
Retiree/Separated Officer Concealed Firearms

219.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, denial, suspension or revocation of Vancouver Police Department identification cards under the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA) (18 USC § 926C).

219.2 POLICY

The Vancouver Police Department may provide identification cards to qualified separated or retired officers as provided in this policy.

219.3 LEOSA

The Chief of Police may issue an identification card for LEOSA purposes to any qualified separated officer of this Department who:

- (a) Completes a LEOSA application and returns it to the Vancouver Police Department certifying that they are a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" under 18 U.S. Code § 926C(c).
- (b) Separated from service in good standing from this Department while certified by the State of Washington as a peace officer (RCW 43.101.095)
- (c) Before such separation, had regular employment as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 or more years. If employed as a law enforcement officer for less than 10 years, separated from service after completing any applicable probationary period due to a service-connected disability as determined by the Vancouver Police Department.
- (d) Has not been disqualified for reasons related to mental health.
- (e) Is not prohibited by state or federal law from receiving or possessing a firearm, as certified by the retiree - separated officer in their application.

219.3.1 LEOSA IDENTIFICATION CARD FORMAT

The LEOSA identification card shall contain a photograph of the former officer and identify him/ her as having been employed as a law enforcement officer, the date of qualification and the make, model and caliber of the firearm used during the qualification. The LEOSA card must be renewed every year.

219.3.2 AUTHORIZATION

Any qualified former law enforcement officer, including a former officer of this Department, may carry a concealed firearm under 18 USC § 926C when he/she is:

- (a) In possession of photographic identification that identifies him/her as having been employed as a law enforcement officer, and left in good standing.
- (b) Not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.
- (c) Not prohibited by federal or state law from receiving a firearm.
- (d) Not in a location prohibited by Washington law or by a private person or entity on his/ her property if such prohibition is permitted by Washington law.

219.4 WASHINGTON IDENTIFICATION CARD

The Chief of Police may issue an identification card to a retired/separated officer of this Department for the purposes of carrying a concealed weapon within the State of Washington under RCW9.41.060 who:

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- (a) Has retired or separated in good standing from this Department.
- (b) Did not retire because of a mental or stress-related disability.
- (c) Has not been convicted or found guilty by reason of insanity of a crime making him/her ineligible for a concealed pistol license.

219.4.1 ISSUANCE OF WASHINGTON IDENTIFICATION CARD

The Office of the Chief will be responsible for the issuance of the identification card and the retention of the associated records.

219.5 FORMER OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

A former officer with a card issued under this policy shall immediately notify the Office of the Chief of his/her arrest, or conviction in any jurisdiction or that he/she is the subject of a court order, in accordance with this policy manual.

219.5.1 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LEOSA

In order to obtain or retain a LEOSA identification card, the former officer shall:

- (a) Fill out the LEOSA application completely to include, signing a waiver of liability of the Department for all acts taken related to carrying a concealed firearm, acknowledging both his/her personal responsibility as a private person for all acts taken when carrying a concealed firearm as permitted by LEOSA, and also that these acts were not taken as an employee or former employee of the Department.
- (b) Remain subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- (c) Demonstrate good judgment and character commensurate with carrying a loaded and concealed firearm.

219.6 PROCESS

1. The retired/separated officer will fill out the LEOSA application completely and return it to the Department.
2. The retired officer shall be required to qualify with their pistol(s) every year.
3. The Training Unit will arrange a date and time for the applicant to qualify with their firearm.
 - (a) Retired/separated officers will be responsible for providing their own ammunition.
4. After the qualification attempt, the application, along with the completed firearms qualification section will be sent to the Training Unit Sergeant for review.
 - (a) If the retired/separated officer passed the qualification he/she will be notified by the Office of the Chief when to pick up the LEOSA ID card.
 - (b) If the retired/separated officer fails to meet all objective standards of the qualification (accuracy, weapon manipulation skills and weapon safety skills), he/she will be notified at the conclusion of the qualification process of their qualification status
5. At the completion of the qualification and regardless of the applicant's qualification status, the application will be forwarded through the Training Unit's chain of command to the Office of the Chief.
6. The Office of the Chief will maintain all completed applications and issued ID cards.

[LEOSA Application for Certification form](#)

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219.7 FIREARM QUALIFICATIONS

The Rangemaster may provide former officers from this Department an opportunity to qualify. Written evidence of the qualification and the weapons used will be provided and will contain the date of the qualification. The Rangemaster will maintain a record of the qualifications, as well as the Make, Model and Caliber of the firearms weapons used in the qualification.