The Broward Sheriff’s Office – Training Division is offering BSO retired DLE and DOD deputies, as well as other retired certified law enforcement officers that reside in Broward County, an opportunity to qualify under HR 218/H.B. 143, Chapter 2007-111. Former Broward Sheriff’s Office deputies are exempt from the requirement of having to reside within Broward County.

Qualifications for retired law enforcement deputies and officers will be held at:

**BSO Firearms Training Range - Markham Park Shooting Range**
16001 West State Road 84, Sunrise, Florida 33326

On the following dates:

**MARCH 19, JUNE 18, SEPTEMBER 17, AND NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

The range can accommodate up to 20 participants per relay. Relays will be scheduled starting at 8:00 am, with other times slots added as needed. Qualifications will be conducted by BSO’s certified CJSTC Firearms Instructors.

Please see the following requirements in order to participate:

- By Florida law, all costs associated with the demonstration by such person to meet the required range testing component shall be the expense of the person being tested. The cost is **$75.00 per person for each qualification session attended. Broward Sheriff’s Office retirees are exempt from this fee.**

- Only checks or money orders will be accepted. Payment should be made **payable to the Broward Sheriff’s Office.** Participants may add “Firearms qualification, HR 218” to the note section of their check or money order.

- Retirees interested in participating must e-mail **BSOHR218@sheriff.org** to reserve a position on one of the scheduled qualifying dates and indicating which relay: 8:00 am or 10:00 am.

- Information will be posted in the BSO website [www.sheriff.org](http://www.sheriff.org). Click – Announcements (front page) to direct you to link/page to download packet.

- Retired law enforcement deputies or officers who wish to participate must:
† Have photo identification showing proof as a Broward County resident (for non-BSO retirees),
† Have photo identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer,
† Bring HR 218 Retired Officer Request for Firearms Qualification form completed and notarized, prior to attending a qualification session,
† Agree that the BSO range rules and policies in effect will be adhered to by each participant prior to qualification,
† Meet the BSO current standards for qualifications, which require the retired employee to regularly qualify in the use of a firearm (please see the attached Range Rules and Policies and qualification course of fire),
† Use ammunition in the following calibers: 38 caliber, .380 caliber, 9 millimeter, 40 caliber and 45 calibers, issued by the BSO firearms (no other calibers of ammunition will be allowed),
† Qualify with handguns chambered for the approved calibers,
† Have their firearms in a holster with the trigger covered,
† Be prepared to have their firearms inspected for safety and functionality by BSO firearms instructors,
† Understand that firearms found to be unsafe or un-serviceable will not be allowed on the firing line,
† Understand that BSO firearms instructors conducting the qualification will have the final discretionary authority to disqualify firearms or person(s) based on safety concerns.

Broward Sheriff’s Office retired personnel currently residing out of the State of Florida and qualifying out of state, can contact the Broward Sheriff’s Office, Employee Benefits section; in writing, requesting a verification of employment letter. To ensure accuracy, please include your full name, former CCN# and a return address.

Please mail your requests to:

Broward Sheriff’s Office
Employee Benefits Section
2601 West Broward Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Based on the mandatory requirements under HR 218/HB 143, we strongly encourage those who are interested in participating and qualifying under the color of the Broward Sheriff’s Office, carefully review both HR 218 and HB 143 in its entirety to ensure that they meet all the necessary criteria and documentation required under the law. Both HR 218 and HB 143 are public record and available upon request from FDLE or may be accessed online at the FDLE website.

The HR 218 card will expire one (1) year from the issuing date.