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Under Federal Law (US HB 218-LEOSA) a retired Law Enforcement Officer is able to carry a concealed weapon provided they qualify annually and possess a valid ID from the agency in which they retired.

L.E.P.D. Training Facility is proud to provide the firearm qualification for this program. A requirement of the law is that the retired LEO must qualify annually with the type of weapon (revolver or semi-auto) they will be carrying and demonstrate a working knowledge of the operation of that weapon. According to the law, these qualifications are to be performed by a Range Officer/Instructor, certified by the State of Ohio.

At L.E.P.D., we are currently using the State of Ohio (OPOTA) approved active duty course for an off-duty/back up firearm. A requirement of this course is that all eight rounds fired must be within the silhouette on the target, for an individual to qualify. (see diagram below) If the retired officer does not get eight rounds within the silhouette, the range officer will put the individual through the course a total of 2 additional times in an attempt to qualify. If the retired Officer still does not qualify, they will need to reschedule for a future qualification.

