

<b>STAND ALONE DIRECTIVE</b>	General Order 1.3.11 D
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	Revised:
<b>RETIRED CITY OF DUBLIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS QUALIFICATION</b>	
Approved by: Chief of Police, Heinz von Eckartsberg	



**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidance for qualified retired officers with the Dublin Police Department and the range team during firearms qualifications. The Dublin Police Department will allow qualified retired officers, as determined by the Chief of Police or his/her designee, to use the firearms range for qualifying on an approved OPOTA course of fire.

**POLICY:**

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In accordance with the Law Enforcement Safety Act established in 2004, the Police Department will allow qualified retired City of Dublin law enforcement officers to participate in firearms qualifications. In order to maintain this qualification, the retired officer(s) must qualify at least every 365 days. The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, shall decide who is eligible to participate in firearms qualifications with the Police Department. Only officers who have retired and remain "in good standing" will be eligible for consideration. Participants must also meet the following minimum standards in order to be considered for participation:

- Meet the definition of "qualified retired law enforcement officer" according to the Law Enforcement Safety Act.
- Abide by the provisions of Dublin Police Department General Order 1.3.
- Complete all necessary forms and comply with all directives required by the Chief of Police, or his/her designee.
- Immediately notify the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, of any change in status as defined by the Law Enforcement Safety Act.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officer:**

Any individual who:

- (1) separated from service in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer

(2) before such separation, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest

(3)(A) before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more; or

(B) separated from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

(4) during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for qualification in firearms training for active law enforcement officers, 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;

(5)(A) has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health and as a result of this finding will not be issued the photographic identification as described in subsection (d)(1); or

(B) 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 and for those reasons will not receive or accept the photographic identification as described in subsection (d)(1);

(6) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and

(7) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

## **PROCEDURE:**

The Dublin Police Department Range & Tactics Supervisor or his/her designee will provide an opportunity for retired officers to qualify with his/her firearm at least annually. Prior to the scheduled qualification, the qualified retired officers will be notified of the date and time to participate. The retirees will also be given access to information about the qualification including an application to participate, the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act, Ohio's Concealed Carry Law, and the Ohio Revised Code. The retiree must submit the completed application prior to participating in the qualification process.

At any time during the qualification process, any range officer may discontinue the qualification process if the failure to perform satisfactorily is due to a failure to follow the directions or suggestions of the qualified weapon instructor(s), a failure to follow range rules, a lack of

willingness to participate or cooperate with the range team member(s), an apparent attempt to deliberately fail to qualify, or any other conduct that would violate the disciplinary code of conduct of this agency or that would indicate the retired member cannot or will not qualify.

In addition to the guidelines set forth in DPD General Order 1.3, participants are required to abide by the following procedures:

- Provide ammunition. (25 rounds minimum to qualify).
- Review the materials provided prior to the qualification date.
- Follow instructions of the range officer on how to safely navigate the qualification course of fire.
- Participant will be provided a maximum of three attempts to qualify on the course of fire.
- Participant will be provided ample opportunity to use the range between attempts.
- Participant will be limited to one (1) revolver and One (1) semi-automatic handgun per qualification
- Complete required paperwork prior to qualifying

After successfully qualifying with his/her firearm, the application will be endorsed by the qualifying instructor. The Chief of Police or his/her designee will provide the retiree with a "Firearms Qualification Card" which expires one year from the date issued.

**REFERENCES:** General Order 1.3.11; USC 18 § 926C; ORC 2923.126; List of Retired Officers "In Good Standing"