I have saved the tax payers of Shelby County over 8 million dollars without cutting services or compromising the safety of its citizens. Under my leadership the Shelby County Sheriff's Office has become one of the two most decorated/award winning law enforcement agencies in the country, possessing both the Triple Crown of Accreditation and the Tri-Arc Award by CALEA at the same time. Under my leadership, as well, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Jail is a model for Correction Institutes in the Southeast. The jail and its staff have won numerous awards including the Tennessee Corrections Institute 2012 Jail Administrator of the Year and the 2013 Corrections Trainer of the year. Prior to being Sheriff, I served as Chief Deputy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for eight years. At the end of 1999 I retired from the Memphis Police Department after a 27 plus year career where I rose through the ranks from Patrolman to Director. From 1991 until my retirement, I served on the Senior Command Staff of the M.P.D. With this vast amount of executive experience and my record as Sheriff, I believe I am prepared to continue to serve as Sheriff of Shelby County.

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected:

1. Continue using our Data Smart Policing Model which has been very successful in my first term in attacking crime.

2. Continue to maintain our accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the American Corrections Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. During my first term we became only the thirty-first Sheriff's Office to be awarded a second Triple Crown and only the ninth with a change in administrations. In 2013 CALEA awarded the Shelby County Sheriff's Office the prestigious "Tri-Arc" award, signifying accreditation of our Law Enforcement Division, our Training Academy and our Communications Bureau. We are one of only two law enforcement agencies in the country to possess the Triple Crown and the Tri-Arc at the same time.

3. Continue to use technology as a force multiplier to maximize our resources and efficiency. Continue to work with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to combat crime. Assist in the implementation of the Operation Safe Community Initiatives.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

If you answered "yes" on any of the above items, please list the year and provide details. -

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List other elected positions you have run for and the outcome of the election:

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### **Current Employment**

Company: Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Length of Employment: Twelve years with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Brief Job Description: I am the Sheriff of Shelby County. I am responsible for the day to day operations of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. I oversee an annual budget of 146 million dollars and 2,051 employees/personnel.

**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

FBI's National Executive Institute 21<sup>st</sup> Session 1998

Memphis Police Academy 33<sup>rd</sup> Session 1972

2,485 accumulated hours of Law Enforcement related In-Service and Specialized Training

How long have you lived in Memphis? 64 years

Where did you grow up? Fort Pickering, Longview Heights, and Whitehaven; all neighborhoods in Memphis

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend: Nativity, St. Thomas, Catholic High for Boys and Memphis State University

Marital status/children: Married for 42 years, 3 children and 5 grandchildren

Please identify up to five organizations that are actively supporting your candidacy and provide a contact (with phone number) for each.

1. Man of the House Mentoring Program - Tony Nichelson – 901-336-2399
2. Shelby County Republican Mom's Club - Roberta Kustoff – 901- 755-3238
3. Shelby Youth Sports - Janet Shivers – 901-386-9700
4. Memphis and Shelby County Optimist Respect for Law Committee - Evonne Siemer- 901-682-3143
5. Airways Optimist Club - Evonne Siemer- 901-682-3143

Please list your association memberships and identify any leadership positions you have held in the past.

1. Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police (Past President, Vice President, and Secretary)
2. Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police
3. FBI National Executive Institute Associates
4. National Association of Sheriffs
5. Tennessee Sheriffs Association
6. International Association of Chiefs of Police (Life Member)
7. Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association (Executive Board)
8. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35
9. Tennessee Public Safety Network
10. Appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Board of Control of the Tennessee Correctional Institute in 2011 (Chairman 2012, 2013, 2014)
11. Appointed by Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Corrections to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance as a Tennessee Representative for the Cross Boundary Corrections Information Exchange Policy Academy

Please list up to 10 current or past civic/community memberships.

1. Newton Court Homeowners Association
2. Sea Isle Neighborhood Association
3. Board of Directors City of Memphis Credit Union
4. Advisory Council on Education for Bishop Byrne Middle and High School
5. Quest Master in Renaissance Program for Excellence in Education at Bishop Byrne
6. St. Paul Booster Club
7. Bishop Byrne Booster Club
8. Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Council 5062
9. Coached in Parochial leagues at St. Joseph, St. Paul, Bishop Byrne, and St. Louis

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Katie Fik

Treasurer: William H. Watkins, Jr.

