

James M. Gannon

Jim grew up in Boonton in an Irish and Polish Catholic family with two brothers and one sister, who were all raised by his father, mother and grandmother. His passion for law enforcement came from his father, who was a decorated Detective in the New York City Police Department.

Jim graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel elementary school and Boonton High School where he played sports and was a member of the Boonton Township Fire Service. His school years are where Jim was influenced by the Italian American community who taught him about church, family, food, language and culture.

Gannon earned his Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from County College of Morris and then his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from William Paterson University. After graduation, Gannon was a Patrolman in his hometown of Boonton, and Boonton Township, followed by over two decades of service at the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, where he attained the rank of Deputy Chief of Investigations. Jim was then assigned to the FBI's elite Joint Terrorism Task Force where he focused on foreign terrorist organizations operating in the United States. Upon retirement, Jim joined the private sector at Novartis Pharmaceuticals, where he recently retired as the Global Head of Security Risk.

Along the way, Gannon graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, earned a Certificate in Supervisory Management from Rutgers University and a Master of Administrative Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

During his decorated, 33-year career in law enforcement and security, Gannon served as Commander of the FuncoLand Homicide Task Force and the Walter Contreras Homicide Task Force, formed the Morris County Cold Case Unit, co-authored the "Morris County Counterterrorism Task Force Manual," and has lectured, trained and

conducted investigations with fellow professionals in places like Russia, Ukraine, South Africa, Hungary, Thailand and Uzbekistan, uniquely preparing him for the day-to-day battle to protect Morris County citizens from terror attacks by radical groups like ISIS.

In addition to his professional career in law enforcement and security, Gannon has given back to the surrounding communities in other ways, including as current President of the 200 Club of Morris County, Adjunct Professor at Centenary College, Life Member of the New Jersey State PBA # 327, Cofounder of the Morris County Chapter of the Emerald Society of the State of New Jersey, and as a Drum Major in the Police Pipes & Drums of Morris County to name just a few.

Gannon was married to his wife, Lisa, for 26 years before losing her in 2010 after a courageous battle against Multiple Sclerosis. Jim and Lisa have one daughter, Kate DeSantis who, along with her husband Matt, are expecting their first child and Jim's first grandchild this summer.

Jim is the Republican candidate for Morris County Sheriff.