

**DIVISION OF STATE PATROL
INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**MANUAL SECTION: 12
TRAINING GUIDELINES**

TOPIC: CCW FOR RETIRED WSP LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

BACKGROUND: The Governor signed Act 35 into law on July 8, 2011, which became effective on November 1, 2011. This Act provides an opportunity for Wisconsin citizens to lawfully carry the following type of weapons in a concealed manner: a handgun, an electric weapon, a knife other than a switchblade knife, or a billy club for personal safety. A Wisconsin citizen desiring to carry concealed must apply for a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) license from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ).

Active Law enforcement personnel remain exempt from the criminal concealed carry statute, whether or not they possess a CCW license. Retired law enforcement officers are not given the same exemption as active officers regarding concealed carry; however, they may apply for a certification card through the Division of State Patrol, identifying them as a retired law enforcement officer, certified to carry concealed. The certification card demonstrates compliance with CCW and HR 218 provisions. No prohibition exists for either an active law enforcement officer, or retired officer to obtain a CCW license if they elect to do so.

DECISION: Consistent with policy and procedure, the WSP encourages personnel to simply be a good witness in situations where other action is not absolutely necessary. Retired personnel are encouraged to consider requesting a CCW State License, rather than an Agency Retired Law Enforcement (LE) Certificate. In compliance with s.175.49(2)(a) the WSP Retired LE Certificate requires that personnel shall:

1. Have separated from the WSP in good standing;
2. Have served as a WSP LE officer for an aggregate of 10 years;
3. Have no mental health issues;
4. Have a completed background check;
5. Meet the agency standards for live fire qualification;
6. Participate in self guided/on-line legal and safe practice training;
7. Receive appropriate Identification Card (retired badge optional); and
8. Pay appropriate fees at time of certification

IMPORTANT: Personnel should contact their respective insurance carrier, in order to determine the liability coverage that may or may not be available.

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