



SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
BRANDON BARNES  
SHERIFF – CORONER

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Dear Sutter County CCW Holders,

I wanted to bring your attention to some changes in the CCW permit laws enacted by the California legislature and signed by the governor, effective January 1st, 2024.

I understand these changes may be frustrating, and I share your concerns. I have repeatedly expressed my opposition to the State legislature amending the law at every stage, from its infancy to its adoption. I will continue to work with the California State Sheriff's Association and will oppose any infringements on the Second Amendment.

Key Changes:

1. **References Required:** Applicants must now provide references as a part of the CCW permit application process.
2. **Mental Health Training:** New applicants and renewals must attend classes that include 1 hour of mental health training.
3. **Firearm Registration:** You are permitted to carry only a firearm registered to you, and joint ownership is no longer allowed for CCW's.
4. **Alcohol Consumption:** It is prohibited to consume alcohol while carrying or in establishments primarily for onsite consumption.
5. **On-Person Carry:** Your CCW permit must be carried on your person at all times.
6. **Appeals Process:** If denied a permit, you have the right to appeal the decision with the Sutter County Superior Court.
7. **Restricted Areas:** To include, but not limited to, privately owned businesses. There are specific locations where carrying is prohibited; please refer to our CCW website at [SutterSheriff.org](http://SutterSheriff.org). This list is extensive, so please make yourself aware of the changes.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our CCW Unit at the Sheriff's Office at 530-822-7307. Your safety and understanding of these regulations are of the utmost importance to us.

As your Sheriff, I will continue to support you and the CCW program in Sutter County. The men and women of our office are blessed to serve this community and we thank you for your continued support. We will keep you updated on our advocacy efforts on our website and social media accounts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "B. Barnes", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Brandon Barnes  
Sutter County Sheriff's Office