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From: Richard Calabrese <RCalabrese@CinnaminsonPolice.org>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Justin Strausser; Lisa Passione
Subject: Fwd: Change to NJ Licensing Laws for Firearms Identification Cards - Effective Immediately

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Here is the email chain with the prosecutor's office in reference to the permit to carry applications

Thank you,

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Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:04:22 PM
To: Richard Calabrese <RCalabrese@CinnaminsonPolice.org>
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Wow, maybe hold off until tomorrow.

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As quick as I posted, BCPO received new information from the NJSP website so I deleted the post

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IT qualifies. It is absolutely not a safety course, but it counts

From: Richard Calabrese <RCalabrese@CinnaminsonPolice.org>
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So is the new module on the NJSP qualify as the required "Safety Course"? Or is this just part of the process and the applicant still needs more?

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Good Afternoon Everyone,

So I have an update about the "safety course" aspect of the applications. The NJSP Firearms Unit launched a module as part of the application process in FARS, as anticipated. I think describing it as a safety course is generous, but it is baked into the system now. No alerts or notifications were sent out about this, the only way I know is that I went into FARS and started a fake application.

That being said, it does not appear that there is anyway for individuals who applied prior to the launch of this course to go back in and complete it. So we may have to process all the other applications as is.



As for the new requirements for the FPICs, I have no idea when that update is coming through. I will keep updating as I get information!

Courtney

From: OBrien, Courtney

Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 2:08 PM

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Good Afternoon (Again) Chiefs,

I figured I would send an email too all of you again since I am (understandably) receiving a lot of the same questions because this is a whole lot of change very quickly. Unfortunately, I don't have a lot of very useful answers for you all.

- (1) This new requirement only applies to **NEW** applications. If the person previously received an FPIC and/or PPH they do not need to complete the class
 - a. If they previously were issued an FPIC, and are applying for a new permit to purchase → no course needed
 - b. Change of address → no course needed
 - c. Basically, this is only for TOTALLY new applications after July 5
- (2) There is no list of approved courses yet. I have no information on when this is going to be forthcoming or what the requirements will be. One of the departments heard that there maybe a virtual course through FARS, but I have no information on that.
- (3) I have no information on if a template for this new FPIC card is coming out, I also have no idea if we are going back to the police departments issuing the cards now that a photo and thumbprint are required.
- (4) As far as what to tell applicants about why their cards aren't being processed. I would leave it simply as "the legislature changed the requirements for initial firearms applications in July, and one of the requirements is that applicants must complete a safety course. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting guidance on these course and have no list of approved courses for applicants. I cannot legally issue you this card until you complete the course."

Obviously, if I receive any updated information, I will pass it on immediately.

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From: OBrien, Courtney

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 3:06 PM

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Importance: High

Good Afternoon Chiefs,

It was brought to my attention today by two separate agencies that there was a very large change to the statutes for issuance of NJ Firearms Identification Cards and Permits to Purchase (**not Permits to carry**) based on the first attachment to this email from JAMC. I pulled the statute out of Lexis Nexis, and the JAMC attachment is correct.

Effective July 5, 2022, prior to an applicant being issued a new FPIC or initial PPH, the person has to complete a course in the lawful and safe handling and storage of firearms. The course has to have been completed within the 4 years prior to the application, and is only required once. This does not apply to a FPIC or PPH that was applied for and issued prior to 7/5/22. (This is all circled on page 3 of the attachment).

Please DO NOT ISSUE any cards until this requirement is satisfied. I do not think we can legally “undo” any cards that were issued between 7/5 and now, but none of us were aware of this requirement.

Additionally, there was a new requirement added to the cards themselves (see page 4). FPIC cards are required to contain a color photograph of the card holder and a thumb print. I have no idea how this is supposed to go into effect since the NJSP issues them electronically.

Finally, part of the flyer from JAMC says “before making any policy decisions or changes to your firearms issuing process, consult with your county/municipal attorney.” I am the point of contact for this aspect of firearms licensing, generally, you do not need to contact your municipal attorney unless there is a concern about outside litigation (lawsuit, etc). Some counties do have the municipal attorney handle Gun Permit appeals instead of the Prosecutor’s Office.

If there are questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please pass this information on to all of the investigators in your departments who handle FPIC/PPH applications.

Sincerely,

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