

Bonner County Sheriff

	Daryl Wheeler
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Daryl Wheeler Bonner County Sheriff Running for a 5th Term.
2. Define your role as Sheriff.	I have worked to keep Bonner County a safe place to live, work, and play . This has been accomplished by providing the highest quality law enforcement, investigations, support, and public safety services possible. My team is dedicated to being recognized as professional, compassionate, responsive, and adding value to the lives of our constituents in return for the precious tax dollars with which we have been entrusted.
3. The 10th amendment states: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. What does this mean to you?	I was introduced to the 10 th Amendment by Constitutional Attorney Herb Titus in 1997. When the federal government ventures outside of its enumerated powers, the People should appropriately show their disquietude. And the Representatives in the States have a responsibility to push back on behalf of the People. The act of Interposition should be taught in all civics classes.
4. What do you see as the top issues facing the Sheriff's Office? What are your proposed solutions?	Keeping trained and qualified deputies in Bonner County after COVID. Housing prices, the cost of living and low wages have left my county a training ground for neighboring counties which pay \$10 more per hour. It costs about \$100,000 to train a deputy. Two of the Bonner County Commissioners refuse to step up to the plate. It is time for them to be replaced in the next election.
5. What should the State of Idaho's policy be regarding the prosecution of Fentanyl dealers?	Idaho just passed a strict law regarding Fentanyl dealers. I supported it!
6. If a federal, state, local government entity, and/or the United Nations were to implement a policy of door-to-door gun confiscation in your jurisdiction, what would you do?	I would not allow this! They would be asked and forced to leave. Under my leadership the 2nd Amendment and the Idaho Constitution are King. Those rights are codified in Article 1, Section 11, of the Idaho State Constitution. "RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. The people have the right to keep and bear arms, which right shall not be abridged; but this provision shall not prevent the passage of laws to govern the carrying of weapons concealed on the person nor prevent passage of legislation providing minimum sentences for crimes committed while in possession of a firearm, nor prevent the passage of legislation providing penalties for the possession of firearms by a convicted felon, nor prevent the passage of any legislation punishing the use of a firearm. No law shall impose licensure, registration or special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition. Nor shall any law permit the confiscation of firearms, except those actually used in the commission of a felony."
7. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	Right now, I am accountable to God, the Idaho State Constitution, the United States Constitution and to the people of Bonner County who elected me.
8. Would your agency cooperate with legal requests made by Immigration and Customs Enforcement?	My office cooperates with Immigration and Customs. I have a contract to house their arrestees when a person is taken into custody by their agency.
9. Do you believe that North Idaho should implement a traffic control center? Why or why not?	No, I oppose the implementation of a "Traffic Control Center". This is more about controlling people than controlling traffic.
10. What is your opinion of Red-light cameras?	So far, we do not have Red-light cameras in Bonner County. I do not want them installed. I have asked the Bonner County Commissioners to fund a traffic enforcement officer to deal with the increase in traffic problems in the county during the last two budget cycles. Especially after we witnessed a 250% increase in traffic fatalities two years ago. They have denied my request two years in a row.

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11. What does religious freedom mean to you?	There are three external freedoms that are imperative: Religious, Economic and Political. They are equally important. God is over all however, they have separate jurisdictions. Civil Government cannot disqualify you based on your religious beliefs. Article VI of the Constitution and Article 1 in the Bill of Rights .
12. When do you believe life begins and how will that belief affect your role as Sheriff?	Conception. According to the Preamble of the Constitution, the blessings of Liberty are secure to ourselves and our Posterity! If someone injures a pregnant woman, that person can be charged with a crime for the injury or death of the child.
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No, I do not support the legalization of marijuana. However, I have advocated for a stiff fine in the cases of marijuana possession. Please read this article on how the Chinese Government is involved in the "legal" marijuana trade. https://www.propublica.org/article/marijuana-oklahoma-chinese-immigrant-arrests-asset-seizure-2
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I have 38 years of law enforcement experience, all relevant POST Certifications, and have served 15 years as the elected Sheriff of Bonner County.