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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, 12 rounds, and 12 rounds. Smaller capacity pistols may be loaded with 6 each or as ordered 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**

Using the angular search technique, on command shooter assumes left side cover pointing weapon at right target. Avoid contact with the cover object.

*1 round – 4 seconds right target & return to cover*

*1 round – 4 seconds left target & return to cover*

Holster.

Using the angular search technique, on command shooter assumes right side cover pointing weapon at left target.

*1 round – 4 seconds left target & return to cover*

*1 round – 4 seconds right target & return to cover*

Holster.

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### **Stage two: 15 yard line**

Shooter stands outside cover facing targets, weapon holstered and snapped in. On command shooter draws the weapon while moving to cover & fires 4 rounds in 12 seconds.

*1 round – right target*

*1 round – left target*

*Drop to a kneeling position, reload*

*1 round – right target*

*1 round – left target*

Holster.

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### **Stage three: 7 yard line**

On command shooter draws and fires 4 rounds in 5 seconds.

*2 rounds – right target*

*2 rounds – left target*

Reload and holster (reload 2 magazines of 6 rounds each if needed).

Standing in front of the right target, on command shooter draws and fires 2 rounds in the right target, takes one step left and fires 2 more rounds in the right target in 6 seconds.

Stand facing right target.

*2 rounds – right target*

*Step left*

*2 rounds – right target*

Holster.

Standing in front of the left target, on command shooter draws and fires 2 rounds in the left target, takes one step right, reloads and fires 2 more rounds in the left target in 12 seconds.

Stand facing left target.

*2 rounds - left target*

*Step right, reload*

*2 rounds - left target*

Holster.

On command shooter (from a low ready position) fires 2 rounds into the cranial vault of each target in 3 seconds.

*1 round - right target (head shot)*

*1 round - left target (head shot)*

Holster.

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### **Stage four: 3 yard line**

On command shooter draws while taking one step back and giving verbal commands, fires 2 rounds in 3 seconds.

*1 round - right target*

*1 round - left target*

Reload and holster.

On command shooter draws while taking one step back and giving verbal commands, fires 4 rounds in 5 seconds.

*2 round - right target*

*2 round - left target*

Come to the high ready position, evaluating the targets.

On command shooter will fire 2 rounds in two seconds.

*1 round - right target*

*1 round - left 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.