

## Jason Ellis Announces Candidacy for Broome County Sheriff

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Jason Ellis, the former Chief Investigator under District Attorney Steve Cornwell, officially announced his candidacy for Broome County Sheriff on Saturday evening.

"I think it's time for a change, I think I have the experience within the Sheriff's Office in all Divisions to head up the agency and carry it into the future," said Ellis.

Ellis has more than 23 years of experience in law enforcement and emergency management operations in the Broome County Sheriff's Office as well as 30 years of fire service experience in Broome County. He is also a retired Detective Sergeant who oversaw the Criminal Investigation, Warrants, and Juvenile Divisions.

In his speech, Ellis says if elected he will address the opioid crisis, tackle crime rate, establish a new standard of fiscal responsibility, and ensure Sheriff's Department employees have the tools they need to be safe and do their jobs more efficiently.

"We want to attack the opiate problem on all levels, not just going after dealers but also helping those addicts because those are members of people's families," said Ellis.

If the current Broome County Sheriff, David Harder announces his intent to run in 2018, the pair would meet up for a Republican primary and Ellis says he's prepared for whatever comes next.

"I'm ready if he's going to run, I'll take him on in a primary and we'll see what happens," said Ellis.

When asked about today's announcement, Broome County Sheriff Harder told Fox 40 that he has "no comment at this time."

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