



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL		
CHAPTER 131	BADGES AND WEAPONS - RETIREES	
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	Special Instructions: 18.USC.926c known as HR-218	

131.100 INTRODUCTION

This chapter outlines how retiring officers will receive or be eligible to receive their retired identification card, badges, or weapons. The following is available to officers who retire from the State of Alaska in good standing and remain in good standing with the department and the Alaska Police Standards Council.

131.300 PRESENTATION OF BADGES & IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- A. **Officers with twenty or more years of honorable law enforcement service.** Officers retiring with twenty or more years of honorable law enforcement service with at least ten years of service with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be presented with the full badge set and the 'retired' identification card.
- B. **Officers with between ten and twenty years of honorable law enforcement service.** Officers retiring with between ten and twenty years of honorable law enforcement service with at least five years of service with the DPS will be presented with the 'retired' identification card.

131.310 PURCHASE OF DUTY WEAPON

Officers retiring or separating with at least five years of honorable service with the DPS may purchase their duty handgun if allowed under the state administrative guidelines at the time of separation.

131.900 DEFINITION

Good Standing – The status of separation from DPS State service that does not include involuntary separation, dismissal, separation pending disciplinary action, or subsequent actions that preclude the employee from the Alaska Police Standards Council certification.

Service with the DPS – The actual years of employment by the State of Alaska as a State Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, Alaska State Trooper, Alaska Wildlife Trooper, Court Services Officer (CSO), or DPS Constable.

Honorable Law Enforcement Service – The actual years of employment as a sworn law enforcement officer in the United States who separated in good standing with their department.

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'Retired' Identification Card – The identification card will meet the criteria set forth in United States Code 18.U.S.C.926C, commonly known as HR-218. The identification card shall have a photographic depiction of the person. It also shall specify that the person retired in good standing after serving ten or more years as a Police Officer or Peace Officer as defined by Alaska Statutes 01.10.060(A) and 18.65.290 and will carry documented proof of when the retiree was last found by a certified law enforcement agency to meet the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training as established by the department to carry the firearm.

To carry a concealed firearm compliant with HR-218, the retiree must have been found by the department within the prior 12 months to meet the auxiliary handgun standards for qualification of the firearm to be carried concealed. Successful completion of a supervised qualification utilizing the DPS Auxiliary Handgun Course will be proof of the meeting the required standard.

If the retiree is in the state of Alaska, the retiree will contact the Department and be informed of the next scheduled time a certified firearms instructor is available to perform a supervised qualification. The Department will provide Department of Public Safety retirees with the current duty issue ammo, or the retiree can choose to provide their own ammunition. If outside of the state of Alaska, the retiree may have the Alaska DPS auxiliary handgun course administered by a currently certified firearms instructor from a certified law enforcement agency, certified firearms training company, or other nationally certified firearms instructor. The Department will not be responsible for any fee associated with their qualification, and the retiree will not be provided with current duty ammunition.

The retiree will have the 'retired' identification card updated annually with their last qualification date.