

### Notes to Consider...

Current Events: *Why Aren't Your Kids Worth Protecting?*  
(The Sheriff Solution)

By G.S. Morris — 20 August 2018



Some Kentucky sheriffs have talked a big game when it comes to arming school personnel. It's almost straight out of the old *Scooby-Doo* cartoons: "If it weren't for those meddling school boards, why I'd arm select school personnel and end these preventable school mass murders, today!" Well guess what sheriffs? You have such authority to act completely on your own. This week's article cites chapter and verse how county sheriffs are empowered through the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) to place multiple unidentified armed school personnel inside our schools,

starting tomorrow. First, are the pertinent KRS on the exception for concealed carry on school grounds for special deputies (special deputies are "peace officers" as defined in KRS 446.010(31)).

KRS 527.070(3)(c): **Any peace officer or police officer authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to KRS 527.020;**

KRS 527.020(2): **Peace officers and certified court security officers, when necessary for their protection in the discharge of their official duties; United States mail carriers when actually engaged in their duties; and agents and messengers of express companies, when necessary for their protection in the discharge of their official duties, may carry concealed weapons on or about their person.**

In the wake of the 2007 Virginia Tech Massacre, the then Jackson County Schools Superintendent and Jackson County Sheriff were willing to make special deputies of select school personnel in order to provide multiple unidentified armed defenders inside each of the county's schools. In preparation for implementing the program, an official from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) at ECU attended a meeting of the Jackson County Schools Superintendent and Jackson County Sheriff. I personally witnessed the DOCJT official tell the superintendent and sheriff that the sheriff did not have the authority to make special deputies for the purpose of placing unidentified armed defenders of children inside the county's schools. The official further stated if the sheriff failed to heed his warning, the county would lose state funding for all deputy training because, "By law, ALL deputies must be certified through the DOCJT Academy in Richmond."

Day One, Lesson One of any reputable Constitutional Law course is: "The law is the law. It's not what you 'think' the law is; it's not what you 'want' the law to be; or even what the law 'ought' to be. The law is the law." What does the law tell us about certification requirements for special deputies in the Commonwealth?

KRS 15.380(1)(c): **Court security officers and deputy sheriffs, except those identified in KRS 70.045 and 70.263(3);**

The chap from the DOCJT lied through his teeth; that organization has a checkered past when it comes to truth telling. However, the bluff worked and the strategy for providing armed personnel at no cost to the taxpayers was forgotten, until recently. Given the board of education's flaccid response over the last decade to the threat facing our school children, fact checking of the law was undertaken recently concerning the use of special deputies to protect our schools; the findings clearly contradict what the county was told by DOCJT in 2007.

"You're wrong Mr. Morris. A county's sheriff is limited as to the number of special deputies he may appoint according to a county's population." That statement would be correct if you looked no farther than Subparagraph 1 (KRS subparagraphs are exclusive from one another unless stated otherwise) of KRS 70.045, which defines the law on special deputies. The subparagraph of the law covering special deputies, which makes perfectly legal the appointing of as many special deputies as necessary to protect our schools is the following:

KRS 70.045(2): **The sheriff in each county may appoint and have sworn in, and entered on the county clerk order book, as many special deputies as needed to assist him in the execution of his duties and office in preparation for or during an emergency situation, such as fire, flood, tornado, storm, or other such emergency situations. For purposes of this section only, an emergency situation is a condition which, in the judgment of the sheriff, requires a response immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or safety, utilizing special deputies previously appointed in preparation for the contingency.**

There is no greater public safety emergency than the threat posed to our children by school mass murderers. County sheriffs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky clearly have sole authority to place inside each of their county's schools multiple, unidentified armed special deputies drawn from school personnel who would receive training far superior to any training offered by the aforementioned DOCJT (ie., POSTky.org); they would cost the taxpayer no additional salaries; and they would serve invisibly in the classrooms, hallways, at ball games, and on field trips with instructions to act only in an immediate defense of life (IDOL) situation. Only disproven superstitions prevent this system from being in place today to really protect your most precious gifts.

