

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Certifications for Retired Officers ¹

I Policy

The safety of police officers is of great concern to the Springfield Police Department, both during their employment and after. Under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (18 USC 926C), the Springfield Police Department is able to provide a training opportunity for its retired officers to maintain weapons qualification. ²

II Definitions

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) – Refers to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-277), as amended by the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-272) and the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 112-239), codified in Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 926B and 926C. The LEOSA allows the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers. Under this federal law, retired Springfield Police Department Officers are eligible to receive an LEOSA certification through this department if they meet certain provisions as outlined in this policy. ³

III Procedure

1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ⁴

1 SOG title revised, punctuation correction, per Policy Change Order 17-021.

2 Policy Statement revised, LEOSA reference shortened, per Policy Change Order 17-021.

3 Definition of LEOSA revised, source references added, per Policy Change Order 17-021.

4 Section 1 revised, eligibility requirements for certification through the SPD modified, per PCO 17-021.

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- 1.1 To be eligible for LEOSA certification through the Springfield Police Department (SPD), retired officers shall meet the following criteria:
 - 1.1.1 Must have been a sworn police officer;
 - 1.1.2 Must be retired from the Springfield Police Department;
 - 1.1.2(a) Retired SPD officers having met the established guidelines for an age and service retirement will be eligible unless otherwise disqualified.
 - 1.1.2(b) Participation of subjects who received a disability retirement will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Chief of Police.
 - 1.1.2(c) Having worked for the SPD at some point does not necessarily make you eligible for retiree certification, regardless of whether you are vested in and/or receive a check from the pension system.
 - 1.1.3 Must currently be in good standing.
 - 1.1.3(a) Good standing status will be determined by the Chief of Police on a case-by-case basis.
 - 1.1.3(b) Any information gained about a retired officer that could potentially be cause for disqualification shall be provided to the Chief of Police.
 - 1.1.3(c) If the Chief of Police finds a retiree is not in good standing, the Training Section will be notified. The Training Section will then send the retiree written notice that they are ineligible for LEOSA certification.

2 FIREARM QUALIFICATION ⁵

- 2.1 Eligible retired SPD officers who wish to maintain LEOSA certification may return once a year for firearm qualification with the SPD range staff.
 - 2.1.1 SPD employees who are retired law enforcement officers from another local, state, or federal law enforcement agency and meet all the requirements outlined in the LEOSA may, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, be allowed to qualify with retired SPD officers, for the purpose of obtaining LEOSA certification through the agency from which they retired.
- 2.2 The Training Section will maintain a list of eligible retired officers and email them the date and time of their firearm qualification session. The retiree must respond by email to register for the scheduled qualification session.
 - 2.2.1 The Training Section will conduct a criminal history check through MULES/NCIC on each retired officer who has registered to qualify, to

⁵ Section 2 revised, qualification procedures updated, per Policy Change Order 17-021.

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check for any offense that would make them ineligible for LEOSA certification.

2.2.1(a) This check will be done annually, prior to each qualification session.

2.2.2 If the MULES/NCIC check reveals an offense that would prohibit the retired officer from possessing a firearm, the SPD Training Section shall notify the Chief of Police of the disqualifying information.

2.3 Qualification sessions will be scheduled at regular intervals and retiree firearm qualification will only be conducted on those dates.

2.4 All qualifications will be at the participant's own expense.

3 CERTIFICATION IDENTIFICATION CARD ⁶

3.1 After completing yearly qualification, retired SPD officers will be issued a Retiree Concealed Firearms Qualification Certification identification card (SPD Form # 11-SP-0612), which will indicate the officer has qualified with their weapon and meets the standards set forth by the SPD, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, and the Missouri POST board.

3.1.1 Retired officers living outside the State of Missouri will meet the requirements set forth by their state of residence.

3.2 The LEOSA certification does not supersede or limit the laws of any state that permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property, or prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any state or local government property installation, building, base, or park.

IV Attachments

⁶ Section 3 revised, heading added and minor reorganization, per Policy Change Order 17-021.