

Implementing the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004” and the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvement Act of 2010”

Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, Section 926B and 926C (LEOSA) exempts qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

The following information is provided solely for the convenience of retired and separated law enforcement officers residing in Virginia and is not intended to constitute a formal legal opinion or legal advice. You may wish to consult an attorney if you have any questions on carrying a concealed deadly weapon in the Commonwealth of Virginia or elsewhere.

Evidence of LEOSA compliance for qualified officers includes photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual separated **and** verification of firearms qualification in accordance with Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) standards during the most recent 12-month period with the carried weapon. The firearms endorsement should include as a minimum the separated officer’s name, the date of qualification, the course of fire, carried firearm identification (make, model and caliber) and the qualifying agency. The form below may be used for this purpose in the absence of other documentation. Firearms qualification may be conducted by any DCJS or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor. **No DCJS approval is required for LEOSA compliance.**

As used in the United States Code cited above, qualified retired or separated law enforcement officer means, in summary, an individual who

- separated from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer,
- before separation was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest,
- before separation was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more and
- if applicable, completed any required probationary period of such service, and then separated due to a service connected disability,
- during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for qualification in firearms training for active law enforcement officers, as determined by the state in which the individual resides,
- has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the separating agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health or has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual is separating from service acknowledging such disqualification,
- is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance and
- is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

LEOSA FIREARMS COMPLIANCE

NAME:

QUALIFICATION DATE:

COURSE OF FIRE:

MAKE: MODEL: CALIBER:

QUALIFYING AGENCY:

INSTRUCTOR NAME:

INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE: