



"Excellence In Service"

Yamhill County Sheriff's Office

Yamhill County Courthouse
535 N.E. 5th Street, Room 143, McMinnville, Oregon 97128-4595

Email: sheriff@co.yamhill.or.us

Business Office (503) 434-7506 • Fax: (503) 472-5330
Jail (503) 434-7507
Emergency 911

Sheriff Jack Crabtree

November 13, 2008

RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE

Dear Concealed Handgun License Holder,

There is currently a statewide issue regarding the disclosure of personal information which includes names, addresses and other identifying information of people who have concealed handgun licenses, which includes you. The media and other groups are asking for lists of information about all the people who have a concealed handgun license. As your Sheriff, I have refused to disclose personal information as it is my belief that people get a CHL for their security and the security of their families, and do not want that information made public. In addition, as we are all aware, identity theft is also a growing concern.

Notwithstanding my belief, and the beliefs of other sheriffs in the state, an Oregon court has recently said that there is no evidence that people get a CHL as a security measure, and ordered the Jackson County Sheriff to disclose the list of information about Jackson County CHL holders to the local newspaper. That case is currently being appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

At this point, while I have a belief that you obtained your CHL as a security measure, and that you would not want everyone in the state to have your name, address and other personal information, I do not know that for certain. I am asking you to answer two questions so that I know for certain whether you want your information released. Please answer the two questions on the lower portion of this letter and return that section to the Sheriff's Office at the address below, if you want your name and other information to remain confidential, simply answer YES to both questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jack Crabtree,
Yamhill County Sheriff

□

Yes No I AM REQUESTING THAT MY APPLICATION AND INFORMATION BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL, AND NOT RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

Yes No I AM APPLYING FOR A CHL AS A PERSONAL SAFETY MEASURE, AND DO NOT WANT ANY INFORMATION ABOUT MY APPLICATION OR CHL STATUS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

Print your name please: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*It is the Mission of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
to provide our citizens with high quality law enforcement services, in an ethical
and fiscally responsible manner.*