

HR-218- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT OF 2004 RETIREE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform retired LASD sworn personnel of the current Department procedures to certify them under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004. This Federal law allows honorably retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm nationwide, but requires annual proficiency certification. The LASD Weapons Training Unit has developed a firearms test for those retired members who wish to take advantage of the privileges afforded to them under the new law.

(Active duty personnel should refer to Sheriff's Bulletin #523, and Field Operations Support Services Newsletter, Volume 04, Number 25, for further information)

Annual Qualification

The Department firearms proficiency test for retirees assesses general firearms safety and proficiency in handling and firing the weapon. It is available to any retired LASD deputy who retired in good standing. California residency is not required.

Biscailuz Pistol Range has HR-218 testing by appointment every Thursday at 1100 hours. For retirees visiting from out of state or Northern California, you can contact the Range at

(323) 267-2730 to arrange a special appointment due to travel plans.

Additionally, HR-218 testing is also conducted during the annual retiree "Round-up" in Laughlin.

Retired personnel who successfully complete the firearms proficiency test will immediately be issued a certification card, valid for one year from the date of certification. This card must be carried with the retiree's Department identification.

Additional Information

- The Sheriff has directed that the firearms proficiency test and annual certification be provided at no cost to LASD retirees. You will be able to purchase .38, .45, or 9mm ammunition at the range. For other calibers, you will need to bring your own ammunition.
- Retirees who do not wish to carry a concealed firearm outside of California do not have to qualify under the Federal law. However, if they wish to continue carrying in California only, they must renew their CCW permit as currently required.
- Only LASD retirees can be HR-218 certified at Biscailuz Center Pistol Range or at the annual "Round-up" in Laughlin.
- HR-218 allows for LASD retirees living in other states to be certified by that state if the state offers such a test. Retirees living out of state should contact their local law enforcement agency to determine if such a test is available.

Any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin may be directed to LASD, Biscailuz Center Range, 323-267-2730.