

Cass County Chief Deputy Burch to seek sheriff's job



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Tom Burch, chief deputy for the Cass County Sheriff's Office, has announced his intention to seek the office of Cass County Sheriff.

Burch is a 24-year veteran of Cass County Law Enforcement and has been chief deputy to Sheriff Randy Fisher for the past 10 years. Prior to that, he served eight years in the department as sergeant.

Fisher announced earlier this month that he will not run for re-election this fall. His term of office concludes at the end of 2010.

The primary election will be held Aug. 10, followed by the general election Nov. 2.

As sheriff, Burch would strive to continue to promote a progressive, innovative and technologically- advanced delivery of law enforcement to the citizens of Cass County. He is a strong supporter of taking a proactive approach to law enforcement, court services, corrections and communications within the Sheriff's Office.

His capacity to continue this approach during challenging economic times is enhanced by his 18 years of budgetary and supervisory experience within the office. Burch intends to maintain the department's reputation for progressive law enforcement and adapt departmental goals and priorities to meet the ever-changing needs of Cass County law enforcement.

Burch pledges fiscally-responsible budgeting, experience-based planning and an ongoing integration of technology with daily operations to provide fair and equal law enforcement

services to the citizens of Cass County.

Burch has an associate degree from the University of Minnesota and a skills training certificate from Hibbing Community College. He is POST Board certified as a licensed peace officer in the state of Minnesota and is also a graduate of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's supervisory management series.

A lifelong resident of Cass County, Burch currently resides in the Remer area with his wife Gina and their three daughters.