

SHERIFF ELECTED TO GEORGIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the sheriffs' most recent summer training conference held in Harris County, Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton was unanimously elected to the position of Vice President for Region 3. In this capacity, Sheriff Clinton serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and will represent the other 21 sheriffs of the region on matters related to crime control, public safety and the Office of Sheriff.

The Georgia Sheriffs' Association was established in 1954 in order to enhance the safety of the citizens of Georgia and to professionalize the Office of Sheriff through training, participation in the legislative process and implementation of crime awareness and prevention initiatives. It is the professional organization of Georgia's 159 elected sheriffs and is organized into nine regions throughout the state.

Towns County is located in Region 3, which contains 22 counties and reaches from the North Carolina line, east to South Carolina, south to Morgan and Green counties and west to Dawson and Hall counties. During the past several years, Sheriff Steve Cronic of Hall County has served as the Association's Vice President of Region 3 but recently resigned the position as he is retiring at the end of his term as Hall County Sheriff.

Sheriff Clinton has served since 2008 on the Association's Training and Standards Committee and also expects to continue in that important capacity. During the Association's meeting, White County Sheriff Neal Walden spoke of Clinton's dedication to the safety of the citizens of Towns County and his commitment to the Office of Sheriff. "I am humbled and honored by this vote of confidence by the sheriffs of Georgia, and am pleased to have this opportunity to serve," stated Sheriff Clinton. "I am committed to furthering the continued cooperation among the sheriff's offices of Region 3, as well as statewide, as we share common concerns about the issues affecting the safety and well-being of our citizens."