



## THE CAMERON PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

### 1. INCREASE RECRUITING AND RETENTION OF POLICE OFFICERS

Derogatory rhetoric, false narratives, and generational challenges have made it harder than ever for departments all across the Commonwealth to attract new officers and keep talent on the force. Using lessons learned from successful models from around the county, Daniel Cameron will lead a targeted campaign aimed at improving the narrative about police officers, encourage young Kentuckians to pursue law enforcement, and bring in eligible candidates from outside the Commonwealth.

**In his first budget, Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to develop \$5,000 recruitment and retention bonuses for law enforcement. Under a Cameron Administration, Kentucky will be the best place in America to be a police officer.**

### 2. PASS A BILL THAT GIVES DEATH PENALTY TO COP KILLERS

Attacks on police officers are on the rise and the government must respond. As of July 1, of this year, 194 officers have been shot in the United States, up 30% from 2021. Kentucky has not been immune from the troubling trend. The men and women of law enforcement run into danger to protect and serve, and the government must do its part to protect them.

**As Governor, Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to pass a law that mandates pursuing the death penalty anytime someone murders a police officer.**

### 3. BLOCK CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS FROM GETTING SUBPOENA POWER

The public should have faith in our law enforcement, and a strong relationship between police officers and the community is essential. Giving unelected, unaccountable activists the ability to investigate and harass police officers does not promote public safety or increase public trust.

**While holding the rare instance of gross police misconduct accountable is essential, Daniel Cameron will never support a civilian review board having subpoena power that interferes with the duty of law enforcement and undermines public trust.**

### 4. HIGHLIGHT AND HONOR POLICE AT KEY EVENTS

Several times a year there are important opportunities to highlight the hard work of law enforcement and the ultimate sacrifice some of our officers make, including National Police Week, Faith and Blue, and National Night Out, among others.

**Daniel Cameron will support these events directly and facilitate more opportunities for meaningful community interactions with police that grow respect for our law enforcement and allow our communities to see law enforcement in a positive light.**

## **5. ADD A KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST IN LOUISVILLE**

Louisville faces historic challenges, from record overdoses and drug trafficking to record homicides wrought by gang violence. No Governor should sit idly by as the state's largest city and economic hub is ravaged by violence and addiction. The Cameron Administration will see that no rural post is adversely affected.

**The Cameron Administration will build a new Kentucky State Police post which will work as a central hub to support the efforts of LMPD and the Jefferson County Sheriff, and allow for closer coordination between local, state, and federal law enforcement officials. The post will utilize new resources, increase the size of KSP, and assist with rural drug and crime mitigation efforts by cutting off criminal activity closer to major sources.**

## **6. PASS A STATEWIDE WIRETAPPING LAW FOR KENTUCKY STATE POLICE**

Organized crime, from drug cartels to violent gangs, do harm to Kentuckians every single day and Kentucky law enforcement must have every available tool to keep our citizens safe. Today, KSP must partner with federal partners to obtain wiretaps to investigate these heinous groups, which can slow the process of investigations and allow criminals to stay steps ahead of prosecution.

**As Governor, Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to pass a state-level wiretapping law, ensuring that it includes critical constitutional protections and judicial review procedures that mirror federal protections.**

## **7. REFORM THE PAROLE BOARD**

Parole boards can play an important role in the criminal justice process, but they should never become activist organizations that undermine public safety. In recent years, the Kentucky Parole Board has attempted to release some of our state's most violent criminals. This is unacceptable.

**The Cameron Administration will work with the General Assembly to reform the parole board by increasing the vote threshold for release and allowing the Governor to remove members at-will.**

## **8. INCREASE PENALTIES FOR DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO KILL KENTUCKIANS**

Kentucky is in the midst of a drug overdose crisis and anyone who peddles deadly poison on our streets deserves harsh consequences.

**As Governor, Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to follow the example of states like Texas who have allowed for murder charges to be filed against drug dealers who push deadly substances like fentanyl, often even disguising it as another substance. No drug dealer, at any level, should be immune from punishment for killing Kentuckians.**

## **9. USE OVERDOSE MAPPING TO SURGE RESOURCES TO DRUG HOT SPOTS**

Technology can help us save lives. By utilizing real time information and investing in critical tools, the Kentucky State Police can coordinate with local law enforcement to react to regional spikes in overdoses.

**Using these hot spot tools, a Cameron Administration can surge law enforcement and social services resources into the specific places most in need at a given moment.**

## **10. MANDATORY DNA COLLECTION FOR MOST HEINOUS FELONY ARRESTS**

The majority of states nationwide and in our region collect DNA when an individual is booked in connection with serious felonies like murder, rape, or burglary. Kentucky does not, making it harder to solve cold cases or to exonerate the wrongfully convicted.

**Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to mandate this kind of collection for serious felonies, ensuring protections that automatically purge DNA in the case of an acquittal or dismissal with prejudice.**

## **11. PASS STANDALONE CARJACKING STATUTE**

As carjackings continue to increase dramatically in cities around the country, including in Kentucky's largest cities, the Commonwealth remains in the minority of states which does not have a standalone carjacking statute.

**As Governor, Daniel Cameron will work with the General Assembly to rectify this, allowing state and local prosecutors to hold these perpetrators accountable.**

## **12. ADVOCATE FOR GROUP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION (GVI)**

For decades, Group Violence Intervention efforts have been successful across the country at reducing gang violence. Despite bipartisan support for GVI in Kentucky, Governor Beshear and the Department of Corrections have stood in the way and limited the program's effectiveness.

**As Governor, Daniel Cameron will fully support the broad coalition of bipartisan politicians, business leaders, and academics who have been working to implement these programs in the Commonwealth.**