
Retiree Concealed Firearms

206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, denial, suspension or revocation of Urbana Police Department identification cards under the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA) and Illinois law (18 USC § 926C; 50 ILCS 705/10).

206.2 QUALIFIED RETIREES

1. In this policy, the term "qualified retired law enforcement officer" will mean a former Urbana Police Department officer who has separated from service in good standing, is not disabled due to mental instability, has an aggregate of at least ten years of service as a certified law enforcement officer, and is certified as such by the Chief of Police. A qualified retired law enforcement officer can also be an officer who has not completed the ten year aggregate, but who left service due to a service-related disability after completing probation.

2. In this policy, the term "officer" will mean a currently active Urbana Police Department officer, not retired or on permanent disability status.

3. The card or document containing the specified photograph and identifying data, bearing the authority of the Chief of Police, and certifying an officer's employment status or a qualified retired law enforcement officer's firearms qualification status.

4. The status of an officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer as authorized to possess a firearm.

- In the case of a current officer, "qualified" indicates the employee is current in firearms proficiency, having successfully completed the specified course of fire as certified by the Rangemaster. For purposes of this policy, officers on administrative leave requiring them to turn in their official identification are not "qualified" to carry a firearm under LEOSA.
- In the case of a qualified retired law enforcement officer, "qualified" indicates successful completion of annual marksmanship testing for qualified retired law enforcement officers.

206.3 LEOSA

The Chief of Police may issue an identification card for LEOSA purposes to any qualified former officer of this department who (18 USC § 926C(c)):

- (a) Separated from service in good standing from this department as an officer.
- (b) Before such separation, had regular employment as an officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more or, if employed as an officer for less than 10 years, separated from service after completing any applicable probationary period due to a service-connected disability as determined by this department.
- (c) Has not been disqualified for reasons related to mental health.

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- (d) Has not entered into an agreement with this department where the officer acknowledges that he/she is not qualified to receive a firearm qualification certificate for reasons related to mental health.
- (e) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

206.3.1 LEOSA IDENTIFICATION CARD FORMAT

The LEOSA identification card should contain a photograph of the former officer and identify him/her as having been employed as an officer.

206.3.2 AUTHORIZATION

Any qualified former peace officer, including a former officer of this department, may carry a concealed firearm under 18 USC § 926C when he/she is:

- (a) In possession of photographic identification that identifies him/her as having been employed as a law enforcement officer, and one of the following:
 1. A valid permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) (20 Ill. Adm. Code 1720.260).
 2. An indication from the person's former law enforcement agency that he/she has, within the past year, been tested or otherwise found by the law enforcement agency to meet agency-established active duty standards for qualification in firearms training to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.
 3. A certification, issued by either the state in which the person resides or by a certified firearms instructor who is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty law enforcement officers within that state, indicating that the person has, within the past year, been tested or otherwise found to meet the standards established by the state or, if not applicable, the standards of any agency in that state.
- (b) Not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.
- (c) Not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.
- (d) Not in a location prohibited by Illinois law or by a private person or entity on his/her property if such prohibition is permitted by Illinois law.

206.4 ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD PERMITS

Retirees who wish to carry a concealed firearm may apply for an ILETSB permit through the Illinois Retired Officer Concealed Carry (IROCC) office. Application information is available on the IROCC website (20 Ill. Adm. Code 1720.250).

206.5 FORMER OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

A former officer with a card issued under this policy shall immediately notify the Shift Supervisor of his/her arrest or conviction in any jurisdiction, or that he/she is the subject of a court order, in accordance with the Reporting of Employee Convictions Policy.

206.5.1 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LEOSA

In order to obtain or retain a LEOSA identification card, the former officer shall:

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- (a) Sign a waiver of liability of the Department for all acts taken related to carrying a concealed firearm, acknowledging both his/her personal responsibility as a private person for all acts taken when carrying a concealed firearm as permitted by LEOSA and also that these acts were not taken as an employee or former employee of the Department.
- (b) Remain subject to all applicable department policies and federal, state and local laws.
- (c) Demonstrate good judgment and character commensurate with carrying a loaded and concealed firearm.
- (d) Successfully pass an annual criminal history background check indicating that he/she is not prohibited by law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

206.6 DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

A LEOSA identification card may be denied or revoked upon a showing of good cause as determined by the Department. In the event that an identification card is denied, suspended or revoked, the former officer may request a review by the Chief of Police. The decision of the Chief of Police is final.

206.7 FIREARM QUALIFICATIONS

The Rangemaster may provide former officers from this department an opportunity to qualify. Written evidence of the qualification and the weapons used will be provided and will contain the date of the qualification. The Rangemaster will maintain a record of the qualifications and weapons used.

The Rangemaster shall ensure that any such certification program complies with 20 Ill. Adm. Code 1720.280.