



DURANGO LODGE #8

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On Monday August 6th, 2018, candidates running for the position of La Plata County Sheriff had a discussion session with the members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #8. In attendance at the discussion were Sheriff Sean Smith, Charles Hamby, Dean Mize and members of FOP Lodge #8. The candidates answered questions that were designed to determine experience and leadership characteristics. After deliberation, the members of the Lodge were given an opportunity to cast their vote for one of the candidates. It is with great pleasure to announce that the Fraternal Order of Police, Durango Lodge #8 is endorsing Sheriff Sean Smith for re-election as their choice for La Plata County Sheriff in the 2018 election.

We as a Lodge feel that Sheriff Sean Smith is the most qualified candidate and will continue to serve the citizens of La Plata County with distinction. Sheriff Sean Smith's accomplishments in his first term as Sheriff speaks to his qualifications and dedication to La Plata County and to those he serves.

Durango Lodge #8 represents 100 law enforcement officers from multiple law enforcement agencies across Southwest Colorado including La Plata, Archuleta, and San Juan Counties. The Lodge was formed in 1981 as a fraternal organization to support our members. We also raise money each year to put on Shop With a Cop to support local families in need.