



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF
PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES

PPP RETIRED AGENT
FIREARMS CARRYING INFORMATION / PROCEDURES

The “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004” (H.R. 218) and the “Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act Improvement Act of 2010” (S. 1132) allows qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms by exempting them from any state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms.

As per 18 USC 926C, a “**qualified retired law enforcement officer**” means an individual who:

- (1) separated from service in good standing with a public agency as a law enforcement officer;
- (2) before such 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 or apprehension;
- (3) (A) before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more; or
(B) separated from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;
- (4) 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 former agency of the individual, the State in which the individual resides or, if the State has not established such standards, either a law enforcement agency within the State in which the individual resides or the standards used by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State;
- (5) (A) has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health...
(B) has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual is separating from service in which that individual acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this section for reasons relating to mental health...
- (6) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and
- (7) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

The Department will offer opportunities annually for retired Agents to meet the requirements listed in 18USC926C.

- The qualification session will include shooting the Department's course of fire
- Retired Agents must have been issued by SCDPPPS Human Resources (HR) their Agency issued ID with RETIRED stamped on it and bring it with them to the training session. It is the responsibility of the retiree to request this ID from Human Resources.
- Retired Agents must furnish any and all necessary ammunition;
- To maintain certification, retired Agents must recertify annually within a 12-month period;
- The Department will maintain records of retired Agents annual firearms qualification course of fire;
- The Department accepts no liability for the retired Agents participation in the course of fire or in any use of the firearm.
- All classes will be held in Columbia, SC.

PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLING IN A CERTIFICATION CLASS

All training sessions will be conducted in Columbia. The session dates and times will be posted on the Department's website.

<https://www.dppps.sc.gov/Work-at-PPP/Training>

To enroll, contact Evan Antley in Training Compliance and Professional Development (TCPD) **at least five (5) business days before** your desired training session.

QUESTIONS

Contact Evan Antley in TCPD or Doug Fordham in Special Ops if you have any questions.

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