



William T. Smith

Born in San Antonio, Texas on November 19, 1940. W.T. Smith was elected Sheriff of Burnet County from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2026. He began his career in law enforcement with the San Antonio Police Department in 1968. Serving in Patrol, Criminal Intelligence, and Homicide Divisions. W. T. worked in every position in Law Enforcement from Patrol Officer to Chief Deputy. He is a Certified Instructor, a Master Peace Officer and a Master Jailer. He received numerous awards throughout his career. During 46 years and 8 Months of Law Enforcement, he has obtained 5,882 training hours with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. He was a Graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelors of Science in Law Enforcement. Sheriff Smith was involved in many high profile cases, one of which resulted in the closure of Christ of the Hills Monastery and the arrest of 5 monks for sexual assault of children. Sheriff Smith was a Graduate of the FBI National Academy session 186. He served on numerous Boards and Committees in both a professional and personal capacity. He was also a Licensed Baptist Minister. W.T. and wife Eileen, who was a Librarian, lived in Burnet County, Texas. They had 3 daughters and several grandchildren.

Sheriff Smith served in the U.S. Army from March 1966 to Feb 1968. During his service he served with the 8th Logistical Command in Europe from 1966-1967 and 1967 to 1968 he served with the 25th Infantry Div. in Cuchi, Vietnam. The awards and decorations that were received are as follows: National Defense Service Metal, Good Conduct Metal, Vietnam Service Metal, (2) Overseas Service Stars, Vietnam Expeditionary Force Metal and a Bronze Star.

Served BCSO from 1-1-1993 to 7-11-2003
Returned as Sheriff 1-1-2009 to 12-31-2016

18 Years 6 months total time as Burnet County Law Enforcement