

CHAPTER 10  
RESERVE OFFICER WEAPONS CERTIFICATION

**501—10.1(80D) Weapons certification.**

**10.1(1)** Reserve officers must receive council certification in the use of weapons the hiring authority expects and authorizes them to carry. Weapons training is not required with any weapons the reserve officers are not authorized to carry.

**10.1(2)** Individuals who have been certified through training by the Iowa law enforcement academy as regular officers may be certified to carry weapons as reserve officers without repeating the required reserve officer's weapons training under the following conditions:

*a.* The academy certification through training was acquired through a school in which firearms training was required; and

(1) The individual is serving as a regular officer for another department at the time of appointment as a reserve officer, or

(2) The individual has served as a regular officer within the two years immediately preceding appointment as a reserve officer.

*b.* Verification must also be provided to the council that the officer has fired a qualifying score of 80 percent or higher on a tactical revolver course approved by the academy within the past 12 months. This verification must be provided by an academy trained and certified firearms instructor.

**10.1(3) Application for weapons certification.**

*a.* Application for weapons certification must be made in writing to the council on forms provided by the academy.

*b.* Verification must be received by the council that a fingerprint check has been made with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the division of criminal investigation of the Iowa department of public safety and that the applicant has no record of a felony conviction or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude. Fingerprint check responses from these agencies must be dated not more than one year prior to the date of the receipt by the academy of the application to the council for certification.

*c.* Council certification will be granted only where weapons proficiency is documented.

*d.* Interim certification to carry weapons may be granted by the chairperson of the council if all requirements for certification have been met by the reserve officer and certified by the appointing authority. All interim certifications to carry weapons shall then be brought before the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order that the council can approve or reject the reserve officer's certification to carry weapons.

**501—10.2(80D) Instructors for required weapons training.** Firearms, striking instruments and chemical weapons training must be provided by an Iowa law enforcement academy-certified instructor before a reserve officer can be certified to carry weapons.

**501—10.3(80D) Reserve officers and regular officers weapons training requirements identical.** Reserve officer weapons training requirements are the same as those required of regular law enforcement officers during their basic training.

**501—10.4(80D) Standards for certification.** An applicant for certification to carry weapons as a reserve peace officer must be of good moral character and not have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. (See 501—subrule 2.1(5).) The offenses of domestic abuse and stalking or other offenses of domestic violence, and any offense in which a weapon was used in the commission, are crimes involving moral turpitude.

**501—10.5(80D) Annual qualification.** All reserve peace officers who are certified to carry firearms must qualify with all duty handguns annually on a course of fire approved by the Iowa law enforcement academy under the supervision of an academy-certified firearms instructor and must successfully fire a minimum score as established by the academy.

**501—10.6(80D) Agency responsibilities for record keeping.**

**10.6(1)** It is the responsibility of the law enforcement agency administrator to ensure that training records are regularly kept and maintained. The law enforcement administrator shall make these records available for inspection upon request by the Iowa law enforcement academy or its designee.

**10.6(2)** Training records shall include the following data:

- a. The date of the training.
- b. The subject matter of the training.
- c. The instructor of the training.
- d. The individual who took the training.
- e. The length of time of the training.
- f. The location where the training took place.
- g. Qualifying range scores and the scores, if any, achieved by the officer to show proficiency in or understanding of the subject matter.

**501—10.7(80D) Officers transferring from one agency to another.** A reserve peace officer who has been certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy council to carry weapons and who transfers from one Iowa law enforcement agency to another as a reserve officer without more than a 180-day break in service (affiliation) will not be required to undergo weapons certification training anew, provided that a completed application to carry weapons as a reserve officer for the new agency in compliance with Iowa Code section 80D.7 is filed with the academy within 180 days of the date of transfer. If firearms certification is requested, the application must show that the officer has fired qualifying rounds under the supervision of an ILEA-certified firearms instructor within 30 days of the date of application. The application shall further state that all training records for the officer have been transcribed to the new agency.

**501—10.8(80D) Reserve peace officers serving more than one agency.** A reserve peace officer who serves more than one Iowa law enforcement agency at the same time must be certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy council to carry weapons for each agency that the reserve officer serves in compliance with Iowa Code section 80D.7. It is not necessary for the officer to complete weapons training for each such agency, but all agencies shall maintain duplicate training records for the officer.

**501—10.9(80D) Timeliness of training.** Training in support of an application to the Iowa law enforcement academy council to carry weapons as a reserve peace officer shall have been accomplished not more than one year prior to the date of the receipt by the academy of the application to the council for certification. Failure to file the application within one year of the date of training shall require the officer to undergo weapons training anew.

**501—10.10(80D) CPR certification required.** Reserve peace officers shall maintain valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or any other group recognized by the Iowa law enforcement academy.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 80D.3 and 80D.7.

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