

# Nevada Department of Public Safety

## Policy Manual

# 221 Retired Officer Firearms Qualification

## 221.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Purpose of this policy is to ensure Department compliance with Nevada Law by providing Honorably Retired DPS officers the opportunity to qualify with a firearm.

### 221.1.1 POLICY

The Nevada Revised Statute 202.3678 requires the Department to provide the opportunity for its retired officer's to qualify annually with a firearm. The annual qualification process relies upon a thorough and documented assessment of each retired officer's level of proficiency with a firearm. This is obtained through attendance at periodic qualification sessions. Each Division will provide opportunities for its retired officers to qualify according to current standards for active duty Department officers. It is the individual retired officer's responsibility to maintain proficiency as no training will be provided during any qualification session.

## 221.2 DEFINITIONS

**Honorably Retired Law Enforcement Officer** - An officer who meets the definition as prescribed in NRS 202.350.

**Range Safety Officer** - DPS Officer certified and qualified to conduct range activities as prescribed by the DPS Firearms Manual.

**Firearms Coordinator** - The individual designated by specific Division Chiefs to coordinate firearms activities in a division.

## 221.3 REQUIREMENTS

The following process will be followed to accomplish the intent of this policy:

(a) The department should establish a minimum qualification opportunity and availability for honorably retired Department officers of not less than twice per calendar year. The interval should be approximately six months apart.

(b) All courses of fire, qualifications standards and weapons standards are set within the Department of Public Safety Firearms Manual. Range Safety Officers will use the same standard for qualification as that used for active duty Department officers.

(c) Retired Officers should notify the Firearms Coordinator in each Command of their intention to qualify through the Division they retired from. The coordinator will advise the retiree of the next available qualification date. The coordinator will also provide the retiree with information regarding dress code, equipment needed, ammunition, and other requirements as deemed appropriate. At a minimum the retiree shall provide the single weapon they intend to qualify with, adequate amounts of ammunition, ear and eye protection, and all documentation necessary.

(d) All retirees shall sign the Retired Officer Qualification Release of Liability Form prior to any qualification session.

(e) All retirees shall review and initial with a Range Safety Officer the DPS Range Safety Rules prior to any qualification session.

(f) Retirees will be given no more than two attempts to meet qualification proficiency per qualification session. If the retiree fails to meet the established standard, the Range Safety Officer shall not complete the paperwork provided by the retiree, but shall complete the individual Firearms Qualification Record.

(g) The Range Safety Officer shall document the qualification attempts on the Individual Firearms Qualification Record (Retired Officer). The qualification record and waiver shall be forwarded to the Division's Firearms Coordinator within 10 (ten) working days of the shoot and be maintained pursuant to State of Nevada Records Retention guidelines.

(h) The Range Safety Officer has sole discretion and authority to allow or cease a qualification session at any time should circumstances dictate and/or safety violations or concerns occur. Should any negative incident occur during the qualification session, the Division Chief, of the retired officer's Division, shall be immediately notified.