

Board of Firearms Permit Examiners

At a Glance

JOSEPH T. CORRADINO, Esq., Chairman

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

Established - 1967

Statutory authority - Connecticut General Statute, Section 29-32b

Office address – 20 Trinity, 5th floor,

Hartford, CT 06106

Number of employees – 1

Recurring operating expenses - \$81,086 includes personnel (01) other expenses (02)

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

Mission

The Board, a volunteer civilian review board, will provide a means of appeal by the administrative hearing process for citizens aggrieved by the decisions of the State Issuing Authority, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the local Issuing Authorities, Police Chief or First Selectmen, to deny or revoke a pistol permit and to help effect a uniform interpretation and application of firearm laws.

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

Administrative hearings are an efficient and cost effective process and as a result reduce the backlog within an already burdened judicial system.

The Board under Public Act 11-48 was one of the nine “watch dog” agencies consolidated under the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA). OGA provides the nine agencies

administrative functions including human resources and business office functions, in addition to the information technology associated with these functions. As a result the Board's one employee, who manages the office, has immediate assistance with the functions described in addition to providing coverage when the employee vacations or needs sick time. This has eliminated any gap in service to the citizens the agency serves.

Board Accomplishments 2011 to 2012

The Board received an increase of 100 new appeals from the previous fiscal year for a total of 423 appeals. This is the largest increase in new appeals the Board has received since 1995.

The Board held 18 meetings and heard 115 denial appeals plus 117 revocation appeals for a total of 232 citizens whose appeals were reviewed at the Board's administrative hearings. In addition, with cooperation from the State Issuing Authority, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the local Issuing Authorities, and the Board; an additional 183 appeals were resolved prior to the administrative hearings. The final result was 415 citizens were provided services and protection under the Connecticut General Statute 29-32b.

The backlog of cases waiting for an appeal has been reduced from 10 months in fiscal year 2010-11 to 6 months this year 2011-12. This was accomplished by increasing the number of meetings from 16 to 18 and increasing the number cases resolved prior to the scheduled hearing.

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.