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Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association Announces Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott as President, Naming New Leadership for 2025

BOSTON—Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott, Hampden County Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi, and Hampshire County Sheriff Patrick Cahillane have been elected by their fellow Sheriffs to serve, respectively, as President, Vice President, and Associate Vice President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA).

"I'm honored to lead the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association and build upon our commitment to innovative correctional practices," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "I look forward to working with my fellow Sheriffs as we continue to serve as strong community partners while helping justice-involved individuals rebuild their lives, with a focus on their successful reentry into our communities."

The change in leadership comes following Sheriff McDermott's tenure as Vice President. Sheriff Cocchi will be staying on the leadership team, serving as the new Vice President. The President and Vice President will both serve a two-year term.

"Having served as President, I understand firsthand the critical work of the MSA and the Sheriffs in the Commonwealth," said Sheriff Cocchi. "I look forward to supporting Sheriff McDermott's leadership as we continue advancing our shared mission of modernizing corrections and strengthening our role as public safety and community partners."

Sheriff Cahillane, who took office in 2016, said he is excited about the opportunity to serve as Associate Vice President. The Associate Vice President serves a one-year term.

"As the second Associate Vice President of the MSA, I am committed to supporting our leadership team and fellow Sheriffs as we work to enhance opportunities for those in our care," said Sheriff Cahillane. "The collaboration among the Massachusetts Sheriffs allows us to share best practices and develop new approaches that ultimately benefit the Commonwealth."

The Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association is comprised of the 14 duly elected county Sheriffs serving across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In their official MSA roles, Sheriff McDermott, Sheriff Cocchi and Sheriff Cahillane will work in partnership with the MSA body and its strategic partners to better educate and inform their collective constituency about the important work the Sheriffs and their staffs are doing to support those in their care and custody.

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