



CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"Service Above Self"



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Citizens of Campbell County, I have been contacted by many of you asking what my position is on our constitutional second amendment rights, so allow me to share with you my and our agency's position.

I have been in the law enforcement community for almost two decades and I have witnessed many crimes committed with firearms. I have also witnessed good, law-abiding citizens protect themselves and their families with firearms.

I do not believe that crimes committed by people can be attributed to the firearms themselves, but to the people who use firearms for illegal purposes. Firearms are simply a tool and as with any tool, can be misused and cause harm.

I am proud to say that I was one of the first carry concealed deadly weapons instructors (number 74) in our great commonwealth and I am proud to have assisted my fellow citizens in exercising their second amendment rights.

Over the years, every time that I have been elected to office, including my most recent election as your Sheriff, I took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I consider my oath to be a sacred bond between myself and the people of Campbell County.

That being said let me make it clear that I will not, nor will I ever, command anyone in my employ to confiscate firearms from law-abiding citizens as long as the second amendment is the law of the land.

A Presidential, or any other type of directive does not remove our second amendment rights and enforcing such a directive would violate my oath of office.

I hope this open letter answers your questions on this issue. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at my office.

Thank you,

Jeff Kidwell
Campbell County Sheriff