

# BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER

ON

## USAF SF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

### PURPOSE

Provide the background and AF Implementation Plan for the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA).

### DISCUSSION

- The National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 has expanded LEOSA sections 926B and 926C to include Qualified Law Enforcement (LE) Officers with apprehension authority under article 7(b) of the UCMJ
- LEOSA allows AF Security Forces (SF) and Office of Special Investigations (OSI) personnel, retirees and separated members with 10 years of aggregate service the option to carry concealed handguns across the U.S.
- LEOSA sections 926B and 926C defines Qualified LE Officers and Retired Qualified LE Officers, respectively, as well as outlines training and agency credential requirements
- DoDI 5525.12, *Implementation of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004*, currently covers the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (e.g., AFOSI) and the current draft includes other DoD LE organizations (e.g., SF)
- The AF will create an Interim Change (IC) to AFI 31-117, *Arming and Use of Force by Air Force Personnel*, to address the implementation of LEOSA and the draft DoDI
- Implementation of LEOSA section 926B will require SF personnel to be in a 31PX, 3PX or DAF Police position, meet all POST standards listed in DoDI 5525.15, *Law Enforcement Standards and Training*, and complete a probationary period
- Implementation of section 926C of LEOSA will require retirees and separated members with 10 years aggregate service to carry the LEOSA credential and state certification
- Retirees/separated members must acquire training from the state at the individual's expense and if no state requirements exist, the USAF SF M9 course of fire will be the standard
- The IC will prescribe a LEOSA credential and issuance process, with the goal being an automated process in the Security Forces Information Management System
- The IC will also address and recommend personal liability insurance since the Air Force has no liability for members who choose to carry concealed weapons due to LEOSA

### SUMMARY

This paper is for informational purposes.