

**Birmingham, Alabama
Police Department**

Procedure No. 113-15

Topic: Firearms Qualifications for Retirees

Purpose: To provide firearms certification for retired law enforcement officers of the Birmingham Police Department so they may legally carry a concealed weapon as provided by House Resolution 218 also known as “The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.”

I. Definitions:

Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officer:

An individual who:

(1) retired in good standing from service with the Birmingham Police Department, other than for reasons of mental instability;

(2) before such retirement, 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;

(3) (a) before such retirement, was employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more; or (b) retired from service after completing any applicable probationary period of such service due to service-connected disability, and

(4) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the City.

II. Firearms Qualifications

A. Retirees shall be required to shoot the current Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission Re-Certification Course with a score of not less than 70 to be qualified.

B. Qualification Courses for Birmingham Police Department Retirees will be conducted on the 2nd Friday of each month. Retirees desiring to shoot the qualification course must contact the Birmingham Police Firing Range prior to the session and be scheduled to attend.

C. Retirees are required to purchase and bring necessary ammunition for qualification courses and any other firearms training.

D. Retirees will be subject to all Birmingham Police Department Rules and Regulations, Range Safety Rules and procedures while at the Range.

E. Retirees will execute a Release of Liability to the City of Birmingham, and its employees prior to any firearms training at the Range.

III. Failure to Qualify

A. A retiree who fails to qualify during the first round of firing will be given two (2) additional attempts to qualify on that day, with the retiree supplying their own ammunition. After the third unsuccessful attempt, the retiree will not be allowed to make any more attempts at that time.

B. The retiree may be scheduled to attend the next Retiree Qualification Session at the Range.

C. A retiree may schedule practice time at the Range (if the Range Schedule permits) before the next scheduled Retiree Qualification Session.

IV. Certification Card

A. Once a Retiree has qualified with a firearm the retiree shall contact the Inspections Section to schedule an appointment to have a Retiree Firearms Certification Card made.

B. The Retiree shall be required to pay a fee of \$20.00 for the Firearms Certification Card.

1. If a retiree of the Birmingham Police Department participates in the Volunteer in Police Service Program the Police Department will waive the \$20.00 fee for the Firearms Certification Card.

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