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Precinct 1 Constable John Lavender has his retirement at the end of 2016. Lavender was appointed to the constable's office in Sept. 2007 and was elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2012.

"I have been truly blessed to have served the citizens of Pct. 1 for almost a decade but I am looking forward to retiring and doing other things," Lavender said.

Lavender began his law enforcement career in January 1988 when he was sworn in as a half-time deputy under then Sheriff Cliff Greeson. He worked weekends as a patrolman and later as patrol supervisor.

After spending 30 years teaching vocational education at Tivy High School, he retired and went to work full time for the sheriff's department in 1999. He continued to serve as a patrol supervisor until 2004 when he moved to criminal investigations and served there until his appointment to the constable's office three years later.

"I have spent the last 28 years in law enforcement in this county working alongside many outstanding public servants and I will truly miss the challenges of the work and the friends I've made," he said.

A constable must be a licensed peace officer or is required to successfully complete a law enforcement academy and pass the licensing exam within 270 days after taking office.