

UPDATE ON CONCEALED CARRY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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In a previous addition of the Blue Note, I shared with the brothers and sisters of the FOP the status of the implementation of the North Carolina legislation to enact "HR 218," the bill authorizing law enforcement officers to carry concealed, which was a major priority of the Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police. HR 218 was codified as 18 USC §§ 926B and 926C.

This legislation places the qualification of retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed under the control of the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, one of two Commissions in North Carolina that certify justice officers and deputy sheriffs. At its February, 2008 meeting, the Criminal Justice Standards Commission considered proposed rules to implement HR 218. During the meeting, some of the Commission members had questions about the rules which staff could not answer and the rules were deferred until the Commission's next meeting. That meeting was held on May 22nd and 23rd and the proposed rules were approved by the Commission. These rules will now be published in the North Carolina Register, comments will be taken, and a public hearing on the rules will be held. After the public comment and hearing period, the rules will be considered by the Rules Review Commission, and once approved, will be enacted.

As soon as the rules are published in the North Carolina Register, a link will be placed in the next edition of the BlueNote which will allow members to directly access these rules for comments. Also, you will be advised of the date of the public hearing.

It appears as if it may be November, 2008 before the first eligible retired officer will be able to seek qualification from the Commission to carry concealed nationwide. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding these administrative rules or the process, please contact me at Marman@verizon.net.

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