



CSPOA

Constitutional Sheriffs
and Peace Officers
Association

Sheriff and Candidate survey

The Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) is dedicated to the proposition that all men and women are created equal. We believe that defending liberty is the duty of all citizens and local officials. Therefore, the CSPOA would like your honest opinion as to how you feel about the questions listed below. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. This survey should only be filled out by the candidate or incumbent.

Please check the answer which most accurately reflects how you feel about each question. If you cannot select an answer, please provide a written explanation. If needed, you may attach your written explanations to the back of this questionnaire. You are permitted to use the adobe fill and sign tool and submit this survey electronically. A graded copy will be sent to you, feel free to use this survey for your campaign. Thank you so much for your time.

1. Should the Federal Government come into your county to serve warrants and make arrests without informing you first of their intentions? (select any two)

- I would prefer that they notify the Sheriff's Office before doing so, but they don't have to.
- The Federal Government law enforcement power is greater than that of a county sheriff. They don't need to notify me.
- They should absolutely notify our office before doing anything in my county/parish (Doing so is safer for the Federal officers and safer for the citizens, as well.)
- I believe there should be a policy established by all sheriffs to require a "notify first" policy among all federal and state agencies.

Other _____

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2. In your opinion, what is the proper role of government and why was government established?

3. If an agency of the Federal Government were violating the rights of a citizen in your county, what would you do? (choose one)

- Tell your constituent to hire a good lawyer.
- Contact the agency head and ask that the abusing agent be disciplined.
- Do everything in your power to stop it.
- Investigate the abusing agent's behavior and handle the matter just like any other complaint.

Other _____

3A: Would you take the time to meet with this citizen and investigate his/her claims?

(please explain)

3B: If determined a violation of rights was indeed occurring, do you possess the power to arrest those you find to be harassing the citizen, including agents from this federal agency?

Yes, Explain:

No, Explain:

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4. If a Federal, State or Local Government and/or the United Nations were to implement a policy of door to door gun confiscation in your jurisdiction, what would you do? (choose one)

- Help them confiscate the guns.
- I don't worry about such a scenario as this would never happen in America.
- As sheriff, I have no authority to stop the Federal Government or UN from doing anything. Those are higher governments and as sheriff I am not to call their actions into question.
- Interpose myself on behalf of the people to protect their right to keep and bear arms at all costs.

Other _____

5. Do you believe that the IRS conducting random audits on innocent citizens is a proper and constitutional procedure? (choose one)

- Yes. How else could they catch tax cheats?
- It does not matter what I think.
- The IRS tactics are something for the courts to determine. The IRS is out of control, but there's nothing we can do about it.
- No. No other law enforcement agency in this country is allowed to conduct random audits to reduce crime or detect crime. As much as the IRS might like to think they deserve an exception to the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, no such exemption exists and they should follow the rule of law just like everyone else.

Other _____

6. Your state has passed a red flag law (Risk Protection Order). As sheriff, you receive an order to confiscate the guns belonging to one of your citizens, based on an allegation or information given by a third party. What would you do? (choose one)

- Order my commanders to hold a briefing with deputies and SWAT personnel to comply with the order ASAP. This person could be a danger to my citizens.
- I would pass the order execution off to a different agency.
- Due process rights are determined by a judge, it is not my place. I would immediately send a

team to remove all weapons from this offender's residence.

I swore an oath to obey the law. I support the second amendment, but as much as I would hate to do this, the guns must be taken.

I would refuse to enforce the red flag law and would protect the citizen rights, employing any means or resources at my disposal.

Other: _____

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7. Jefferson warned us that Washington D.C. would at times become “venal and oppressive.” If this were to happen today; who would the people in your county/parish be able to turn to for peace, safety, and protection? (choose one)

- The President and Congress
- The Governor and State Legislature
- The Courts and Judges
- The Sheriff and other local officials

Other _____

8. On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, AL for failing to give her seat to a white man. Knowing what we know now about equality and justice, if you were called back in time as the responding officer to this call, what would you have done? (choose one)

I would have to arrest her. It's not my job to pick and choose which laws to enforce. If it's on the books, I will enforce the law.

All laws must be enforced. The police don't make the laws, it is not for us to judge. Mrs. Parks would have to seek justice in the courts.

The police are not robots for the legislatures. I would never enforce such a stupid law. I would have sat down next to Mrs. Parks, would have shaken her hand, and made sure she got home safely and given her home extra patrol throughout the night.

I would have pretended to arrest her and then taken her home instead.

Other _____

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**9. Over the last decade, Federal and State bureaucracies have been raiding farmers and destroying their dairy products and businesses for merely distributing natural products like raw milk, cheese, or natural lip balm. As Sheriff, if this were to occur in your county, what would you do about it?
(choose one)**

There is nothing I can do. It's not my job to protect the people from the regulations of other agencies.

Safety regulations exist to protect us all from potential harm. The farmers in my county/parish are not exempted in any way and must comply just like everybody else. I will assist in such raids if asked to do so.

I oversee a large department and am very busy. As much as I would like to help, we have much larger priorities at the moment. After all, there are plenty of farmers that are by the book and are not being raided.

The right farmers have to run their businesses as they see fit is more important than regulations and rules. As long as they have not hurt anyone then I will stand with all farmers and will indeed protect their lands and businesses, from all threats.

Other _____

10. According to the principles of our Constitutional Republic; who is responsible for keeping the Federal Government in check? (choose one)

Only the Federal Government is allowed to monitor itself and provide the necessary checks and balances on its own authority.

The President and the U.S. Supreme Court are charged with keeping Federal regulations from going too far. This system has worked for over 200 years and it's working now.