Next Week: *The Solution (Ending Dangerous "Gun-Free" Zones in Kentucky Once and for all)*

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### Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

To be cursed means to be doomed to harm, evil, misfortune, or failure. The curse that was placed upon the Earth because of Adam's rebellion brought about spiritual death to humanity, which was the punishment for the lawlessness. Since then, humanity has been searching for life, peace, and fulfillment. Those who have it, found it by understanding God's grace concerning the death penalty and forgiveness concerning the guilt of it.

The curse allowed a 'worldly' atmosphere to become dominant, in place of God's provision and protection. Worldly pursuits, lust of the flesh, pride of life, selfishness, and a God-like mentality became normal, causing heartaches, brokenness, physical disabilities, and mental illnesses that are still prevalent today. But it doesn't have to be the norm, because as soon as sin revealed the curse, God revealed a remedy for it; Jesus, who on the cross, took the punishment for the sin of humanity, therefore initiating God to remove the guilt and ultimately remove the curse.

Poverty, illnesses, the reaching but never achieving, the striving but never accomplishing, the tiresome of toiling but obtaining very little compared to the effort, the 'giving it all you have' but still failing, all these things happen because of Satan's strongholds, he being the major influence of the 'world'. But Jesus made the way for humanity to come out of the 'world' (Ro. 12:2), live in Him (Gal. 2:20), and be free from the curse (Gal. 3; 13). From there, God's favor will start flowing, freedom from sin will become a lifestyle, and the evil and misfortune that Satan intended will be turned to goodness and prosperity.

### Yards to Paradise Landscaping

Pick and Eat (From Your Yard or Orchard)

By Max Phelps

Most real news isn't to be found on cable television. One real news item is that food prices are going up.

Yes, the economy has been roaring—I've declined work these past two years, something I rarely did in the 16 years before that. But, with a roaring economy there are price increases coming, if not already.

This especially affects those on "fixed incomes".

And droughts, floods, bears, skunks, deer, squirrels, raccoons, ground-hogs, bagworms, and who know what next, keep destroying garden and farm products. Wind, hail, fires, even earthquakes and volcanoes. Food scarcity from wars, pestilence, disrupted climate, is something that comes to portions of the world from time to time. Few think it could happen in the United States. But, growing some of what you eat, like grandma did, is always smart. And in a world where strikes, national emergencies, and so on are becoming more common, providing a meal from the garden or the yard could be a lifesaver.

Add in the price rises: tariffs on imports of Mexican or Canadian tomatoes, Chilean grapes, and Guatemalan bananas. As trucking freight rates rise, even Washington State apples will rise in price.

It's always been good to grow some of your own food, even if just for the mental health and exercise such activity provides. But in uncertain times having a few meals you can pick and eat if the stores are closed or gasoline is rationed is smarter than ever.

With these thoughts in mind, and I am sure I'll not be the only writer to cover this topic between now and next spring, consider planting some fruiting trees, bushes, nut-bearing trees, plus things that keep coming back season after season, like rhubarb and asparagus.

Those who wait until there is an actual emergency often find the businesses closed, or the nursery you buy seeds and fruit trees from is "SOLD OUT" until the following year. (If everyone wanted to actually grow a garden next spring, not even 1/3 of them could find seeds to plant or plants to set out.) It's the "prepared" that will have theirs. As always happens, the most popular items are gone to the early birds. And if there is a actual emergency, even the "marginal" items will sell out.

Order apple, pear, peach, plum trees in early fall. For fall planting or for shipment next spring.

Save seeds of non-hybrid varieties, heirlooms. Or order heirloom seeds for spring planting in the fall.

Like Johnny Appleseed, even seeds planted from wild apples or wild nut trees, can produce a lot of fruit for people and wildlife.

Speaking of wildlife, there is way too much of it. Trapping or shooting the pests that eat your garden or fruits may be necessary. Wild animals have made such a come-back, it's not just what becomes road-kill, but they are eating up what people normally eat. And if they ever get a disease that is easily spread to humans...we're all in trouble.

I may be getting old and crabby and this may scare away a few readers, but I figure my advice cost the reader nothing, and they can use it as they see fit.

The wise ones of you will actually not only read or listen, but will also take some action to grow a garden or plant some fruiting trees or bushes!

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