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Kentucky State Fraternal Order of Police

Candidate Questionnaire

Name:

Office Sought:

Political Party (if applicable):

Years of Public Service (if any):

I. Law Enforcement & Public Safety

1. Do you believe law enforcement is essential to maintaining safe communities in Kentucky?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain your answer.
 2. What is your overall philosophy regarding policing and criminal justice in Kentucky?
(Short answer)
 3. Do you support adequate staffing levels for law enforcement agencies, including recruitment and retention incentives?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If elected, what specific actions would you support?
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II. Officer Safety, Training, and Resources

4. Do you support increased or sustained funding for law enforcement training, equipment, and technology?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
 5. Should Kentucky continue to invest in modern training standards, including de-escalation, mental health response, and use-of-force training?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Why or why not?
 6. Do you support legal protections for officers who act lawfully and in good faith while performing their duties?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
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III. Use of Force & Legal Protections

7. Do you oppose legislative efforts that would eliminate or significantly weaken qualified immunity for law enforcement officers?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain your position.

8. Do you believe use-of-force decisions should be judged based on the totality of circumstances faced by the officer at the time?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
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IV. Criminal Justice & Victims' Rights

9. Do you support holding violent offenders accountable through meaningful sentencing?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
10. Do you believe Kentucky's bail and pretrial policies should prioritize public safety and victims' rights?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If elected, what reforms would you support or oppose?
11. What role should law enforcement play in addressing drug trafficking and violent crime in Kentucky?
(Short answer)
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V. Retirement, Benefits, and Labor Rights

12. Do you support protecting the solvency and integrity of the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) for law enforcement officers?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
13. Do you support enhanced retirement benefits, including separation service recognition for hazardous-duty law enforcement officers?
☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Do you support the right of law enforcement officers to engage in collective bargaining or organized representation?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Please explain.
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VI. Officer Wellness & Mental Health

15. Do you support access to confidential mental health resources for law enforcement officers, including PTSD treatment?
☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Would you support legislation or funding to address suicide prevention and wellness programs for officers?
☐ Yes ☐ No
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VII. Public Accountability & Trust

17. How would you work to improve public trust in law enforcement while supporting officers who do their jobs lawfully and professionally?
(Short answer)
 18. Do you commit to consulting with Kentucky law enforcement organizations, including the FOP, before supporting legislation that impacts policing?
☐ Yes ☐ No
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VIII. Final Commitment

19. If elected, will you meet regularly with law enforcement leaders and FOP representatives to discuss public safety issues?
☐ Yes ☐ No
 20. Is there anything else you would like Kentucky law enforcement officers and FOP members to know about your candidacy?
(Optional)
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Additional Key points to ask depending on Office

- Prosecutorial discretion and cooperation
- Juvenile justice policy
- Body camera mandates and funding
- Immigration enforcement (for federal offices)
- Campus or school safety