

Faribault County—a place I never expected to call home, but a community I am so grateful to be a part of.

When I started my career, I was working part-time for a couple of different departments. At the time, it was difficult to get a full-time job.

I was working in a small town one night when a severe thunderstorm came through. Trees were down blocking roads, and several roads had flooded. Around 3 a.m. that night, I knew exactly where I wanted to spend my career. A simple voice on the radio was all it took to make up my mind. I listened as the Sheriff of Faribault County was out in the middle of the night clearing roadways with a chainsaw he had brought from home and helping people in need. In that moment, I knew I wanted to work for someone as selfless as him.

I was fortunate enough to put down roots here in Faribault County, raise my family in such a supportive community, and work for that Sheriff for many years until his recent retirement.

I was incredibly lucky to learn and grow under a Sheriff as selfless as he was—someone who, no matter what, would always take on the worst and dirtiest job when working as a team. He was one of those leaders I would follow to hell and back because I knew he would safely lead the way.

Those are all qualities I see in Chris Albers, which is why I support him in his race to be the next Faribault County Sheriff. I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from him since joining the Sheriff's Office many years ago. He is someone who has always treated everyone with kindness and compassion. He is a role model within the department because he leads with integrity, honesty, and respect.

I know he will be out at 3 a.m. clearing roadways, helping people in need, taking on the worst and dirtiest jobs, and continuing to make Faribault County a place I am proud to call home. He is one of those leaders I would proudly follow to hell and back because I know he, too, would safely lead the way.

Chris Albers will be a Sheriff who puts the community's needs before his own. A Sheriff who promotes growth, accountability, and leads with integrity and respect. Someone who leads by example—not with empty promises.

I would be proud to work under his leadership, and I truly believe he is the Sheriff this county deserves.

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