

Federal Fire Arms Regulations

ATF P 5300.4 (10-95)

Sale of Firearms to Law Enforcement Officers

Section 925(a)(1) of the GCA exempts law enforcement agencies from the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation controls of the GCA when fire arms are to be used for the official business of the agency.

If a law enforcement officer is issued a certification letter on the agencies letterhead, signed by a person in authority within the agency stating the officer will use the firearm in performance of official duties, the officer specified in the certification may purchase a firearm from you regardless of the state in which the officer resides, or in which the agency is located.

ATF considers the following persons having authority to certify that the law enforcement officers purchasing the firearms will use the firearms in the performance of official duties:

1. In a city or county police department; the director of public safety or the chief of police or the commissioner of police.
2. In a sheriff's office; the sheriff
3. In a State police or highway patrol department; the superintendant or the supervisor in charge of the office to which the State officer or employee is assigned.
4. In federal law enforcement offices; the supervisor in charge of the office to which the Federal employee is assigned.

The Bureau would also recognize someone signing on behalf of a person in authority, provided there is a proper delegation of authority and overall responsibility has not changed in any way.

Authorization letter is modified as a result of the Lautenberg ACT that amends the information on the ATF Form 4473 (5300.9)(4/97)

DATE

Dear KEEPRS,

Regarding _____, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, the named law enforcement officer will use the requested firearm(s) for official use in their duties as a law enforcement officer. I further certify, under penalty of perjury, that a records check has been conducted on the law enforcement officer who is purchasing the firearm and reveals no convictions for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence.

Purchaser

Authority within Agency / Title