Government regulations have gone too far, but each citizen has means available to appeal

for relief when such regulations become abusive. Therefore, each citizen is his/her own check and balance on overreaching government.

Madison said the people can safely rely on the disposition of local legislators to erect barriers against the encroachments of the Federal Government. Therefore, it is the duty of all States to keep the Federal Government in check. The Sheriff is absolutely an integral part of maintaining the balance of power between the States and Federal Government.

Other _____

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11. In 1994, seven sheriffs from across the USA filed a lawsuit against the Federal Government to stop the forced commandeering of their offices in order to comply with the Brady bill. Two of these sheriffs ended up at the U S Supreme Court (Mack/Printz vs. US) and won a landmark decision based on States' Rights. If you had been sheriff at that time, what would you have done? (choose one)

It is not the Sheriffs place to file such suits. It is our job to handle matters within our jurisdiction and those matters which our State Sheriffs Association tells us to support. National politics is for national politicians.

I was a sheriff back then and I wish I had joined with these sheriffs to help keep the Federal Government off our backs.

I was not a sheriff then, but I would have proudly joined these courageous sheriffs in standing to protect the autonomy of all sheriffs nationwide.

If Congress passes a law that requires the help of sheriffs, then that is exactly what we should do.

Other _____

12. Please evaluate the following statement and respond.

“The American judiciary is the weakest of the three branches of government. The Liberty of the people can never be endangered from that quarter. As long as the judiciary remains truly distinct from both the legislative and the executive branches, liberty has nothing to fear from the judiciary alone. However, liberty would have everything to fear from its union with either of the other branches. The judiciary has no influence over either the sword or the purse; no direction either of the strength or of the wealth of the society; and can take no active resolution whatsoever. It may truly be said to have neither force or will.”

12A. The author mentions The Judiciary, what is he talking about?

(Choose all that apply)

- A State Appeals Court FISA Court The Peoples Court The Supreme Court

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12B. The Author mentions liberty, What is liberty? (choose one)

- Rights granted by government A statue in NYC A word libertarians use a lot

- Rights granted by God, protected by government

- Other: _____

13. During the year 2020, the world went through a huge change and the USA was no exception. Various State Governors established some very strict rules including the orders for nearly all people to quarantine themselves, schools were ordered to shut down, churches were forced to close, and some ministers and churchgoers were actually arrested for having church service. Businesses and the economy were both shut down. Americans were ordered through executive orders to socially distance and to wear masks. Many citizens were arrested for failing to do so as many prisons were emptied by hardened career criminals. Which of the following statements best describes your views regarding Federal, State, and local reactions to the Covid 19 virus? Choose all that apply.

As long as there exists a nationwide emergency, all governments should do all within their power to keep people safe, including shutdowns, lockdowns, forced masks, and the suspension of liberty and the Constitution, as long as it is done for the good of society as a whole.

In times of crisis it becomes necessary for leaders to assume power that they would not normally have. Under such circumstances, it is acceptable to sacrifice liberty in order to secure safety and promote good health. Safety and community health are more important than civil rights.

The response to the Coronavirus by government officials was wrong and unlawful. There have always been huge problems and plagues that kill hundreds of thousands of people; smoking related diseases, heart disease, obesity, drug abuse, and of course, the opioid epidemic. These plagues have killed millions, but the response from government has never been to shut anything down. In fact, government does not even try to get rid of tobacco, booze, or shut down opiate drugs from coming into America. With a 99% survival rate of people who have contacted Covid 19, the shutdown of liberty and the destruction of our economy were simply not necessary and not

justified.

No American should accept the destruction of liberty to solve any crisis. Our health choices are just that, OURS and no government has any authority to pretend that they are in charge of my health. If the only thing government has to do to take our freedom away from us and destroy the American Dream is convince us that "doing so is for our own good," then there would never be a need for any Constitution. America was never intended to be based on a politician's assertion that our God-given natural rights and liberties would always be protected and guaranteed, unless of course, there's an emergency or some serious health problems. Such would be the antithesis of American idealism.

Many sheriffs across America have taken very strong and courageous stands stating that they would not enforce or go along with any of the Covid 19 mandates or restrictions. Sheriffs and all Peace Officers are not the "mask police." Some sheriffs have protected business owners' rights to keep their stores open. Protecting the rights of our constituents is our sworn duty and such responsibilities are not voided by any disease or "crisis of the day."

Comments: _____

14. Last and most importantly, Article 6 of the U S Constitution requires each public official to swear an oath of allegiance to the Constitution. What is it that you do to keep this oath? (choose one)

Oaths are ceremonial, and are done for the sake of tradition. In modern law enforcement, the law, case law, and high pressure situations truly govern our actions as police officers and sheriffs. I keep informed of all case-law and any Supreme Court decisions that specifically deal with law enforcement and I develop training and policies accordingly.

I stay very close to the County Attorney and follow his legal advice explicitly.

I keep my oath by doing those things that are statutorily required for sheriffs of my state to do. I enforce the laws as required with fairness and honesty.

I have read the Constitution and have studied what the Framers of America intended. I have studied the Declaration of Independence and I know what the purpose of all government is. I will only enforce laws that coincide with the Constitution. I take my oath seriously and I will not violate it for anyone.

Other _____

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I am a Sheriff.

I am a Candidate for Sheriff.

I am interested in becoming a CSPOA Member and would like more information.

I wish to subscribe to CSPOA emails and other CSPOA communications.

I hereby certify that I have answered the above questions honestly and that I, the candidate or incumbent have answered the questions.

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