



Sheriff Elect Jeffrey Trafton Biography

I am a native of the town of Wellington in the southwest corner of Piscataquis County. I graduated in 1980 from the Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford. I spent the next four years with the United States Marines where I reached the rank of Sergeant. At twenty-two years old, I joined the Maine State Police. Upon completion of the police academy, I was assigned to Waldo County where I spent the next ten years patrolling as a Trooper. In 1989, I was trained and certified as an accident reconstruction specialist. In 1995, I was promoted to Sergeant where I supervised the Troopers patrolling the mid-coast region of Maine. In 1996, I transferred to the Skowhegan barracks where I supervised the Troopers in Somerset, Franklin and Kennebec Counties. In 2000, I was appointed as the Commanding Officer of Troop D responsible for all State Police Officers in Mid Coast Maine. In 2005, I retired from the Maine State Police and accepted the Chief of Police position with the City of Belfast where I enjoyed working for the next six plus years. In 2011, I was appointed Chief Deputy at the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. I am currently serving my first term as the Waldo County Sheriff.

During most of my State Police career, I had a dual career as a member of the Maine Army National Guard. In 1987, I attended the Officer Candidate School at the Maine Military Academy receiving a commission to Second Lieutenant. I served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 262nd Engineer Battalion and the 133rd Engineer Battalion. In 1995, I was promoted to Captain and served over the next few years as the Commanding Officer of Charlie Company and then Alpha Company of the 133rd Engineer Battalion. I retired from the Army National Guard in 2001.

During these three decades of Police and Military service I married and raised children. I bought a home in Thorndike in 1989 where my wife and I live today. I lost an adult son to an automobile accident and have been blessed with three wonderful grandchildren.

I am honored to serve as Sheriff. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office is a professional law enforcement organization whose priority is service to the citizens of our great County.