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RETIRED PEACE OFFICER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order assist retired officers in maintaining the rights and protections granted under federal statute H.R. 218, also known as the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA), the Hall County Sheriff's Office permits those who are eligible to complete their annual training requirements at its training center, facilitated by HCSO staff. *(Note: retiree training and qualification will be conducted at the convenience and discretion of the training staff; training for active duty officers must take priority).*

The requirements are set forth as follows. Officers must:

1. Be officially retired in good standing from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency.
2. Be in good standing with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council or an equivalent agency if retired from another state.
3. Present official agency retirement credentials to the training staff.
4. Attend one of the regularly scheduled annual training session for retired officers, which will meet the GA POST requirements for firearms qualification, as well as use of deadly force and de-escalation training (consult the HCSO website training calendar for dates).
 - If an officer is unable to attend one of the regular training sessions, they may request to complete firearms qualification at another time, at the training staff's discretion. In these cases, it will be the officer's responsibility to complete the use of deadly force and de-escalation training courses online through the GA Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC). Copies of the completion certificates must be provided to the training staff prior to qualifying with their firearm.
5. Provide their own firearm, ammunition, holster, magazine pouch, and any related gear, as well as eye and ear protection.
6. Complete the GA POST Application for Annual Firearms Qualification Certificate for Retired Officers. Training staff will sign and return this form to the officer only after all requirements have been met. It shall then be the officer's responsibility to submit the form and the required fee to POST.
7. Successfully shoot a qualifying score in no more than 3 attempts. If an officer fails to do so, they will be required to reschedule another attempt on a later date.

IMPORTANT: Retired officers are required to shoot the standard course of fire for active duty officers, known as the Georgia Semi-Auto Course (GSAC). For out-of-state retirees who are not

familiar with it, this is a 30 round course that involves shooting from cover, moving, standing, kneeling, drawing and firing, and reloading under time constraints on a turning target system. It is STRONGLY recommended that officers not familiar with the course practice these skills ahead of time. The course of fire will NOT be modified to accommodate smaller handguns or a shooter's inability to safely manage all stages. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. A complete description of the course follows.

GEORGIA SEMI-AUTO PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE

- I. Firearm: Standard service large caliber semiautomatic pistol with 3 magazines
- II. Ammunition: 30 rounds
- III. Target: SQT A-1 (two targets per shooter)
- IV. Clothing: Range attire, duty belt, strong-side holster (outside the waistband only), and magazine pouch.
- V. General: 3 magazines are to be loaded with 6 rounds, 8 rounds, and 16 rounds. Smaller capacity pistols may require a modified load out, as directed by the Range Master. All reloads are the shooters responsibility. Malfunctions must be cleared by the shooter; no alibi strings of fire will be permitted, with the exception of defective ammunition. The shooter will be given an opportunity to re-shoot defective rounds only. Any subsequent rounds are the responsibility of the shooter. Rounds may be made up at the stage where problems or malfunctions occur, but only within the allotted time limits for that stage. Leftover rounds at any stage are to be given to a line instructor and will be counted as 0 points.

Scoring targets:

Inside the center mass line – 10 points

Outside the center mass line – 8 points

Maximum Raw Score – 300 points

Minimum Qualifying Score – 240 points - 80%

- VI. Course:

Stage one: 25 yard line

On command shooter assumes right side cover (avoid contact with the cover object). Using the angular search technique, and has **8 seconds** to complete the following:

1 round on each target

Holster.

On command shooter assumes left side cover (avoid contact with the cover object). Using the angular search technique, and has **8 seconds** to complete the following:

1 round on each target

Holster.

Stage two: 15 yard line

Shooter stands outside cover, weapon holstered. On command shooter draws while moving to cover and has **12 seconds** to complete the following:

1 round on each target

Drop to a kneeling position, reload

1 round on each target

Holster.

Stage three: 7 yard line

First string:

Shooter stands centered between the targets and on command has **21 seconds** to complete the following:

Shooter steps left or right while drawing.

2 rounds center mass on each target
1 round to the cranial vault on each target

Step left or right while conducting a reload.

2 rounds center mass on each target
1 round to the cranial vault on each target

Second string:

Shooter stands centered between the targets with weapon at the high ready. On command, shooter has **2 seconds** to complete the following:

1 round center mass on each target

Holster.

Stage four: 3 yard line

First string:

On command shooter draws while taking one step back and giving verbal commands, and completes the following in **3 seconds**:

1 round on each target

Holster and step back up to the line.

Second string:

On command shooter, and completes the following in **5 seconds**:

2 rounds on each target

Come to the high ready position, step back up to the line.

Third string:

On command shooter draws while taking one step back and giving verbal commands, and completes the following in **2 seconds**:

1 round on each target

Come to the low ready with an empty weapon. Once the weapon has been cleared by a line instructor, holster a safe and empty weapon.