



Brunswick County Law Enforcement Association

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August 28, 2026

Chief Jeremy Dixon
Shallotte Police Department
P.O. Box 2287
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RE: IN DEFENSE OF OUR IRREPLACEABLE TRAINING/QUALIFICATION FACILITY

Dear Chief Dixon:

We are reaching out for your department's cooperative verification regarding our long-term working relationship between BCLEA and *Shallotte Police Department*. Enclosed please find an outline of our service that Brunswick County Law Enforcement Association shooting range/training facility has provided to the law enforcement community since 1974. We have also outlined the potential risks to our facilities operations and very existence posed by rapidly encroaching residential and commercial developments in Brunswick County. We anticipate developer pressure to restrict or try and close the operation of BCLEA. The Board of Directors is taking affirmative actions to address such attacks including but not limited to extensive perimeter fencing, updated entry/exit systems, berms, lighting, cctv camera system and very strict rules governing the members use of the facilities.

You and all your officers have been long term valuable members. I am respectfully requesting that you express defense for the necessity of BCLEA by signing the Statement of Support, below and returning it to me in the attached self-return envelope. Your support is, of course, subject to withdrawal at any time, if you find that the BCLEA is not true to its mission.

Finally, I will regularly update you on the operations and improvements, of BCLEA. Please do not hesitate to call or write if you have any questions or if I may be of service.

Sincerely,
Diane Sandoval, Vice-President and Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I, Jeremy Dixon, confirm my ongoing support for the BCLEA, its mission, the facility and its valuable contribution to the training of law enforcement officers in Brunswick County.

Dated this 9 day of September, 2026

Chief of Police Jeremy Dixon

*Shallotte
Police
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TOWN OF SHALLOTTE

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Sept 14, 2026

To: Brunswick County Commissioners

Ref: Brunswick County Law Enforcement Association Range

Elected Commissioners,

It has come to our attention that significant operational risks to the BCLEA range threaten its closure. The BCLEA range has provided law enforcement centered training for more than 50 years. In that time, thousands of officers from this county have received countless hours of vital life safety training. This facility ensures that officers are equipped with the training and experience necessary to protect our residents, our visitors, our businesses, and our schools. With the rapid development and growth in Brunswick County, now more than ever is the time to invest in protecting our future, not risk endangering it.

In an effort to work with, not against encroaching development, the BCLEA Board of Directors has taken significant steps to update fencing, entry and exit systems, berms, lighting, cameras, and strict rules governing use. As elected officials, we must face tough decisions head on and not allow budgeting restrictions nor political ideologies to weaken our public safety commitment. If Brunswick County were to lose the Law Enforcement Association range, it would be detrimental to the local police departments as well as every individual in this county. Without proper training, and a facility to practice, we are essentially crippling our law enforcement capacity. The danger this places on our citizenry is uncomprehensible.

We humbly ask that you stand with the Town of Shallotte and the Brunswick County Law Enforcement Association to find and support equitable solutions that foster residential and commercial development, while also maintaining the highest level of law enforcement training. Only by working together as elected officials, developers, and public safety will our communities prosper.

In closing, we understand the Sheriff's Office has its own dedicated firing range and training facility, but the municipalities in this county do not have that luxury. We are dependent upon the survival of the BCLEA range to continue to provide the highest quality training and live fire experience to officers as we entrust them to protect our communities. While we pray it never happens, our municipal officers need to be properly trained and ready to make split second life-or-death decisions. The BCLEA range is vital to our mission of public safety. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter as we continue to see Brunswick County prosper.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Dixon, Police Chief
Shallotte Police Department



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Signed in Support – Shallotte Board of Aldermen

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