

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6

June 22, 2011

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR RETIRED OFFICERS TO QUALIFY TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE: In 2004, the United States Congress passed *The Law Enforcement Safety Act*, House Resolution 218 (HR 218). House Resolution 218 allows active and qualified retired police officers to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) while traveling throughout the United States, regardless of any contravening state laws. In 2010, HR 218 was amended to impose a firearm qualification requirement for qualified retired officers who want to carry a concealed firearm in other states. This Order establishes that requirement for retired officers, the qualification course firing sequence, and retired officer's responsibilities.

PROCEDURE:

I. REQUIREMENT FOR RETIRED OFFICERS TO QUALIFY TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA. Department Manual Section 3/733.20, *Approval to Carry Concealed Firearm*, subsection *Retiring Officer's Responsibilities*, has been amended. The retired officer who wishes to carry a concealed firearm outside of California shall:

- * Be free of any condition that would preclude them from safely operating a firearm;
- * Adhere to basic range safety rules; and,
- * Prior to carrying a concealed firearm out of state, must qualify on the approved course of fire administered by a National Rifle Association-certified civilian law enforcement firearms instructor or a civilian rangemaster. These instructors are also certified by various law enforcement entities, e.g., the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Rangemaster School.

Note: The qualification is valid for a 12-month period from the date of qualification.

II. QUALIFICATION COURSE FIRING SEQUENCE. The Department's retired officer's qualification course sets the minimum standard retirees must shoot to comply with the requirements of HR 218. The course of fire was designed to be fully replicable anywhere in the country.

The starting position for this qualifying course of fire will begin at the 7 Yard Line. When the target faces, the shooter will draw and fire 10 rounds at a single silhouette target. A score of 70 percent is required to pass the qualification. All rounds impacting anywhere on the body and head will receive full value and rounds impacting upon the arms are half value.

Note: Any qualification course offered by any range within the United States which meets or exceeds the standards set in the Department's course would satisfy the HR 218 requirement, e.g., if a city or town in Alabama offered a security guard course of fire that required 20 rounds at 10 yards, it would exceed and meet the Department's course of fire for HR 218 compliance.

The passing score receipt, in conjunction with a retired CCW-endorsed Department ID, will permit a retiree to carry a concealed firearm within other states.

III. RETIRED OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Qualified retired officers who choose to meet the requirements of the amended HR 218 shall comply with the following:

- * Provide their own ammunition;
- * At their own expense, qualify with their firearms;
- * Carry proof of qualification at all times, along with a CCW-endorsed, approved identification card issued by the Department; and,
- * Upon request of any law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction, render the proof of qualification receipt.

Note: If a retired officer chooses **not** to qualify, the CCW endorsement will only be valid within the State of California. The Department will not track the retiree's firearm qualification requirements.

The remainder of this section remains unchanged.

AMENDMENT: This Order amends Section 3/733.20 of the Department Manual.

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY: The Assistant to the Director, Office of Administrative Services, shall have monitoring responsibility for this directive.

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AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Internal Audits and Inspections Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Beck', with a stylized, cursive flourish extending to the right.

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachment

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIRED OFFICER QUALIFICATION COURSE (HR 218)

PURPOSE: This qualification course of fire for retired Los Angeles police officers is intended to comply with the requirements of House Resolution 218 (HR 218), the *Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act of 2004*, which allows retired police officers to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) while traveling throughout the United States. In 2010, HR 218 was amended to impose a firearm qualification requirement for qualified retired officers who want to carry a concealed firearm in other states and pursuant to the procedures detailed below.

PROCEDURE: Retirees must be free of any condition that would preclude them from safely operating a firearm and adhere to the following Four Basic Safety Range rules:

1. All guns are always loaded;
2. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you are not willing to shoot;
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned on the target and you intend to shoot; and,
4. Be sure of your target.

QUALIFICATION COURSE FIRING SEQUENCE: The starting position for this qualifying course of fire will begin at the 7 Yard Line. When the target faces, the shooter will draw and fire 10 rounds at a single silhouette target. A score of 70 percent is required to pass the qualification. All rounds impacting anywhere on the body and head will receive full value and rounds impacting upon the arms are half value.

APPROVED FIRING COURSE RANGE FOR QUALIFICATION: Any course of fire that meets or exceeds the range qualification requirements, provided by any National Rifle Association-certified civilian law enforcement firearms instructor or authorized civilian rangemaster will satisfy the firearm qualification for retired police officers set forth in HR 218. These instructors are also certified by various law enforcement entities, e.g., the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Rangemaster School. The Department's retired officer's qualification course sets the minimum standard retirees must shoot to comply with the requirements of HR 218. The course of fire was designed to be fully replicable anywhere in the country. Any qualification course offered by any range within the United States which meets or exceeds the standards set in the Department's course would satisfy the HR 218 requirement, e.g., if a city or town in Alabama offered a security guard course of fire that required 20 rounds at 10 yards, it would exceed and meet the Department's course of fire for HR 218 compliance. The passing score receipt, in conjunction with a retired CCW-endorsed Department ID, will permit a retiree to carry a concealed firearm within other states.

EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Qualified Department retired officers who choose to qualify and meet the requirements of the amended HR 218 shall comply with the following:

- Provide their own ammunition;
- At their own expense, qualify with their firearm;
- Carry proof of qualification at all times, along with a CCW-endorsed, approved identification card issued by the Department; and,
- Upon request of any law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction, render proof of qualification receipt.

Note: The qualification is valid for a 12-month period from the date of qualification. If a retired officer chooses not to qualify, the CCW endorsement will only be valid within the State of California. The Los Angeles Police Department will not track this qualification requirement.