

Meriden Police Department

Law Enforcement Safety Act (LEOSA) HR-218 Application

Former Law Enforcement Officers of the Meriden Police Department and any other qualifying officials, who now reside in the City of Meriden or the State of Connecticut, and has resigned or retired in good standing from the Meriden Police Department; and who meet the established criteria of H.R. 218, the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004 and of S. 1132, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Improvements Act for qualified active police officers, reserve officers, and officers who resigned or retired in good standing, and desire to carry a concealed handgun should complete this form in its entirety and send it into the contact information noted below:

Email: MeridenPoliceLEOSA@meridenct.gov

Hand Deliver: ATTN: Professional Development Unit, Meriden Police Department, 50 West Main Street, Meriden, CT 06451.

Any officer carrying a firearm under this law must also carry an issued photo identification card certifying that they are qualified to carry the weapon. Under Meriden Police policy, officers who resigned or retired in good standing must possess a valid state gun permit as a condition of this certification.

Questions should be directed to the Meriden Police Professional Development Unit: 203-630-6292.

Applications must be submitted no later than four (4) weeks prior to the announced HR-218 Qualification dates.

Identification Information				
Name (last, first, MI):				
Home Address:				
Home / Cell Phone:				DOB:
email Address:				
Police / Law Enforcement Information				
Police Department(s) Served:				
Name of Agency	Date Hired	Date Separated	Rank Held & Badge #	Point of Contact
1				
2				
3				
Verification made of claimed service: YES or No				
HR-218 LEOSA Requirements (Initial Next to Statement)				Initial
1. Applicant separated and/or retired in good standing from a qualified police agency: (Applicant must supply documentation to support this claim)				

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<p>2. Applicant Served as an LEO for an aggregate of 10 years or more, or separated from service after completing any applicable probationary period due to a service-connected disability, as determined by the agency:</p>	
<p>3. The Applicant attests that they are not under active medical and/or psychiatric care or has not received medical and or psychiatric care that would inhibit or prevent the applicant from being able to carry a firearm:</p>	
<p>4. Applicant has, during the most recent 12-month period, met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for qualification in firearms training for active LEOs, as determined by the former agency of the individual, the state in which the individual resides or, if the state has not established such standards, either a law enforcement agency within the state in which the individual resides or the standards used by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that state;</p>	
<p>5. Applicant is not an active Law Enforcement Officer for another Department or Agency;</p>	
<p>6. Applicant has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the last agency of employment to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health or has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual is separating from service in which that individual acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this section for reasons relating to mental health.</p>	
<p>7. Applicant is not or was not (when actively employed) the subject of any disciplinary action by the agency which could result in suspension or loss of police powers.</p> <p>NOTE: Officers who resigned or retired during the course of a criminal or internal affairs investigation, OR resigned or retired in-lieu of an internal or criminal investigation shall not qualify for HR-218.</p>	

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<p>8. Applicant is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance</p>	
<p>9. Are not prohibited by Connecticut State Law or Federal Law from receiving a firearm</p>	
<p>10. Applicant understands that for those who have resigned or retired in good standing carrying under LEOSA, that the federal law grants you NO enforcement authority. You are merely a citizen with a nationwide concealed carry permit.</p>	

Please list the make, model, and serial numbers of the firearms you are qualifying with:

	Make	Model	Serial Number	Ammunition Details
1				
2				
3				

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) PER SESSION

That applicants will complete the qualification course on the set date and time. Upon successful completion of the course, the Firearms Unit Supervisor shall present a list of all applicants who attended the qualification process with their scores to the Chief of Police. The Chief will approve or deny the applicants based on their discretion. If the applicant is approved, they will be issued one of the below Identification Cards, based on their separation status (resigned in good standing or retired in good standing):

Resigned in Good Standing (Front)



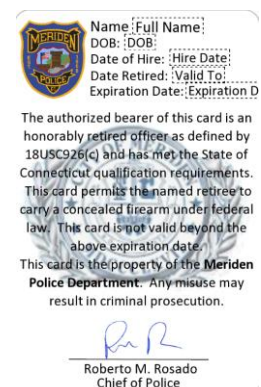
Resigned in Good Standing (Back)



Retired in Good Standing (Front)



Retired in Good Standing (Back)



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Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act: H.R. – 218 Qualification Requirements

The following items are part of the Standard Operating Procedures for Firearms Training Unit L.E.O.S.A. Qualification which are conducted at the designated firearms range, as determined by the Department's Firearms Unit Supervisor. Participants must understand this is a qualification course, not training. The following Range Rules pertain to those participating in the H.R. - 218 Qualification held at the Firearms Training Unit:

Section I: Safety

- A. Firearms Safety Rules/Medical Plan will be reviewed in the classroom prior to the commencement of the qualification course.
- B. One (1) safety violation warning will be given to the participant (based on the severity of the violation). The second safety violation will result in removal from the range. If a serious safety violation occurs, a ban may be placed on the participant from the Meriden Police Department's HR-218 Program.
- C. Overall muzzle control must happen, and you cannot flag yourself or anyone else.

