



# SHASTA COUNTY SHERIFF

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SHERIFF - CORONER

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Residents of Shasta County,

As we start a new year, as your Sheriff, I wanted to share with you some of my thoughts on the changes to Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit laws enacted by state lawmakers and signed by the Governor. I was pleased that the U.S. District Court issued a preliminary injunction preventing enforcement of part of Senate Bill 2 (SB-2). I believe restricting citizens from lawfully carrying their firearm in many of the locations they deem "sensitive" to be unconstitutional. However, on Saturday, December 30, 2023, a federal appeals court reversed that decision, allowing the law, including the "sensitive areas" restrictions, to go into effect.

Other unnecessary aspects of this legislation also went into effect on January 1, 2024. There is active legal opposition to SB2 that is challenging the constitutionality of the regulations that may take some time to work through the courts, and we appreciate your patience. As your Sheriff I am in complete support of the legal efforts being taken.

The men and women of the Sheriff's Office want to assist citizens in their right to lawfully carry firearms. As part of our efforts to navigate these changes, we have set up a page on our website where anyone can review changes to the law, and my personnel will post new developments in the opposition to the legislation. The public can access that page here: <https://www.shastacounty.gov/sheriff/page/ccw-sb2-updates>. We will also routinely keep the public updated on developments via our various social media platforms.

Additionally, the dedicated personnel in our Records Unit are available to answer questions you may have about the changes in our applicant and renewal processes due to the new legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact my professional staff by calling 530-245-6000.

I have always opposed laws that infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of responsible, trained permit holders, and will continue to oppose laws that penalize law abiding citizens. I am in close contact with other Sheriffs throughout the state in a coordinated effort to traverse these overreaching regulations.

I wish you all a safe start to the new year and I am proud to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael L. Johnson".

Michael L Johnson

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