

# Officials resolve to spend less, eat less

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It seems that many officials throughout the area, whether in the county government, school system, or on the fire department, have many of the same problems in their professional lives as many residents do in their personal ones.

*The Capital* asked various Anne Arundel figureheads about their New Year's resolutions and many shared a common theme — lose weight and cut spending.

Still, it appears as if the county executive may have to look into buying a new cape for the new year.

**County Executive John R. Leopold:**

- "To fight for justice, but have fun doing it."
- "To remember that the taxpayers' interest must always be paramount, and that it is a privilege to be in a position to help people every day."

**Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ron Bateman:**

- To lose 15 pounds.
- To work out more.
- To keep up the momentum in 2009 with stings, warrant sweeps, "and all that stuff."

**County Police Cpl. O'Brien Atkinson, president of Fraternal Order of Police:**

• "My New Year's resolution is to work with our county executive to get the staffing of our police department up to where it needs to be. I hope that he has the same resolution."

• "I'm also willing to help Sheriff Bateman lose those extra pounds."

**Queen Anne's County Sheriff R. Gery Hofmann:**

• "I plan on starting a new trend and rumor. It's always known that police have the occasional coffee and donut. These as we know are not good for us. I plan on making sure that some police who chose to visit the 'donut shop' switch to now having coffee and a bagel with light cream cheese. I will end the stereotype that police like the sugary round snack. It's now bagels and light cream cheese. Of course, the coffee."

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