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Dear Indiana State Police Retiree:

The department is conducting the 2011 retiree firearms qualifications in accordance with federal law 18 U.S.C. 926C (H.R. 218) and IC 35-47-15. We are providing you with the information below to allow you the opportunity, if you desire, to qualify with a firearm.

Federal law provides an exemption to qualified retired law enforcement officers from state laws that require a permit to carry a concealed handgun. However, to be exempt, retired officers must complete an **annual** firearms qualification program that meets state standards or the standards of the agency from which they retired. Once qualified, retired officers are permitted to carry the qualified concealed firearm in all 50 states, as well as all U.S. territories and possessions, without regard to permit requirements.

This qualification program is not mandatory for retirees. Retirees in possession of an Indiana license to carry a handgun may continue to carry a concealed firearm in Indiana without completing the retiree handgun qualification program and would be permitted to carry a handgun in another state, territory, or possession that honors Indiana's permits. This Indiana license to carry a handgun is a lifetime license.

The department is conducting retiree firearms qualifications on the following dates and at the following locations:

- October 13, 14, and 15, 2011 in the Bremen District at the Nappanee Police Department indoor range located at 301 West Lincoln Street, Nappanee. The contact person for the Bremen location is Lieutenant Jim Strong at (800) 552-2959 or (574) 546-4900.

- October 20, 21, and 22, 2011 in the Sellersburg District at the Clark County Law Enforcement Training Center located 4.6 miles east of SR 265 on SR 62. The old Charlestown Post will be on the north side of SR 62 just prior to Gate 11. Turn south at Gate 11, go straight to range (Clark County Law Enforcement Training Center) on left. The contact person for the Sellersburg location is Corporal Steve Didat at (800) 872-6743 or (812) 246-5424.

- October 27, 28, and 29, 2011 at the Pendleton Post Range located at 9022 South SR 67, just south of Pendleton. The contact person for the Pendleton location is First Sergeant Tim Kaiser at (800) 527-4752 or (765) 778-2121.

Each location will have six (6) sessions per day with ten (10) slots available per session. The morning sessions are at 0800, 0900, and 1000 hours and the afternoon sessions are at 1300, 1400, and 1500 hours. If you intend to qualify with more than one weapon, you must schedule additional sessions. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis.

IC 35-47-15 states that the retired law enforcement officer bears the expenses associated with obtaining evidence of qualifying. To that effect, the department is charging a $10.00 Qualification Application Fee for **each** firearm that you intend to qualify with. **Payment of the application fee must be made by money order made out to the Indiana State Police.** Payment will be made to the department firearms instructor at the time of qualification.

The attached Retiree Firearms Qualification Instruction Sheet provides important information that you must review and comply with for qualifications. Firearms safety during the qualification sessions is a priority and all safety precautions will be strictly adhered to. Violations of safety guidelines will result in the termination of your qualification attempt.

Questions concerning this information should be directed to the Training Division's Firearms Program Coordinator Sergeant Christopher Lambert at (800) 527-4752 or (765) 778-9781.

I hope all is going well for you and look forward to seeing you again soon. Your service is well remembered and much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Paul Whitesell

Paul Whitesell, Ph. D.
Superintendent

Attachments

RETIREE
QUALIFICATION COURSE

The Non-issued Back-up Handgun Qualification Course is designed to test an officer's skill with a non-issued handgun. This same course will be used to qualify Retirees.

RULES

1. Ammunition to fire the course will be provided by the officer. Twenty-five rounds per handgun qualified are needed.

2. Each stage of fire will commence with the handgun in the location where it will normally be carried.

3. A "B-27" target will be used.

4. To be considered qualified; all shots must be within the silhouette and no less than 15 shots inside the "coke bottle" scoring area of the target. The score shall be reported by indicating the actual number of shots in the coke bottle, 8-ring or head.

STAGE I:

Time limit:	10 seconds per string of fire
Distance:	3-yard line
Rounds needed:	6
Action:	One hand shooting only. On command draw and fire two (2) rounds to the chest and one (1) round to the head. Repeat using support hand.

STAGE II:

Time limit:	10 seconds
Distance:	5-yard line
Rounds needed:	5
Action:	One hand shooting only. On command, draw and fire (2) rounds to the chest and one (1) round to the head with the strong hand then fire two (2) rounds to the chest with the support hand.

STAGE III:

Time limit:	3 seconds per string of fire
Distance:	7-yard line
Rounds needed:	6
Action:	Two hand shooting. On command, draw and fire two (2) rounds to the chest and one (1) round to the head. Repeat using support hand.

STAGE IV:

Time limit:	20 seconds
Distance:	7-yard line
Rounds needed:	8
Action:	Two hand shooting. On command, draw and fire four (4) rounds to the chest and one (1) round to the head. Reload and fire two (2) rounds to the chest and one round to the head.

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RETIREE QUALIFICATION
INSTRUCTION SHEET

- Safety during the qualifications sessions will be a priority. All range safety guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Violations will result in the termination of your qualification attempt.

- Report to the Firing Range at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled qualification time.

- All weapons must be unloaded prior to arrival at the training facility. You will be required to provide all ammunition needed to qualify. The qualification course requires the firing of 25 rounds.

- Upon arrival at the range, report to the range safety officer for registration. You must present your ISP retiree identification and submit your $10.00 Qualification Application fee. Only money orders made out to "Indiana State Police" will be accepted for payment.

- The range safety officer will inspect your weapon to ensure it is unloaded and in serviceable condition. Anyone with a weapon that is not in serviceable condition will not be permitted to qualify with that weapon.

- The range safety officer will provide each person qualifying with ear and eye protection equipment that must be worn during qualification.

- The range safety officer will review the qualifications course instructions with everyone prior to moving to the line to shoot. When on the shooting line the instructions will be repeated for each stage of fire.

- There will be no time allowed for practice.

- You will be provided with only one opportunity to qualify.

- The firearms instructors will not provide any remedial training.

- Appropriate range clothing should be worn on the range.

- Qualifications will take place regardless of inclement weather. It is recommended you bring appropriate clothing in the event of inclement weather.

- No additional qualification dates will be provided.

- No guests will be permitted on the range.