LEOSA Qualification – Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act

The requirement for a retired LEO to continue to carry a concealed firearm under the HB218 – Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act is to participate in a yearly qualification on a particular platform (semi-auto, revolver) the individual LEO chooses that they will primarily carry. The requirements from the State of Ohio does not specifically provide a course of fire for retired LEOs, it only specifies that the course be presented by certified LEO OPOTA firearms instructors.

OPOTA basic 8-round, course of fire for the Off-Duty/Backup qualifications currently used for any other active LEOs is what we have selected to use as our course. In this course the retired LEO will demonstrate, their level of abilities and proficiency with platform of their choosing. TRFTA LEO Instructors will enforce the same standards as if the retiree was still an active LEO; this means, practice, practice, attempt 1, attempt 2. Because TRFTA understands the cost of ammunition, should the retired LEO pass on any given practice or attempt and passes, the evolution will be considered passing and the individual will be certified as qualified.

The course of fire is the following on the range;
Arriving to the range:
- The student will have an unloaded, holstered, slide-lock or empty cylinder firearm
- On the command, the student will load, scan, breath and re-holster

Distance of 6 feet:
- On the command, the student will draw, engage 2 rounds in the preferred area of the presented target with unsupported/dominate hand only within 3 seconds

Distance of 12 feet:
- On the command, the student will take a flanking step to the left or right, draw and engage the presented target with 2 rounds in the preferred area using their unsupported/dominate hand only within 5 seconds.
- On the command, the student will draw, transition the firearm into the unsupported/non-dominate hand and engage the presented target with 2 round into the preferred area within 4 seconds.

Distance of 21 feet:
- On the command, the student will take a flanking step to the left or right, draw and engage the presented target with 2 rounds into the preferred area using the tradition 2-handed grip within 5 seconds

Clearing the range:
- On the command, the student will drop the magazine, and work the slide ejecting the round from the chamber letting it fall to the ground, locking the semi-auto slide to the rear, await further instruction before returning to the holster.

Total round count: 8-rounds

"Remember, the next time you qualify, might be your next shift" – Schreiber 2020