

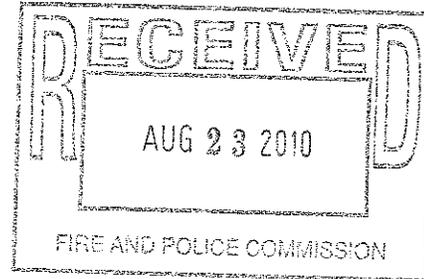


Police Department

Edward A. Flynn
Chief of Police

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The Board of the
Fire and Police Commission
200 E. Wells St., Room 706A
Milwaukee, WI 53202



Dear Commissioners:

On July 22, 2004, President Bush signed into law the Law Enforcement Safety Act of 2004, commonly referred to as HR 218, which amended Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code, by authorizing qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm under certain conditions. Retirees who qualify must successfully pass a background check and complete a firearms course of fire in order to obtain certification. I am requesting the Fire and Police Commission's approval to certify qualified retirees who request this certification. Milwaukee Police Department personnel would conduct the background check, conduct the course of fire and provide the required certification information on the existing retiree identification card. The cost of the certification to retirees is \$100.

The registration form, background questionnaire, waiver of liability and policy have been created. All forms, as well as HR 218 and applicable state statutes, will be available on the Department website. The policy and forms have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's Office; no legal obstacles to the implementation of the policy were identified.

Other agencies in Wisconsin, including the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Racine County Sheriff's Office, Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, have implemented a similar policy and report no problems. Other agencies, including Nashville, Illinois State Police and the Maryland State Police certify their retirees under this act. A search of available resources did not reveal any liability issues around the country. Since there is no single database for departments allowing certification, I am not able to determine the number of departments around the country currently certifying retirees.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Flynn
Chief of Police