

September 6, 2013

Dear Indiana State Police Retiree:

The Department is conducting the 2013 retiree firearms qualifications in accordance with federal law 18 U.S.C. 926C (H.R. 218, H.R. 218b, and S.B. 1132) 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 a concealed firearm in all fifty states (and 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 at five locations:

- October 3, 4, and 5, 2013 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.
- October 3, 4, and 5, 2013 in the Sellersburg District at the Clark County Law Enforcement Training Center located 4.6 miles east of SR265 on SR62. The old Charlestown Post will be on the north side of SR62 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 10, 11, and 12, 2013 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 First Sergeant Gary Coffie at (800) 552-2959 or (574) 546-4900.
- October 10, 11, and 12, 2013 at the Peru Post Range located at 1451 North Eel River Cemetery Road, Peru. The contact person for the Peru location is First Sergeant Jim Strong at (800) 382-0689 or (765) 473-6666.
- October 24, 25, and 26, 2013 in the Bloomington District at the Bedford Range located at 2700 Tunnelton Road, Bedford. From US50 on the east side of Bedford, take Tunnelton Road south approximately 1 mile to the range, which will be on the east side of the road. The entrance to the range is just south of Pinhook Road, and is marked with 2 utility poles bearing large orange colored markings. The contact person for the Bloomington location is S/Trooper Ryan Miller at (800) 423-1286 or (812) 332-4411.

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-serve basis.

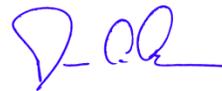
Although IC 35-47-15 states that the retired law enforcement officer bears the expenses associated with obtaining evidence of qualifying, the Department is no longer charging retirees the Qualification Application Fee. **Therefore, no payment is required to the Indiana State Police in order to participate in the 2013 Retiree Qualifications.**

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 Section's Firearms Program Coordinator Sergeant Christopher Lambert at (800) 527-4752 or (765) 778-9781.

I hope this letter finds you well, and look forward to seeing you again soon. Your service is remembered and very much appreciated.

Yours in service,



Douglas G. Carter
Superintendent