



# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

110 WELLS FARM ROAD GOSHEN, NEW YORK 10924-6740

845- 291- 4033 FAX: 845- 294-1590



## SHERIFF CARL E. DUBOIS

KENNETH T. JONES  
UNDERSHERIFF

ANTHONY J. WEED  
ASSISTANT UNDERSHERIFF

CHIEF DEPUTY

ANTHONY M. MELE  
CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

[WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM](http://WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM)

August 18, 2022

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Orange County Sheriff's Office has stopped scheduling fingerprinting for gun permit applicants due to the new law passed by the state legislature and signed by Gov Hochul.

The licensing authorities in Orange County have advised this Office that they cannot sign off on applications without a social media check of the applicant and proof of training as required by the new law. DCJS and the State Police have been designated by the new law to develop the new training regimen by April 2023, but the law, requiring a new training regimen, takes effect on September 1, 2022, creating an insurmountable issue for the issuance of new gun permits. It would be unfair to applicants to collect fingerprinting fees (currently \$111.50) with no ability to submit their applications.

The Sheriff's Office strongly urges any gun permit applicant that has already been fingerprinted to submit their applications no later than August 31, 2022. Any application submitted on or after September 1, 2022 cannot be processed due to lack of compliance with the new training regimen and social media review. The law does not offer an interim substitution for the training regimen that is to be determined by DCJS and the State Police and this Office does not have the capabilities of conducting social media reviews for the past 3 years of applicants given the volume of gun permit applications.

There have been lawsuits filed seeking a stay of the implementation of the new gun law. If they are successful, this Office will immediately reinstate fingerprinting for gun permit applicants if the stay addresses both the social media reviews and the new training regimen. If a stay is not implemented by the Court this Office will continue to cease acceptance of gun permit applications until the matter is fully resolved by the Courts or the training regimen and social media reviews are available.

### ~ A C C R E D I T A T I O N S ~

