



## SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE, AND 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. Additional information can be found at this website

<https://www.aele.org/hr218.html>

As per H.R. 218, “qualified retired law enforcement officer” means an individual who:

- has separated from service in good standing with a government agency as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of ten (10) years or more or separated from such an agency due to a service-connected disability after completing any applicable probationary of such service;
- 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;
- had statutory powers of arrest;
- 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.

The Department will offer opportunities annually for retired Agents to meet the requirements of HR 218 and S. 1132;

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

## **PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLING IN A CERTIFICATION CLASS**

All training sessions will be conducted in Columbia and the session dates and times will be posted on the Department's website: [http://www.dppps.sc.gov/parole\\_agents\\_training.html](http://www.dppps.sc.gov/parole_agents_training.html)

Contact Stephen Gunnells in Training Compliance and Professional Development at least five business days before your desired training session to enroll.

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