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To the members of the FOP,

As your next State's Attorney, I pledge to do the following:

1. Instruct all staff attorneys to consult with the arresting officer prior to the acceptance of any plea. Although the State's Attorney will have final say in the acceptance of any plea, there must be an open line of communication between staff attorneys and law enforcement officers.
2. Staff attorneys will notify arresting officers when a plea has been reached to prevent wasting the officer's time when not needed in court.
3. I will prioritize each docket to make sure officers on midnight duty and officers on their day off get out of court first.
4. There will always be a staff attorney present to contact if law enforcement has a question on a case during normal work hours.
5. My staff attorneys and I will show our respect for the work done by officers by always coming to court prepared.
6. I will work with the administrative staff to improve efficiency to ensure that all necessary paperwork is filed promptly so cases are not dismissed or otherwise compromised.

In general, my office will treat law enforcement officers as partners in the criminal justice system. By creating and maintaining an open and honest line of communication between law enforcement and the State's Attorney, the citizens of St. Mary's County will be better served.