



Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.

HR 218 FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS 2026

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

The following dates have been selected for the 2026 calendar year:

February 14, May 16, August 15, and November 14, 2026

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

Please see the following requirements to participate:

- By Florida law, all costs associated with the demonstration by such a person to meet the required range testing component shall be the expense of the person being tested. The cost is **\$125.00 per person for each qualification session attended.** *Broward Sheriff's Office retirees are exempt from this fee.*
- **Bring the HR 218 Retired Officer Request for Firearms Qualification form completed and notarized before attending a qualification session.**
- Only personal 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 indicate which relay: 8:00 am or 10:00 am.
- Information will be posted on the BSO website www.sheriff.org. Click – How Can I? (top front page) to direct you to the link/page to download the packet.
- Retired law enforcement deputies or officers who wish to participate must:
 1. Have photo identification showing proof of being a Broward County resident (for non-BSO retirees).

2. Have photo identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer.
3. Agree that the BSO range rules and policies in effect will be adhered to by each participant before qualification.
4. 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).
5. Use ammunition in the following calibers: 9-millimeter, 40 caliber, and 45 caliber, issued by the BSO firearms (no other calibers of ammunition will be allowed).
6. **Trigger Finger Release holsters are prohibited, e.g., Blackhawk Serpa-Type holsters.**
7. Be prepared to have their firearms and holsters inspected for safety and functionality by BSO firearms instructors.
8. **Understand that firearms and holsters found to be unsafe or un-serviceable will not be allowed on the firing line. An inside-the-waistband holster that collapses shut when the weapon is drawn may not meet this requirement.**
9. **Have at least three magazines.** High-capacity magazines are highly recommended.
10. Participants are limited to **one firearm** per qualification day (no multiple handguns).
11. Due to the time and round limits incorporated into the 38-round course, participants must complete it using a semi-automatic pistol. Full-size pistols are highly recommended.
12. **Participants will only be afforded three qualification attempts. There will be no exceptions!**

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 to carefully review both HR 218 and HB 143 in their entirety to ensure that they meet all the necessary criteria and documentation required under the law. Both HR 218 and HB 143 are public records and available upon request from the FDLE or may be accessed online at the FDLE website.

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

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**HR 218 Retired Officer Request for Firearm
Qualification**

To be filled by Training Personnel: Card #: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Score: _____ Firearm: _____
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Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Current Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____ D.O.B _____

Retiring Agency _____ Retirement Date _____ Years of Service _____

State of Florida, in and for Broward County

Before me, the undersigned personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

I retired in good standing from law enforcement with: at least 10 years of aggregate service as a law enforcement or correctional officer. OR a service connected disability other than mental instability. _____ (Initial)

I have a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan set forth by my agency. _____ (Initial)

I am not prohibited under Federal law from receiving or possessing a firearm. _____ (Initial)

I am not under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicating or hallucinatory substance. _____ (Initial)

I have no physical limitations that would interfere with the proper handling of a handgun. _____ (Initial)

I understand that I must meet and follow the procedures established by HR 218 and the State of Florida in meeting the requirements for obtaining proper certification. _____ (Initial)

I have not made any material misrepresentation, or failed to disclose any material fact, in my request for certification to carry a firearm under the procedures and requirements set forth by HR 218 and the State of Florida. _____ (Initial)

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned this _____ day of _____, _____

Name\Title of person authorized to administer oath
(FSS 117.10 Notary or Law Enforcement Officer)

HR 218 Retired Officer
Release and Indemnity Agreement

I, _____ being 18 years of age or older, do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions related to my use of the Broward County Sheriff's Office's ("BSO") fifty (50) yard target range (hereinafter referred to as "Target Range Facilities"):

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify BSO, the Sheriff of Broward County, his current and former directors, officers, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers and servants from any claim, cause of action, or lawsuit resulting in property damage or personal injury to myself or others as a result of my use of the Target Range Facilities, **including any claim, cause of action or lawsuit based on the negligence, actions or inactions of BSO, the Sheriff of Broward County, his directors, officers, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers or servants.**

I, the undersigned, intend to be legally bound hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages including, but not limited to, property damage and personal injuries, that exist, now or in the future, against BSO, the Sheriff of Broward County, his directors, officers, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers and servants resulting, either directly or indirectly, in connection with my use of the Target Range Facilities **including any claim, cause of action or lawsuit based on the negligence, actions or inactions of BSO, the Sheriff of Broward County, his directors, officers, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers or servants.**

I understand that this Release and Indemnity Agreement includes any and all claims based on the negligence, actions or inactions of BSO, the Sheriff of Broward County, his directors, officers, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers or servants and covers bodily injury and property damage, whether suffered by me or another person.

I will abide by the following rules and regulations governing use of the tactical training facility:

- a. I will abide by the instructions given by BSO Range Masters.
- b. Only ammunition provided by the Broward Sheriff's Office may be used and only those calibers of ammunition utilized by BSO for its current employees may be used.
- c. All firearms must be inspected and approved by the BSO Range Master prior to qualifying.
- d. Violations of these rules and regulations may result in the participant not being permitted to further utilize the tactical training facility.
- e. All injuries or training accidents must be reported immediately to the Broward Sheriff's Office range staff.