Any other information you would like to share with the voters:

## ***Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Bill Oldham's Accomplishments:***

- Sheriff Oldham has been a great steward of tax payer dollars saving the tax payers of Shelby County over 8 million dollars in his 3 years as Sheriff
- The Shelby County Sheriff's Office along with other Law Enforcement Agencies have reduced Major Violent Crime by 19.8%\* and Major Property Crime by 29%\* in Shelby County (\*According to Operation Safe Community Crime Trend Report from 2006-2013)
- Under Sheriff Oldham's leadership the Shelby County Jail is a model for correction institutes in the Southeast. The jail and it's staff have won numerous awards including the Tennessee Corrections Institute 2012 Jail Administrator of the Year and the 2013 Corrections Trainer of the Year
- Sheriff Oldham hosts a monthly detectives meeting with 42 agencies from across the Mid-South exchanging information and therefore solving crime in all of the communities
- The Shelby County Sheriff's Office belongs to 13 task forces with other local, state, and federal agencies. This is important because this collaborative effort between agencies is the most effective method of attacking crime
- Sheriff Bill Oldham's leadership has made the Shelby County Sheriff's Office one of the two most decorated/award winning law enforcement agencies in the country, possessing both the Triple Crown of Accreditation and the Tri-Arc Award by CALEA at the same time
- Sheriff Oldham was appointed to the Board of Control for the Tennessee Correctional Institute by Governor Bill Haslam in 2011 and has served as its Chairman for the last 3 years
- Sheriff Oldham was also recognized by the Optimist Clubs of Memphis and Shelby County as "The Citizen of the Year 2012" for his work in 2012

## ***Sheriff Bill Oldham's Biography***

Sheriff William "Bill" Oldham took office as Shelby County Sheriff on September 1st, 2010.

Sheriff Oldham is a native Memphian. He graduated from Catholic High School for Boys and attended Memphis State University. He is a graduate of the 33rd Session of the Memphis Police Academy where he began his career in law enforcement with the Memphis Police Department in 1972. He worked his way through the ranks, eventually retiring in 2000 as Interim-Director. He served in many roles with MPD; Patrol Officer, Anti-Crime Detective, Lieutenant North Precinct, Beale Street Sub-Station Commander, Executive Captain North Precinct, Inspector in Charge of the Training Academy, Deputy Chief Police Administration, Deputy Chief District One Uniform Patrol, Deputy Director Police Operations. He has received the following Awards - Memphis Police Officer of the Year by the Optimist Club, Memphis Police Officer of the Year by the Memphis and Shelby

County Bar Association, and Commander of the Month by The Insurors of Memphis.

In 2002, Sheriff Oldham was appointed as Chief Deputy for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office where he served until 2010. Under his leadership the law enforcement division achieved national accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement. He also instituted Data Smart Policing, stressing the importance of field input from all divisions in concert to address crime, leveraging technology to reduce the crime rate.

In 2011 he accepted an appointment from Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Corrections Institute Board of Control as a Sheriff Representative and has served as Chairman of the Board of Control for the past three years.

Under his leadership the Shelby County Sheriff's Office received the prestigious "TRI ARC" Award signifying Accreditation for Law Enforcement, the Training Academy and Communications. Already possessing the Triple Crown Award, this made the Shelby County Sheriff's Office one of the most decorated law enforcement agencies in the country.

On May 1, 2013, the Northeast Memphis Optimist Club, Respect for Law Program recognized Shelby County Sheriff Bill Oldham as CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

In 2014 he was appointed to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance as a Tennessee Representative for the Cross Boundary Corrections information Exchange Policy Academy by Tennessee Department of Corrections and Governor Bill Haslam.

Sheriff Oldham serves on the City of Memphis Credit Union Board of Directors, where he has served as Chairman for four terms during his twenty-seven year tenure.

He is a past President of the Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police and an active member. He is a former member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and a current member of the Tennessee Sheriffs Association. Sheriff Oldham is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs' Association. He is a Charter member of the F.B.I.'s Law Enforcement Budgeting Advisory Group. Sheriff Oldham is a graduate of the 21st Session of the F.B.I.'s National Executive Institute.

Sheriff Oldham is very involved within his church community. He and his wife are members of St. Louis Catholic Church. His primary focus has been as a youth sports coach, where his sense of teamwork and fair play serve as a fine example for the children he worked with. He coached at St. Joseph's, St. Paul's, Bishop Byrne and St. Louis. Additionally, he has served on the Advisory Council for Education at Bishop Byrne Middle & High School.

Bill Oldham and his wife Jean, married since 1972, have three children and five grandchildren.