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Endorsement: Moore for DuPage County Sheriff in Republican primary

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With DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick not seeking reelection so he can run for governor, the race to replace him is underway.

Peter Coolidge, a retired DuPage sheriff's deputy from West Chicago, is running unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Meanwhile, on the Republican side, DuPage County Undersheriff Eddie Moore and Sean Noonan, a former DuPage County Board member, are vying to become their party's nominee for sheriff.

Noonan has more than 23 years of law enforcement experience. He spent most of his career with the Bloomingdale Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to become a sergeant. Now he works for the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department.

Moore has spent more than 30 years with the sheriff's office. He has served in various positions, including correctional deputy, patrol deputy, detective, sergeant and chief of the administrative bureau. He was appointed undersheriff in 2020.

Because of his knowledge of the sheriff's office, Moore says he believes he's the best person to lead the department next. He said he would bring experienced leadership, integrity and a clear vision for the future of public safety in the county.

Moore says he already has a strong, collaborative relationship with the county board and oversees the preparation of the sheriff's office's budget.

Noonan says he has demonstrated leadership throughout his law enforcement career and his eight years as a county board member. He says he understands budgeting and can work with the county department heads.

If elected, Noonan promises to come in as a reformer. His list of priorities includes strengthening working relationships with municipal partners, recruiting and retaining quality staff, and motivating and mentoring current and future deputies.

Republican voters in DuPage cannot go wrong choosing either of these two candidates. Both are impressive. While Noonan is capable of leading a police department, Moore's hands-on experience with the sheriff's office gives him an advantage.

Moore is endorsed.