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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM A7S & DRUs

FROM: HQ USAF/A7S  
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SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) Implementation

The LEOSA of 2004 authorized qualified law enforcement officers, both active and retired, to carry concealed firearms if they had statutory arrest authority, which excluded military and Department of Defense police officers. A recent modification to the law added apprehension authority to the definition of qualified law enforcement officer, expanding the eligibility to active duty personnel and all separated/retired personnel in good standing who served in a law enforcement capacity for at least 10 years. Furthermore, an honorably discharged member who separated as a result of a service-connected disability regardless of service time is also eligible under the new statute.

Currently, the Department of Defense is reviewing guidance and drafting language on implementation across the Department. Once the Department of Defense publishes its guidance, the Air Force will determine if supplementation is required. Until that guidance is published, all Security Forces members and Department of the Air Force police officers are not authorized to exercise LEOSA concealed carry privileges.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my POC, Lt Col Scott Spiers at DSN 260-0471 or at [scott.spiers@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:scott.spiers@pentagon.af.mil).

  
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