Section II: Holsters

- A. Outside the waistband (OTW) are the only holsters authorized for qualifications.
- B. An inspection of holsters being utilized by the participant will be conducted by MPD Range Staff while in the classroom to ensure they are to standard.
- C. Kydex (plastic) holster with friction retention are authorized as long as they are being utilized for the pistol they were designed for.
- D. Leather Holsters are authorized as long as the holster does not collapse on itself after the pistol has been drawn. This is directed toward holstering, where it may cause the participant to flag their waste or support hand as they are attempting to holster. This would be considered a safety violation.
- E. Waistband carry should be either appendix or 3/4 o'clock (right handed), 8/9 o'clock (left handed) positions on the strong side of the participant's body.
- F. Unauthorized Holsters / Carry Types:
 - 1. Trigger finger safety deactivation holsters are NOT authorized.
 - 2. Blackhawk Serpa style holsters are NOT authorized (Trigger finger safety deactivation).

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3. Shoulder style "Rigs" holsters are NOT authorized.
4. For waistband carry, small of the back / 6 o'clock position carry is NOT authorized. Waistband carry or pocket carry WITHOUT a holster are NOT authorized.
5. Cross draw holsters are NOT authorized.
6. Ankle holster drawing is NOT authorized.
7. Shoulder drawing, cross drawing, small of back drawing have a high probability of flagging self or other participants on the firing line.
8. How the participant chooses to carry their pistol outside of the facility is their choice.

Section III: Ammunition

- A. Ammunition utilized by participants for the qualification course should be of the proper caliber and NEW in box which shall be from a reputable manufacturer (Example: Federal, Winchester, Speer, and Hornady, to name a few). NO RELOADS.
- B. Leave old ammunition home and use for other range training, not a qualification course. This prevents malfunctions on the firing line which causes safety violations and numerous delays in the qualification course.
- C. No live ammunition is allowed in the classroom, firearm checks will be completed prior to entry into the classroom.

Section IV: Range Attire

- A. Please wear appropriate range attire and dress accordingly for the weather.
- B. This includes long pants that have loops to accept a belt (NO SHORTS).
- C. Belt must be rigid and designed to hold a holster/firearm, closed toe shoe/boots, t-shirt (minimum) and a hat. The hat aids in protecting eyes from sun, rain, and projectiles.
- D. Ballistic rated eye protection and hearing protection are required. The FTU will have both should the participant not have either.
- E. During the cold weather months/inclement weather; the participant should pay close attention during drawing and holstering. Particular attention should be given when holstering, to ensure no garment is caught inside of the trigger guard. Holstering with a piece of garment caught on trigger could potentially cause an accidental discharge.

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- F. There is no time limits during the qualification course, therefore it is unnecessary to draw quickly or blind holstering. Blind holstering is holstering the pistol without looking at the holster.

Section V: Qualification Course:

- A. The qualification course is determined by the HR-218 law and POSTC, which is currently a Sixty (60) round course of fire.
- B. The yardage lines utilized may include, but are not limited to, the 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 20, and 25 yard line.
- C. There are no time limits for this qualification course.
- D. Therefore, the time is given to each shooter to apply the fundamentals of shooting for each shot. Passing score for this course of fire is 48 (240) out of a possible 60 (300).
- E. If the participant should fail the qualification course, they would need to return on a different date to qualify. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this rule. If you are asked to leave the range for any reason, it is incumbent on the individual to reschedule with the Professional Development Unit.

Section VI: HR-218 Restrictions:

- A. Federal Locations & Laws
 - 1. Individuals carrying under LEOSA/HR 218 are carrying under FEDERAL Law and so must follow federal laws and federal agency policies that restrict the carrying of concealed firearms in certain federal buildings and lands (including buildings in national parks) and on airplanes.
 - 2. They must also follow the Gun-Free School Zone Act (GFSZA) and cannot carry a firearm within 1,000 feet of elementary or secondary schools. Although the GFSZA authorizes on-duty LEOs to carry firearms in such circumstances, off-duty and retired LEOs are still restricted from doing so unless they have a firearms license issued from the state in which they reside, which is the only state where it applies.
- B. State Locations & Laws
 - 1. LEOSA exempts all qualified active, honorably separated, and retired LEOs from state and local laws with respect to the carrying of concealed firearms with a few exceptions.
 - 2. Individuals carrying under LEOSA must obey the laws of any state that:
 - a. Permits private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property. Most concealed carry states require such private establishments to post signs at every entrance;

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- b. Prohibits or restricts the possession of firearms on any state or local government property, installation, building, base or park (Check the Location Restrictions section for government properties that are off-limits in any state); and
- c. Has enacted magazine restrictions. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has ruled that state and local laws and regulations applying to magazines do apply, and the exemption provided by LEOSA applies only to firearms and ammunition.

That the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. That falsification of this form shall result in the immediate revocation of my HR-218 ID Card and authorization to carry under the LEOSA Law. That I swear I am of sound mind and body and that I meet all listed mandates required by this law to qualify for HR218. I have had this application notarized.

NOTE: There is a \$100.00 application fee for this program. Checks or Money Orders only, made out to the Meriden Police Department HR218 Program.

** The fee is waived for all Meriden Police Personnel who have been officially retired by the City of Meriden Pension Board **

Applicant:

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name (First, MI, Last)	Signature	Date

Notary Republic:

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name (First, MI, Last)	Signature	Date

Firearms Unit Supervisor:

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name (First, MI, Last)	Signature	Date

Chief of Police:

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name (First, MI, Last)	Signature	Date

APPROVED

DENIED