



Questions for Candidates for County Constable from the **Conservative Coalition of Harris County**

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Candidate Name	Position for which the Candidate is Running
Chris Bounds	Harris County Constable Precinct Four

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the office for which you are running.
	Answer: I have been a public servant most of my life. I served in the U.S. Air Force and was handpicked to crew the Wing Commanders jets at the two of my assignments. I knew how to find and fix problems. I left the Air Force as an NCO (noncommissioned officer). I was trained in law enforcement as a Houston Police officer, where I learned how to be a patrol officer. Then I had years of experience on the street cleaning up the inner city. I then learned all about security and gained more managing experience. I then spent 17 years as a Deputy Constable in Precinct 4 where I learned the in's and out's of how the department worked which is unique from how HPD and the Sheriff's Office works related to how cases are investigated. Immediately following my time at Pct.4 I am working as a Harris County Sheriff's Deputy. I have worked as a Patrol Deputy, Jail Deputy, Bonding Deputy, and now at the Jail Diversion Center working with the Homeless and Mentally ill. I have a lot of knowledge and know how to find and fix problems, so I feel this makes me the best candidate for the office of Constable.

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2.	Please explain why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidates.
	Answer: I am running to stop the high turnover rate of deputies. Which has caused a shortage of experienced deputies at the department. I will institute training for the deputies on how to conduct follow up investigation and promote crime prevention.

3. Please describe two or three main issues facing your Precinct Constable department and your proposed solutions regarding them.
- Answer:** One of the main issues facing the department is the relatively inexperienced patrol deputy pool, which can be solved with deputy retention and training. Another issue is the growing homelessness in Precinct 4. I propose establishing a homeless outreach team, along with educating patrol deputies, on how to best use the Harris County Mental Health system to help empower people with behavioral, health and IDD needs to help them improve their lives through an accessible, integrated and comprehensive recovery system of care.
4. Please describe your opinion of what Constable's office role is in local law enforcement. Should Precinct Constable offices be consolidated with other law enforcement agencies?
- Answer:** Constable's under the Texas Constitution have a broad role in law enforcement and civil process. It is my opinion that for the most part constables limit activity to within their own precincts. If consolidation occurs with a constitutional amendment, then I feel the constable role of serving civil process and JP bailiff court duties should remain as a division within the new county wide metro police department.
5. Please describe your ideas toward boosting department morale and increasing confidence in your office with the general public.
- Answer:** A good start to boosting morale within the Pct. 4 Constable Department is to replace Constable Herman and his command staff. Who are hen pecking the deputies to the extreme, and causing the large turnover rate we are seeing, I believe confident, respectful, and professional deputies will boost the general publics' confidence in Pct.4.
6. There has been a lot of criticism lately from the National Press about law enforcement officers. What sort of things can to public and local press do to enhance the department's image and effectiveness, in order to make the deputies' job easier?
- Answer:** Things the public and local press can do to enhance the image and effectiveness of law enforcement is gain a better understanding of how the officers are trained to handle a scene. Once on a scene the office must remain in charge. This does not go over easy with some of the public and will escalate the problem, thereby turning into other violations of the law. When and deputy most use hands on or force to arrest someone the optics of which looks bad and is shocking to most who don't understand.
7. Please describe any changes to the department's day-to-day operation that your office might make in this coming term to improve efficiencies.
- Answer:** I would strive for better coverage of contracts.

8. Harris County has seen a large influx in population over the last couple of years. What impact has this had on your Constable department? What steps need to be done handle the increasing county population?
- Answer:** With higher population comes a higher crime rate because the number of citizens to duty ratio is higher. Well trained and experienced police can off set this a bit, but the call load will take its toll. Simply put the larger the population the more police you need.
9. Please describe ways in which constable personnel can better collaborate with HC Sheriff, Houston police or other law enforcement agencies. What steps will you take to foster better communication with your department and other agencies?
- Answer:** A better way in which constable personnel can better collaborate with other law enforcement agencies is to help by, backing up other agencies on calls for service or check by with them on traffic stops. As of now most departments stay to themselves. Competition is good but to much can be harmful. I will work with other county and city officials to promote a better understanding and mutual respect between agencies.
10. Is your constable department prepared for a large emergency event, such as a major hurricane? If not, what additional steps would you like to seen taken by your department, or county officials to better prepare residents for such an event?
- Answer:** I feel the constable department could be better prepared by a staging of rescue equipment and groups of trained deputies in Swiftwater Rescue.
11. Please list any other information or comments that you deem are important to this race.
- Answer:** Pct. 4 has an increasing population, and with it comes an increase in more drivers who drive while intoxicated.
I will work with local business and take a holistic approach to raising awareness about driving while intoxicated.
I will use district unit positions already payed for by Harris County to form an overflow unit that will take over DWI arrests from the originating deputy. This will drastically improve the processing time for this type of arrest and cut down on overtime (saving taxpayers money) while still increasing the number of DWO arrest within the precinct.

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