

**Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004
Instruction and Firearms Training Standards for
Retired Law Enforcement Officers Residing in Minnesota**

The following are instructions to complete the form titled “Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004 – Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers Certification to Meet Minnesota Department of Public Safety Firearms Training Standards.”

Section A: Completed by retired law enforcement officer. A copy of a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer **must** be attached. Indicate the make and model of the firearm with which you completed your qualification.

Section B: Completed by a “certified instructor”, after the retired law enforcement officer named in Section A has been tested and found to meet the “Minnesota Department of Public Safety standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm”.

A “certified instructor” is a person certified as a firearms instructor within the past ten years by: (1) the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, (2) the Minnesota Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, (3) the National Rifle Association, (4) the American Association of Certified Firearms Instructors, or (5) an agency in another state that certifies firearms instructors and is comparable to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The “Minnesota Department of Public Safety standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm” can be met by successfully completing the following training (I-VI):

I. Score a 70% or higher on this shooting qualification exercise:

A. 3-yard line

3 rounds fired in 3 seconds, repeat 3 times, two-handed grip
•••••••••••••••• (9 rounds total)

B. 5-yard line

5 rounds, two-handed grip
5 rounds, strong hand, one-handed grip
4 rounds, weak hand, two-handed grip
(14 rounds total)

C. 7-yard line

8 live rounds and at least 3 orange dummy rounds, load and fire, clearing malfunctions as they occur, two-handed grip
4 rounds, two-handed grip
4 rounds, two-handed grip
3 rounds, two-handed grip
(19 rounds total)

D. 15-yard line

4 rounds shooting around or over a barricade, two-handed grip
4 rounds shooting around or over a barricade from a different angle, two-handed grip
(8 rounds total)

Scoring – 1 point for each hit inside silhouette

II. Demonstrate and/or explain the safe handling of firearms including

Safely and correctly loading and unloading firearm
•••••••••••••••• Safely and correctly holstering and drawing firearm
Safely and correctly clearing malfunctions
Safely and correctly maintaining firearms
Covering the handling and storing of firearms in compliance with Minnesota Statute 609.666

III. Explain the circumstances that justify the use of deadly force
IV. Identify situations and considerations involved in determining whether the use of a firearm is appropriate, including:

- Physical environment
- Number of threatening persons involved
- Other weapons present
- Presence of bystanders, hostages or other innocent persons
- Presence of police officers or others who may provide assistance
- Personal proficiency with the firearm
- Potential for ricochet and projectile penetration

V. Describe the effective and safe range for the weapon to be carried

VI. Demonstrate and /or explain the ability to deal with special problems associated with the use of firearms in low light and in adverse weather, such as:

- Muzzle flash
- Target identification
- Target accuracy
- Firearms malfunction
- Firearms control
- Use of gloves
- Reduced mobility in drawing and firing a firearm due to heavy clothing
- Limitation of access to a firearm due to heavy outer clothing
- Impact of cold weather in reducing motor function of extremities

Mail completed form with **original** signatures and a copy of the applicant's Agency-issued photo ID to:

Federal Law Enforcement Safety Act Retired Officer Certification
Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training
1600 University Avenue, Suite 200
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104-3825

A signed wallet-sized card will be mailed back to you within two weeks.

Important: Receiving the statutorily mandated training and obtaining this executed form insures compliance with only part of the requirement of the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004. Retired law enforcement officers must also comply with the other requirements of the Act. Questions - Contact the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, Neil Melton at neil.melton@state.mn.us or at (651) 201-7788.

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