

**501—10.5(80D) Weapons certification.**

**10.5(1)** Reserve officers must receive council certification in the use of weapons the hiring authority expects and authorizes the reserve peace officers to carry. Weapons training is not required with any weapons the reserve officers are not authorized to carry.

**10.5(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 firearm course using targets approved by the academy within the past 12 months. This verification must be provided by an academy-trained and -certified firearms instructor.

**10.5(3)** Firearms, striking instruments and chemical weapons training must be provided by an Iowa law enforcement academy-certified instructor before a reserve peace officer can be certified to carry weapons. Reserve officer weapons training requirements are the same as those required of regular law enforcement officers during their basic training.

**10.5(4)** Application for weapons certification.

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

*b.* An applicant for certification to carry weapons as a reserve peace officer must be of good moral character and not have been convicted or adjudicated of any offense listed in 501—paragraph 2.1(5)“*a.*”

*c.* 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 not been convicted or adjudicated of any offense listed in 501—paragraph 2.1(5)“*a.*” 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.

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

*e.* 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.

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