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Rick Lincoln, Sheriff

*** Press Release ***

Effective January 1st, 2018, the Clinton Co Sheriff's Office will no longer be able to accept applications for ANY type of weapon permits at the Clinton County Satellite Office located at 226 11th St. DeWitt, IA. All applicants will need to appear in person at the Clinton Office. We can no longer accept applications by mail, email or 3rd party. Sheriff's Office permit hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is due to changes made with the passage of HF 517, which requires the “uniform permit card”. This law requires that all weapon permits issued in the State of Iowa be uniform across all 99 counties. The State will start issuing permit cards effective January 1st, 2018.

Due to procedural changes we have to make here at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to accommodate the changes in the law, we can no longer accept the applications at the DeWitt Satellite Office.

So what does this mean for a weapon permit applicant who applies after Jan. 1, 2018? - When you come to the Sheriff's Office in Clinton to apply for a weapon permit you must complete the application (applications are at the office and can also be found on the county website), bring a copy of training (if required), a photo I.D. with your current address, and be prepared to pay the fee. The fees are either \$25 or \$50 depending on the permit type, and depending if you have the “New” or “Renewal” status. We accept cash or checks – no debit / credit cards. After that, you will NOT need to come back to the Sheriff's Office as you did in the past, as all permits will now be issued by the Iowa Dept. of Public Safety and mailed to the permit holder. The Sheriff's Office will still need to process and approve the applications as before, but then the information must be entered into a data base for the State of Iowa, and they will send out the card.

The Sheriff's Office will still have 3 days to process a Permit to Acquire Weapons, and 30 days for a Permit to Carry Weapons and enter it into the database. The processing time is subject to delays due to additional research as needed. Once the State receives the information, the permit will be mailed directly to you.

What does this mean for a weapon permit applicant who applied PRIOR to Jan. 1, 2018 but is picking up after Jan. 1, 2018? – For any one that has applied for any permit prior to Jan. 1, 2018 you will need to still come to the Sheriff's Office to pick up your permit. For Permit to Acquire applicants, you can come in after the 3 day waiting period, and for Permit to Carry applicants,

you will need to come in after you are notified your permit is ready. At that time all prior to Jan 1st applicants will need to pay and you will be issued a paper permit from this office. We will then enter your information into the database for the State of Iowa, and you will be mailed a permit card, the same as those applicants that applied after Jan. 1, 2018. You will be able to use the paper copy as your permit until your new one arrives.

What if you were issued a permit between July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018? - As time permits we will enter your information into the new database, and you should receive a new Uniform Carry or Acquire card. As this will take some time, we cannot give a timeline for this process.

Again, we will not accept weapon permit applications at our DeWitt Office effective Jan, 1st, 2018. All applicants will need to appear in person at the Clinton Office. We can no longer accept applications by mail, email or 3rd party. Sheriff's Office permit hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as we adapt to this new law and the changes our office is experiencing with how weapon permits in the State of Iowa are issued.

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