

## Frequently Asked Questions about HR 218

**We attempt to schedule two dates each calendar year for qualifications. They fall approximately 6 months apart, one in each half of the year.**

**Who is eligible for HR 218 / L.E.O.S.A. ?**

*You can research the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) of 2004 and its amendments in 2010 and 2013 **to see if you are eligible to attend.***

**Do I have to supply all the information on the registration form?**

*Yes. We must verify to do a criminal history check prior to the qualification date. A good phone number is important.*

**Can I live outside the Sarasota county area and still participate?**

*No. You must reside inside the geographic boundaries of Sarasota County.*

**What type of firearm is acceptable for qualification?**

*The weapon must be a handgun capable of double action fire. ( Striker fired weapons, Glock ,Sigs etc. are acceptable).*

**How many firearms will I be allowed to bring?**

*One firearm per person.*

**Is ammunition provided?**

*No, you must bring your own ammunition.*

**How much ammunition do I need to bring and what kind is acceptable?**

*The course is 40 rounds, so to be safe bring two boxes of 50 rounds each of any currently produced ammunition.*

**How many attempts to qualify will I get?**

*You will be allowed two attempts at qualification.*

**What type of holster is required?**

*Any holster that can be secured to the waist area of the shooter.*

**Will eye and ear protection be provided for me?**

*No, you will need to bring your own, earplugs or earmuffs and safety glasses. Prescription eyewear is acceptable.*

**Are we allowed to practice before we attempt to qualify?**

*No.*

**Are friends or relatives allowed to come with me to watch?**

*No, for liability reasons civilians not qualifying under L.E.O.S.A. are not allowed at the range.*

**How long can I expect to be at the range?**

*1-3 hours depending on the number of shooters.*

After qualification what will I get showing that I have qualified?

*You will get a Florida Department of Law Enforcement qualification card.*

How long is the qualification card valid?

*1 year (365 days from date of issue).*

Can I get extra copies or replacements if lost or damaged?

*Because the F.D.L.E. cards are serialized you can only receive one card per year.*

If I am disqualified for safety, equipment or failure to qualification, is there anyway grievance procedure?

*No. The Range master or his designee has the final word on all range matters.*

Are there any others times through the year that I can qualify?

*No, due to the high demand for range time we only schedule the HR 218 twice each year.*

Do I need to contact anyone if I register for the qualification but I can't make it on this day?

*No.*

Can I register with you to qualify by any other means?

*Registration can only be done online through the Sheriff's Office webpage.*

If I do not get registered via the website by the cutoff date can I still show up?

*Walk-ins will not be permitted.*

Once I register online will I hear back from the Sheriff's Office?

*Not unless there is a problem that needs clarification.*

Where is the HR 218 qualification held?

*The Sheriff's firing range is located inside Knight Trail Park at 3445 Rustic Rd, Nokomis FL 34275*

What time should I be there?

*Attendance starts at 8:00 a.m. so be there 15-30 minutes.*