

SWORN SSD RETIREE (NON-ANNUITANT) FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

The following outlines firearms range qualification opportunities for non-annuitant sworn SSD retired personnel beyond the annual BBQ and qualification shoots. History has shown that many retirees have been unable to attend this annual event on a regular basis. However, in order to comply with the federal HR 218 (Right to Carry Concealed Law for Active and Retired Sworn Peace Officers), and/or to acquire, and maintain, a valid departmental Retired Peace Officer identification card encompassing the CCW endorsement, sworn retirees must successfully complete annual SSD firearms qualifications. Meeting the requirements of HR 218 entails firing the department's regular qualification course of fire. Currently, the requirement for maintaining a department Retired Peace Officer identification card with CCW endorsement is successful completion of at least a P.C. 832 course of fire as offered during the annual BBQ and Shoot.

Sworn retirees may shoot to qualify on the Range during regularly scheduled semi-annual qualification periods by presenting their retiree identification and signing in. It would be prudent to call the Range prior to attending a qualification day. Sworn retired annuitants who regularly work at an assigned worksite should qualify during their respective worksite's designated range days.

Retirees should qualify with the particular type of firearm they are carrying or plan to carry. All qualification shooting must be done utilizing a holster. Range qualification courses will usually vary as to timed-fire, distances, and number of rounds to be fired. The total number of rounds fired during regular range qualification courses usually exceeds the amount fired during P.C. 832 level qualification courses. Both regular and P.C. 832 level qualification courses of fire will be offered at the annual BBQ and Shoot. Rather than waiting until the annual BBQ and Shoot to qualify, the Range Staff has requested that if possible, sworn retirees qualify during regularly scheduled range qualifications. This will lighten the load on a currently reduced number of Range Officers now available for the BBQ and Shoot. Retirees failing a qualification course will be given the opportunity for remediation training and re-qualification. Continued failure of firearms qualification will result in the denial of CCW certification.

711 Club members who wish to be further informed regarding the 'Federal Right To Carry Act' may log on to the 711 Club website (www.711Club.org) and click on the 'News' link for the HR 218 (Fact Sheet), Federal Title 18 (Concealed Firearms) and the LEAA website link to HR 218. Sworn retirees should also familiarize themselves with SSD GO 2/13 (Concealed Weapons Permits for Retirees). Sworn retirees who wish not to carry a concealed firearm may obtain a Retired Peace Officer Identification card without the CCW endorsement.

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Those retirees who want to improve their shooting skills to ensure passing SSD firearms qualifications can do so at the following range facilities:

SSD Kenneth Royal Range Facility (Structured practice is offered – call for details)

Cordova Shooting Center
11551 Douglas Road, Rancho Cordova
351-0205

Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
15501 Meiss Road, Sloughhouse (Meiss Road just off Ione road)

James Mangan Rifle And Pistol Range
2140 34th Avenue, Sacramento (34th Avenue at Bradd Way in the James Mangan Park)

The Gun Room
9221 Survey Road, Elk Grove
714-4867

If I can provide further information or be of assistance, please call (916) 392-3472.

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