



## Q&A and Instructions

### New Jersey State PBA Local 600 L.E.O.S.A. Card

#### **Q- Why did the NJSPBA Local 600 develop a Members LEOSA Card?**

A- The NJSPBA Local 600 decided to develop a LEOSA Card due to the misconception in the law enforcement community that such a card is required by LEOSA to be able to carry concealed firearms in accordance with LEOSA. The NJSPBA LEOSA card is intended to assist our membership, should they be questioned as to their authority to carry concealed firearms regardless of their state of residence or the state or municipality they happen to be in.

#### **Q- Is a "LEOSA Card", "LEOSA Permit" or "LEOSA Certification" required by law for the Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officer (QRLEO) to be able to carry concealed firearms in accordance with LEOSA?**

A- NO. There is no such card, permit, or certification mentioned in the law, however there is a misconception that such a card exists and that it is required by law.

#### **Q- Am I required to get the PBA Issued LEOSA Card in order for me to be able to legally carry concealed firearms?**

A- NO. The NJSPBA Local 600 Issued LEOSA Card is for identification purposes only, and intended to be an educational tool for the QRLEO to present to a Law Enforcement Officer who may not be familiar with LEOSA and to advise him or her of who has the authority to carry concealed firearms in accordance with LEOSA.

#### **Q- What IS ACTUALLY required by law for the QRLEO to be able to legally carry concealed firearms?**

A- All Retired Law Enforcements Officers are responsible to know the law in its entirety. However, the identification the QRLEO is REQUIRED to carry when they are carrying concealed firearms is a photographic law enforcement identification, issued by a public law enforcement agency that identifies the bearer as a Retired Law Enforcement Officer or one who has been separated from service in good standing. They must ALSO possess proof of firearms qualification, issued within the last 12 months.

The proof of firearms qualification must be issued by a Certified Firearms Instructor who is qualified to conduct firearms testing for active duty law enforcement officers in the

state the qualification is being conducted. The qualification course of fire must be the same as what is required of active duty law enforcement officers in that state.

The proof of firearms qualification can be in any form. (Letter, certificate, card, or any other document) The New Jersey State Police RPO Firearms Training Record, is only one example of what would be required as proof of firearms qualification.

**Q- Is the NJSPBA LEOSA Card a substitute for the documents I am required to carry in order to be qualified to carry concealed firearms in accordance with LEOSA?**

A- NO. The NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card is NOT a substitute for the retired law enforcement identification or proof of firearms qualification which is required by LEOSA.

**Q- If it is not REQUIRED why should I get a NJSPBA Local 600 Issued LEOSA Card?**

A- The Local 600 Member who is a QRLEO can have a "LEOSA" card in their possession if questioned by law enforcement as to their authority to carry concealed firearms. The Law Enforcement Officer **MAY** ask for your "LEOSA Card". If they do, you know they are unfamiliar with the law, but you **WILL** have the card they are requesting. The card will have a QR code which will link to the official NJSPBA Local 600 website and authenticate the card as well as provide further information about the law. There will also be links to the United States District Court Opinion and Injunction, which prohibits the State of New Jersey from arresting and/or prosecuting any QRLEO who possesses the identification required by LEOSA.

**Q- How do I get a NJSPBA Local 600 Issued LEOSA Card?**

A- Contact the NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Committee to make an appointment to apply for your LEOSA Card. For the time being LEOSA Cards will only be available to those members who can appear at the NJSPBA office in Woodbridge. The committee is working on a system to process LEOSA Cards for out of state residents who are members of the NJSPBA Local 600. The LEOSA Committee HOTLINE is 1-848-207-5597. Please call between the hours of 9AM and 6PM Monday to Friday. Leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Appointments are made on a first come-first served basis.

You must complete the attached NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card Application and bring it with you when you appear at the NJSPBA office.

You must also bring your Driver's License, your retired police identification, and proof that you have completed the required qualification course of fire. The NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card will ONLY be issued to current members of Local 600 who are in possession of the required identification and firearms qualification documents required by law.

You must bring a check or money order made out to NJSPBA Local 600 in the amount of \$10.00. This is an administrative fee used to cover cost of production of the cards.

The LEOSA Card expires after one year. You MUST maintain your membership in NJSPBA Local 600 to be eligible for the LEOSA Card.

The NJSPBA LEOSA Card remains the property of the NJSPBA Local 600 and is subject to revocation in the event it becomes necessary.

**Q- Can I get a NJSPBA LEOSA Card even if I never had a state or municipal issued firearms carry permit (NJ RPO)?**

A- YES. There is NO REQUIREMENT in the law for any QRLEO to have, or to ever have had, a state or local municipality issued firearms carry permit.

**Q- If the State of New Jersey revoked my RPO card due to my age (75years) can I get the NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card?**

A- YES. LEOSA has NO AGE LIMIT. As a matter of fact, during legislative debates, age limits were proposed and rejected by the legislature. **But remember, the NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card DOES NOT give you the authority to carry a concealed firearm. Federal law does. You have to meet all the requirements of LEOSA in order to be able to carry a concealed firearm, regardless of your age.**

**Q- Where can I find the law?**

A- The Federal Statute is 18 U.S. Code 926C. It is posted on the NJSPBA Local 600 website, along with other information about LEOSA.

**Q- Who should I call if I have additional questions about LEOSA or the NJSPBA Local 600 LEOSA Card?**

A- The NJSPBA Local 600 has a LEOSA Committee and HOTLINE exclusively for the assistance of all Local 600 members. The number is 1-848-207-5597. Call between the hours of 9AM and 6PM Monday to Friday. Leave a message and your call will be returned.