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September 11, 2008

Dear Retiree,

In late 2004 the Congress passed the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004”, otherwise known as H.R. 218. This Act enables “qualified” retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm nationwide, if specific guidelines are met by the retired officer. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, I encourage you to obtain a copy of this Act to determine if you qualify. Specifically, Section 4, Subsection c, defines who qualifies under this act.

One requirement is that each retiree must qualify with the firearm(s) they intend on carrying, on an annual basis, within the state they currently reside. This Act is not meant to supersede state laws regulating concealed firearms, therefore all qualified retirees are encouraged to obtain and maintain a Connecticut Firearms Permit.

For the benefit of our retirees, the Simsbury Police Department will provide one qualification class for retirees each year. This class is reserved for qualified retirees who reside within Connecticut or reside in a state that does not currently have qualification standards. Advanced registration is required to attend this qualification. (See attached registration information and forms). Information and forms will also be available through the Simsbury Police Department Website.

If you reside out-of-state, you should contact your local or state police department regarding qualification opportunities in your area.

We look forward to seeing you on the range!

Sincerely,

Peter Ingvertsen
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HR 218 Retiree Qualification Instructions

“Qualified” retirees under HR 218 are eligible to participate in firearm qualification classes offered by the Simsbury Police Department. To reserve and participate in the class;

1. Submit completed registration forms and waiver and send payment no less than 3 weeks in advance;

- a. If you did not work a total of 15 years before retiring with SPD, it is your responsibility to submit documentation proving prior years of service with another agency, and that you left in good standing.
- b. Medical retirees, it is your responsibility to submit a doctor’s release stating you are fit to participate in this activity.

2. The department will send you a confirmation of registration.

3. Retirees with a valid CT firearms permit are to report to Bloomfield Police Department training room at the designated class start time for check-in.

- a. **Those that do not possess a CT firearms permit must make an appointment with Sgt. Nick Boulter to be fingerprinted.**
- b. All retirees will need to come to the Simsbury Police Department to have their photo taken for their I.D. card

4. Upon check in, participants must sign a Bloomfield Police Department liability waiver before continuing. The Simsbury Police Department waiver should be included with your application.

5. All weapons brought into the police department are to be in a proper carrying case and unloaded. Each weapons and ammunition will be inspected during check-in. Unsafe weapons or ammunition will not be allowed on the range.

- a. Each participant will be allowed to qualify with a maximum of two firearms.
- b. Each participant is to supply their own:
 - Ammunition; no less than 150 rounds of ammunition for each weapon they intend on qualifying with,
 - Eye & Ear protection,
 - Cleaning kit, and
 - Wear appropriate clothing.

6. To meet CT firearms qualification standards, participants will receive no less than one hour of classroom instruction and two hours of range instruction/qualification. Instruction will include, but is not limited to; state statutes, gun operation, safety, cleaning, storage, loading & unloading, shooting fundamentals, range safety and live fire exercises. Depending upon the size of the class, please expect the entire class to be approximately four hours.

7. Participants who possess a valid CT firearms permit and successfully complete this class will be mailed their certification card within approximately two weeks. This card will be valid for one year from the date of the class when carried with their retiree identification card. Both cards are required.

8. Participants, who do not possess a valid CT firearms permit, will be mailed their certification card upon successful completion of the fingerprint check.

9. If you do not currently have a retired police officer I.D. card or have one that is not signed by Chief Ingvertsen, we will be making a new one for you to accompany the firearms qualification card. These certification cards belong to the Simsbury Police Department and must be returned immediately if you become ineligible to carry a firearm.

Please dress accordingly, as the class will be held rain or shine.

Simsbury Police Department

H.R. 218

Firearms Qualification Reservation

Date of Class you are registering for: **October 11, 2008**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Secondary # _____

Type of Discharge: Full Retirement Early Retirement* Early Retirement or Resignation/Medical**

Retirement Date: _____ Length of Active Service with SPD: _____

Do you possess a Connecticut Firearms Permit? No Yes Number: _____

What weapon(s) do you plan on qualifying with?

Make Model Serial Number

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You will need to qualify with each TYPE of firearm you intend on carrying. If you only carry one type of gun, but have several different makes or models, you only need to qualify with one of them.

Please mail this application, along with a check for \$20.00 (payable to Simsbury Police Department) attention Sgt. Nick Boulter.

Comments/Concerns: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Classes will be held rain or shine. You will receive confirmation that your application was received. If a class is full, we reserve the right to transfer you to a later class. SPD reserves the right to challenge an applications "qualification" under HR 218, due to criminal history, length of employment, discharge in lieu of discipline, or any other eligibility areas of concern.

* Attach proof of prior service/good standing if less than 15 years w/SPD.

** Attach medical release to participate in this activity: release must state you may perform all of the following tasks: stand/kneel/run/sit/squat/twist, be in an environment with loud noise and various types of dust, as well as carry/load/fire and reload a firearm.



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WAIVER

In consideration of the Town of Simsbury, CT acting by its police department in certifying retired police officers as mandated by the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (the "Act", otherwise referred to as H.R. 218), and acknowledging that I no longer have police powers and that any actions I may take are in my capacity as a private individual under the laws of the State in which my actions are taken, and that I attest that I currently meet the eligibility requirements under HR 218, and further recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with carrying, loading, unloading, and cleaning a firearm, and the possibility of physical injury associated in physically moving through a qualifications course, and firing a firearm, the undersigned does, by and for him/her self, and his/her heirs and assigns, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Simsbury, its agents, servants and employees from any and all losses, claims, damages and expenses (including legal fees and costs) incurred by them as a result of providing any training and/or certification in compliance with the Act.

The undersigned acknowledges that authority to possess a weapon under the Act does not grant any authority to enforce the laws of the State of Connecticut; further, that the Town of Simsbury accepts no responsibility for the independent actions of the undersigned, but is merely complying with a training mandate required by federal law.

Participant Signature Date

Witness Date

Print Name

Print Name