

Board of Firearms Permit Examiners

At a Glance

JOSEPH T. CORRADINO, Esq., Chairman

Chief T. William Knapp, (Ret.), Secretary

Established - 1967

Statutory authority - CGS Section 29-32b

Office address - 505 Hudson Street, 5th floor, Hartford, CT 06106

Number of employees – 1

Recurring operating expenses - \$80,277 includes personnel (01) other expenses (02)

Organizational structure - Seven volunteer Board Members, including the Chairman appointed by the Governor.

Mission

The Board is a civilian review board that has the authority to overturn or uphold the decision by the State Issuing Authority, the Department of Public Safety and the local Issuing Authorities, Police Chief or First Selectmen to deny or revoke a pistol permit.

The Board of Firearms Permit Examiners mission is to provide a means of appeal, easy access to the appeals procedure, limit the waiting period from the time of the appeal to the hearing date, provide a fair and impartial hearing, and provide accurate complete information regarding laws and regulations about administrative hearings.

To help effect a uniform interpretation and application of firearms laws by permit holders, police officials, attorneys, sportsmen, legislators, and the general public.

Statutory Responsibility

The statutory responsibility of the Board is to administer and enforce the provisions of Section 29-32b, Connecticut General Statutes. Under that section, the Board has the responsibility of making inquiries and investigations, taking testimony and rendering decisions, in connection with appeals brought to the Board, by persons aggrieved by the action or inaction of the Issuing Authority, in matters pertaining to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 29-28 or 29-28a, pistol permits; Sec. 29-36f or 29-36g eligibility certificates.

Public Service

The administrative appeals process avoids the more costly and time-consuming process of filing an appeal with the court system for the appellant and the Issuing Authorities.

Board Accomplishments 2010-2011

July 1, 2010 the Board had 284 cases pending and received 315 new appeals for a total of 599 cases in the fiscal year 2010. During the same time period, 414 cases were resolved reducing the number of cases pending to 185 cases pending.

This was accomplished by increasing the number of meetings to 16. In addition, the Board also agreed to increase the number of cases heard at each meeting from 10 to 20 cases. This year the Board has further reduced the backlog to 10 months.

Administrative functions and programs were reviewed for cost effectiveness and redundancy. As a result the Board was successful in the spirit of shared sacrifice and returned \$1,125 from the Agency Budget to the General Budget.

Information Reported as Required by State Statute

The Board operates, and will continue to operate in conformance with Sec. 46a to 46a-78, inclusive of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Membership

Board members appointed by the Governor are: Chairman Joseph T. Corradino, Esq., Secretary Chief T. William Knapp, (Ret.), Arthur C. Carr, M. Peter Kuck, Colonel Kyle E. Overturf, Kenneth V. Tramadeo and one vacancy.