

Election statement: John Apter

I am a Constable who joined Hampshire Constabulary in December 1992. I am passionate about fairness. It is one of the reasons I became a police officer. I became a local Federation Rep to ensure others were treated fairly and received the respect they deserved.

I am the Chairman of Hampshire Police Federation, a full time role that I have held for 8 years.

Prior to this I was a uniformed front line officer working in Response, Roads Policing and on a specialist team investigating road deaths. Additionally, I was a Family Liaison Officer, a role I found incredibly rewarding.

In my time as local Chairman I have ensured the voice of our officers has been at the heart of everything we do. I worked tirelessly to create the 7 Point Plan to ensure officers and staff, assaulted at work, are treated as victims and given the support they deserve. The plan has been adopted by almost every force across England & Wales and some Forces overseas. The Metropolitan Police have adopted the plan and called it Operation Hampshire. The work I started has been adopted by the Police Federation of England & Wales, becoming the 'Protect the Protectors' campaign, of which I am incredibly proud.

I started the challenge to bring better protection for emergency drivers. This is hugely important and affects officers every single day. This journey of changing the law has now been adopted by the Police Federation of England & Wales.

I lobby local MP's and Government on behalf of our members. I will never shy away from fighting for what is right for those I represent.

I have successfully campaigned for the full roll out of Taser and spit guards for all officers across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As National Chair I will give you your voice back. Employment rights for Police Officers is a contentious issue but over the years I have seen the gradual erosion of Police Regulations. I want an open and honest debate about what you want, your views matter and will be taken forward.

I will work closely with local Federations and will be a very visible National Chair, working alongside colleagues, across England & Wales, to make sure your voice is heard. The National Federation needs to stop focusing on itself and focus on what is important, which is YOU, the member.

I do not just talk about issues, I have been active in my force and have a proven track record of putting my money where my mouth is, fighting for our officers to make sure the reality of policing is made public. I am passionate about policing and the welfare of our officers

This is the first time members have been able to vote for their National Chair. This is your opportunity to make a difference. The PFEW must respond to what the members need. It is time for change. Please vote for me and help me to make that change happen.