I agree that in the event any portion of this Release and Indemnity Agreement is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

In executing this Release and Indemnity Agreement, I represent that I have had a reasonable opportunity to seek and select legal advice and have relied upon the advice of my own legal representative, who is an attorney of my own choice, or have voluntarily chosen not to seek the advice of an attorney, and that the terms of this Release and Indemnity Agreement have been completely read and that those terms are fully understood and voluntarily accepted by me.

In the event of litigation in connection with or concerning the subject matter of this Release and Indemnity Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses incurred by such party in connection therewith, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

Printed Name of Releasor

Signature of Releasor

WITNESS:

Range Officer

Date



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Firearms Range Safety Rules

1. **Treat** every weapon as if it loaded.
2. **Never** point your weapon at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. **Keep** your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
4. **Keep** your weapon on safe until you intend to fire.
5. **Know** your target and what lies beyond it.
6. Always obey all range commands immediately and without hesitation.
7. Carelessness or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
8. No cellphones or other devices are permitted on the firing line.
9. Only go forward of the firing line when directed to do so.
10. Eye and ear protection shall always be worn during live fire.
11. Ballistic vests shall always be worn during live fire.
12. All personnel entering or leaving the Range shall safely carry all weapons.
13. All firearms brought onto the Range shall be unloaded, unless the firearm is worn directly on the person in an approved holster.
14. All rifles brought onto the Range shall be slung on the body, muzzle down, no magazine inserted, bolt locked to the rear, chamber empty, ejection port cover open, and on safe.
15. Firearms shall only be loaded and unloaded on the Range or designated area when directed by a Firearms Instructor; the muzzle shall be pointed in a safe direction.
16. Before disassembly, all weapons will be cleared, made safe, and verified by a Firearms Instructor.

Failure to abide by these rules shall result in your immediate removal and disciplinary action.



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Updated FDLE Course of Fire

With the assistance of the Training Center Directors Association, Florida's state law enforcement agencies, the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association, Commission staff formed a group of subject matter experts (SMEs) in January 2020 to help revise the basic recruit training (BRT) Firearms course, instructor course, and **in-service qualification**. The SMEs were responsible for developing content and providing feedback throughout the curriculum development process. They have made multiple recommendations based on research and data regarding officer-involved shootings, as well as their own experience as firearms instructors and sworn officers. The SME workgroup completed the nearly three-year curriculum rewrite after conducting several in-person workshops and field test evaluations across the state. The updated curriculum was presented and approved at the November Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission meeting.

Changes to the Daylight Handgun Qualification Course:

- 38 rounds instead of 40 rounds
- Removed the 25-yard line
- New hip shooting and one hand shooting stages
- Personnel will lateral step when drawing and firing for most stages of fire (off the "X" upon threat)
- Passing: 33 out of 38 hits to pass
- Scoring: Targets will be B-21E(Blue Man), with the scoring areas being 4's and 5's

The Updated FDLE Firearm Qualifications will go into effect July 1, 2024 for BSO DLE & DOD.

Magazine Load Out in this order (Total of 38 rounds & 3 magazines):

1. Magazine of 13
2. Magazine of 13
3. Magazine of 12

STAGE 1: Hip and Two-Hand High Point from the Draw

From the 1-yard line to the 3-yard line; for a total of 6 rounds in 6 seconds

- From the draw. On the command of "UP", draw and fire 3 rounds from the hip; then create distance and fire 3 rounds from the two-hand high point in 6 seconds.

STAGE 2: Two-Hand High Point from the Compressed Ready Position

From the 3-yard line; for a total of 4 rounds(2 sets of 2 rounds); 3 seconds per string

- From the compressed ready position. On the command of "UP", step left and fire 2 rounds in 3 seconds.
- From the compressed ready position. On the command of "UP", step right and fire 2 rounds in 3 seconds.



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STAGE 3: Primary and Support Hand Extended from the Draw with Reload

One Hand Shooting

From the 3-yard line; for a total of 6 rounds(2 sets of 3 rounds); 5 seconds per string

- From the draw. On the command of "UP", draw with your primary hand only while stepping left; then fire 3 rounds in 5 seconds.

Based off the load out, shooters will be forced to reload.

The shooting from this stage will be completed utilizing only the primary hand. "One hand shooting".

Safely transition the weapon to your support hand and return to the compressed ready. Support hand only. "One hand".

- From the compressed ready position. On the command of UP, step right and fire 3 rounds using your support hand only in 5 seconds. Note: Support hand only. "One hand shooting".

STAGE 4: Two-Hand High Point from the Draw

From the 7-yard line; for a total of 4 rounds(2 sets of 2 rounds); 5 seconds per string

- From the draw. On the command of "UP", draw while stepping right; then fire 2 rounds in 5 seconds.
- From the draw. On the command of "UP", draw while stepping left; then fire 2 rounds in 5 seconds.

STAGE 5: Two-Hand High Point from the Draw with Reload

From the 7-yard line; for a total of 12 rounds in 20 seconds with a mandatory reload

- From the Draw. On the command of "UP", draw while stepping right; then fire 12 rounds in 20 seconds; with a mandatory reload. The reload must occur between the 1st round and 12th round.

Based off the load out, shooters will be forced to reload.

STAGE 6: Two-Hand High Point from the Draw

From the 15-yard line; for a total of 6 rounds in 15 seconds

- From the draw. On the command of "UP", draw while stepping right; then fire 6 rounds in 15 seconds.

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If you have any questions please email Sergeant Christian Caballero at Christian_Caballero@sheriff.org