



**NORTH CAROLINA  
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**MEMORANDUM - March 2011**

**TO:** PPS Licensees  
Proprietary Security Companies  
Firearms Trainers

**FROM:** Terry Wright, PPS Director

*Terry Wright*

The purpose of this informational mailing is to update licensees on various important issues.

**Continuing Education**

Per the administrative rule the Private Protective Services Board's Continuing Education requirements will be effective for all licensees renewing their license on or after **January 1, 2012**. The rule requires each licensee to complete at least 12 credit hours of continuing education training during each two year renewal period. By attend an PPSB meeting licensees may obtain one hour of CE credit, however no more than two hours per year may be received. Also, only six hours of continuing education training per renewal period may be obtained on-line.

Please note that 12 NCAC 07D .1306 states that "if a licensee fails to comply with this Section of the rules, his license shall not be renewed".

Furthermore 74C-(9)(f) states that "the renewal shall be finalized before the expiration date of the license. In no event will renewal be granted more than three months after the date of expiration of a license or trainee permit".

Therefore, all licensees renewing on or after January 1, 2012 must provide the PPS Licensing Section the original attendance certification form and the original licensee's statement of continuing education hours form. The CE attendance certification form is provided by the instructor and the licensee's statement of continuing education hours is located on the PPS web site. If the licensee fails to submit documentation verifying 12 hours of CE credit within 90 days of the expiration of the license, per G.S. 74C the license can't be renewed.

**Armed Rules Update**

12 NCAC 07D .0807(e) All applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit must obtain training under the provisions of this Section using their duty weapon and their duty ammunition **or ballistic equivalent ammunition**, to include lead-free ammunition that meets the same point of aim, point of impact, and felt recoil of the duty ammunition, for all weapons.

12 NCAC 07D .0807(l) The armed security officer is required to qualify annually both day and night. If the security officer fails to qualify on either course of fire, the security officer cannot carry a firearm until such time as they meet the qualification requirements. Upon failure to qualify the firearm instructor must notify the security officer that they are no longer authorized to carry a firearm and the Firearm Instructor must notify the employer and the Private Protective Services staff on the next business day. Notification to PPS should be in writing, addressed to Shannon Hunt, Registration Supervisor.

Furthermore, as it concerns yearly requalification for the armed recertification class, the PPSB would prefer all classroom topics be taught prior to any live fire exercises or qualification. However, it is a requirement that the certified firearms trainer present, at a minimum, the blocks concerning Safety and Marksmanship before any live fire is conducted.

### **Criminal Charges**

The Private Protective Services Board and Alarm Systems Licensing Board have recognized the difficulty that licensees have when attempting to register an applicant with a criminal history. Both Boards have approved a Grading Chart with a Table of Use, which will provide insight into which applicant may be approved and which applicant may be denied. The Chart grades all misdemeanors in North Carolina. Felony convictions are graded according to the standard set forth in the Table of Use. The Grading Chart is located on the PPS website under the Forms section. You can access the document at the following link:

<http://ncdoj.gov/getdoc/a837cbe5-af91-4664-a92e-b5330a1ca153/PPSB---Crimes-in-Statutory.aspx>

### **Upcoming Training**

The PPS staff and PPSB Attorney will be conducting four hour training sessions throughout the state. The training will cover an update of 74C, continuing education requirements, armed and unarmed registration procedures and recent court cases related to the PPS industry. Course and credit hours are as follow: PPSB-10-395 (Shannon Hunt) Registration Procedures, armed and unarmed (2 credits). PPSB-11-554 (Judy Pittman) Overview of Standards and Continuing Education Requirements (1 credit), PPSB-11-553 (Atty. Charles McDarris) Legal Aspects of 74C, and recent court cases related to the PPS industry (1 credit). Licensees attending the training can receive up to four hours of continuing education credit. Courses will be taught in the order listed above. **Note: Seating is limited to the first fifty (50) individuals that sign up for the course(s).** If you are interested in attending a training session, please contact Judy Pittman at [jpittman@ncdoj.gov](mailto:jpittman@ncdoj.gov). There is no cost to attend the training sessions.

The training is scheduled for the following dates:

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| April 15, 2011    | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Comfort Inn Greensboro<br>1103 Lanada Road<br>Greensboro, NC 27407<br>336-297-1055     |
| May 16, 2011      | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Holiday Inn<br>5032 Market Street<br>Wilmington, NC 28405<br>910-392-1101              |
| June 23, 2011     | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Clarion Inn Airport<br>550 Airport Road<br>Fletcher, NC 28732<br>828-684-1213          |
| September 1, 2011 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | City Hotel & Bistro<br>203 SW Greenville Blvd.<br>Greenville, NC 27834<br>252-355-8300 |
| December 15, 2011 | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Holiday Inn North Raleigh<br>2805 Highwoods Blvd.<br>Raleigh, NC 27604<br>919-872-3500 |