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## **RLEIA Information Sheet**

If you have received this document, it is because you have expressed interest in participating in a RLEIA Firearms Qualification being held at the Pocono Pistol Club in Stroudsburg, PA.

As you may know, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, Congress enacted the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA). The intent of LEOSA was to exempt qualified current and retired law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons while traveling from state to state. LEOSA requires that the retired law enforcement officer have a photographic identification card which identifies them as a retired law enforcement officer. LEOSA also requires that the retired law enforcement officer maintain an annual qualification with his firearm.

In response to LEOSA, on December 13, 2005, the Governor signed into law, Act 79, the Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act (RLEIA). RLEIA tasked the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) with establishing uniform identification and qualification cards for retired law enforcement officers and a method of conducting annual firearms qualifications for such individuals.

To be eligible under this Act, a Retired Law Enforcement must meet the following criteria:

- Prior to retirement, law enforcement officers were regularly employed as law enforcement officers for an aggregate of 15 years or more; or
- Law enforcement officers retired from service with a public agency after completing an applicable probationary period of service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by that agency.
- Law enforcement officers have a non-forfeitable right to benefits under their agency retirement plan.
- The law enforcement officer is not prohibited by law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

### **In order for you to satisfy the requirements of RLEIA, you must do the following:**

1. Obtain a Retired Law Enforcement Identification card from the Agency from which you retired. (Check with your agency to make sure this card contains all the information, including a photo, required by State and Federal Law).



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2. Complete the [Retired Officer Concealed Carry Acknowledgement Form](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/729649/pa_retired_officer_concealed_carry_acknowledgement_form_pdf) ([www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/729649/pa\\_retired\\_officer\\_concealed\\_carry\\_acknowledgement\\_form\\_pdf](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/729649/pa_retired_officer_concealed_carry_acknowledgement_form_pdf)).
3. Present the completed Acknowledgement Form along with two forms of identification (your retired identification card and a photo identification such as a driver's license) to the RLEIA Firearms Instructor. (If you do not have the correct two forms of identification, you will NOT be permitted to qualify)
4. Leave the completed Acknowledgement Form with the RLEIA Firearms Instructor.
5. Qualify on the prescribed course of fire and receive instruction on the use of force for civilians.
6. You will be issued a completed Qualifications Card.
7. Take the qualification card to the Sheriff for processing and signature. Remit to the Sheriff a \$5.00 administrative fee, in the form of either money order or certified check payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Note: If the qualification card is lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated or becomes illegible, make a written request for a replacement card to your qualifying RLEIA Firearms Instructor and pay the appropriate fee for replacement. Take the replacement card to the Sheriff for signature.)

**FEES:**

- Qualification (or any attempt thereof)- \$80.00 (In the form of a check or money order, made payable to Pocono Pistol Club (85 North 1st Street Stroudsburg, PA 18360, (570) 424-2940).
- Qualification (or any attempt thereof) with an additional handgun- \$25.00

**\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must qualify with each *type* of handgun you intend to carry. If you own both a pistol and revolver, and wish to be authorized to carry either type, then you must qualify with both *types* of weapon. **\*\***



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Feel free to call me with any questions you might have, however, PLEASE read the [MPOETC Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/mpoetc/7545/retired_law_enforcement_officers_identification_qualification_processing/610957) ([http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/mpoetc/7545/retired\\_law\\_enforcement\\_officers\\_identification\\_qualification\\_processing/610957](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/mpoetc/7545/retired_law_enforcement_officers_identification_qualification_processing/610957)) before doing so.

### **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Wrap Around Style Eye Protection, Hearing Protection and a hat with a brim (baseball style hat is fine).
- Ammunition- 60 Rounds per weapon type. (It is suggested you bring with you 75-100 rounds per weapon type) **NOTE: NO Reloaded ammunition.** You should qualify with the type of ammunition you intend to carry.
- Speed Loaders- IF you're qualifying with a Revolver, you **MUST** have and utilize a speedloader(s). If you don't have one and can't find one, please contact us.
- Holster(s)- On the belt, strong side holsters only. For safety reasons, no shoulder, cross draw, or ankle holsters will be permitted.
- Jacket, Shooting Style Vest or the like- Training will be conducted in the Universal Cover Mode.
- Rain gear. Qualification will be conducted rain or shine, but will not be conducted during a lightning storm or during any condition that would cause an unsafe range condition.

**\*\* LASERS NOT PERMITTED \*\*** No Lasers are permitted to be used during the firearms qualification segment of this course. IF you have a laser, please turn it off vis-à-vis the override or shutoff switch, or if need be, remove the batteries from the Laser. Please do this before coming to class.

(NOTE: You will be engaged in instruction and/or on the range for approximately four hours. You know better than anyone what you'll need..... Food, drink, bug spray, sun block, etc. Please put some thought into it.)

### **PRIOR TO QUALIFICATION DAY:**



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- **Ensure your proficiency with the type(s) of weapon(s) you intend to qualify with. Be proficient in firing your weapon with both your strong and off hand, reloading, and malfunction drills.**

- Review and practice your handgun reloading and malfunction procedures. (Snap Caps or Dummy Rounds are ideal for this).

- Be familiar with the [RELIA Skills Checklist](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/822796/rleia_firearms_skills_checklist_items_05-07-2010_pdf) ([www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/822796/rleia\\_firearms\\_skills\\_checklist\\_items\\_05-07-2010\\_pdf](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/822796/rleia_firearms_skills_checklist_items_05-07-2010_pdf)) as this will be used as a minimum standard for weapon inspection, to check safety in handling a weapon, and as a guide for discussing range rules prior to commencing range activities. Successful completion of firearms training under RLEIA will also include instruction on proper concealed carry drawing and holstering techniques, a review of the fundamentals of shooting, and training on the Universal Cover Mode.

- Know and remain familiar with use of force for civilians covered in 18 Pa. C.S. (Crimes Code) Chapter 5 (relating to general principles of justification) §501, §§505-507.

### **MANDATORY WAIVER:**

Prior to commencing any training, each student will be asked to read and sign a “Hold Harmless Waiver Form” and “Safety Briefing Acknowledgment Form.” Failure to do so will result in your not being permitted to qualify under JTS GUNS LLC.

While we greatly appreciate your choosing JTS GUNS, LLC and the Pocono Pistol Club for your training and qualification needs, **SAFETY REMAINS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN.**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE..... Come ready to qualify. This is NOT the time to hone your skills or become familiar with a weapon you purchased the day before. This is QUALIFICATION to show you are competent to carry a firearm nationwide. If you do not pass the qualification you will NOT pass the course and will not receive RLEIA Qualification Card.

\*\* It is not uncommon for half a class to fail the qualification because they are not competent with their handgun and/or are unable to handle their firearm safely and proficiently. \*\*