



**Policy Number: 206 – Retiree Concealed Firearms Program**

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## **206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, denial, suspension or revocation of Montana State University Billings Police Department (Department) identification cards to qualified former or retired law enforcement officers under the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA) (18 USC § 926C).

## **206.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of this Department to provide identification cards to qualified former or retired officers to facilitate the lawful carrying of concealed weapons by those individuals.

## **206.3 LEOSA**

The Chief of Police may issue an identification card for LEOSA purposes to any qualified former officer of this Department who (18 USC § 926C(c)):

- a. Separated from service from this Department as an officer in good standing and maintains a status of good standing.
- b. Before such separation, had regular employment as a peace officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more or, if employed as a peace officer for less than 10 years, separated from service after completing any applicable probationary period due to a service-connected disability as determined by this Department.
- c. Has not been disqualified for reasons related to mental health or criminal conviction(s).
- d. Has not entered into an agreement with this Department where the officer acknowledges that he/she is not qualified to receive a firearms qualification certificate for reasons related to mental health.
- e. Is not prohibited by law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

### **206.3.1 LEOSA IDENTIFICATION CARD FORMAT**

The LEOSA identification card should contain a photograph of the former officer and identify him/her as having been employed as a sworn officer. If the Montana State University Billings Police Department qualifies the former officer, the LEOSA identification card, or separate certification, should indicate the date the former officer was tested or otherwise found by the Department to meet the active-duty standards for qualification to carry a firearm.