



## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **WRITTEN DIRECTIVE**

**TO:** All Retired Sworn Personnel

**FROM:** Sheriff Jim Fredericks

**DATE:** September 16, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004

On July 22, 2004 President George Bush signed the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, Public Law No. 108-277. The Act permits both qualified active and qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm in any U.S. State of political subdivision without a permit or license. It further exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from State and local laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms. The Act is codified in Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, §926 B and C.

#### **Qualified Retired Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Deputies**

The Sheriff's Office will provide retired Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Deputies the opportunity to qualify with an Agency approved weapon during "LEOSA Range" days at the Police Academy. Qualified retired deputies will be required to successfully complete a Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) approved firearms course for day fire and reduced light.

Unfortunately, we do not conduct LEOSA qualifications for any other police agencies. Retired officers from outside agencies may contact the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission for assistance with LEOSA qualifications. Deputies that retired from another police agency before coming to the Sheriff's Office should first check with that agency to complete their LEOSA qualifications.

Pursuant to successful qualification, the Sheriff's Office Firearms Instructors will issue a certification card that must be carried along with the retired deputy's identification card. The LEOSA card will indicate the retired deputy's weapon type and date of expiration.

This course of fire will be provided to retired Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Deputies at no cost to them. All approved weapons and ammunition must be supplied by the retired deputy at their own expense. The Sheriff's Office Training Administrator can be reached at 410-222-1299

Retired deputies will need to travel to the Circuit Court House in Annapolis by appointment only to have their photo taken for their LEOSA card. All appointments must be arranged with the Training Administrator at 410-222-1299 before the range date.

Retired deputies must fill out an application and return it to the Training Administrator 15 days prior to qualifying with an approved firearm. A background check will be completed to ensure the retiree is permitted to carry a firearm under Maryland State laws.

The Training Administrator reserves the right to refuse a retired officer from qualifying at the Academy's range for stated reasons. LEOSA applicants will be afforded one opportunity to shoot a passing score for both the day and reduced light qualification courses. A failing score for either course will result in the applicant being disqualified for LEOSA privileges until the next qualification date.

Retired deputies will be permitted to qualify with up to two firearms per year. Retired deputies must report to the Police Academy firing range with at least 100 hundred rounds of approved ammunition and three magazines. The holster must fully cover the trigger guard when the firearm is holstered. Cross draws, waist bags, ankle holsters and the use of a pants pocket will not be allowed. Long pants and closed toe shoes must be worn on the range. Safety equipment will be provided by the Sheriff's Office.

LEOSA applicants must abide by all range safety rules as well as following all directions from the range instructors. An applicant may be asked to leave the range for unsafe firearm handling and safety violations. The firearms instructors are the final authority regarding the approval of all weapons/holsters and dismissal from the range.