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APPLICATION/RENEWAL

If you wish to obtain a License to Carry a Firearm, please fill out the blank application enclosed and return it to our office. Total \$20.00. This fee can be with check, cash or money order. Checks and money orders will be made payable to the "Somerset County Sheriff". It is important not to forget your **driver's license number**. Also it will be your responsibility to call our office to find out if your application has been approved. Your application may take up to 45 days for approval and must be picked up before 90 days have accrued.

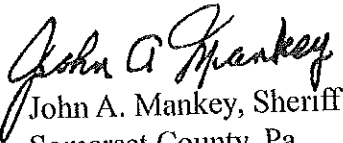
Upon approval of your application, you will need to visit our office to have your **photo taken** for your License to Carry a Firearm and pick up your permit.

The Manual for the Pennsylvania Instant Check System states that to help Firearms Dealers and County Sheriff's, all applicants shall use the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). PICS automates the process of verifying whether the dealer can sell a firearm to a prospective buyer or determine if an individual is eligible to acquire a license to carry a firearm. Automating the process allows the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to handle a larger volume of traffic, especially during hunting season, holiday sales, and gun shows when gun sales can normally be expected to increase.

If the permit is denied or not picked up in the specified amount of time, a \$5.00 processing fee is retained and the balance refunded.

Frequently asked questions. Can I carry my weapon loaded and concealed in a vehicle? Yes. With this permit it is legal to do so. If you are stopped by a Police Officer, however, it is best to advise the officer that you are legally carrying a firearm. It may save you from an embarrassing situation.

We are sorry for any inconveniences this may cause. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.


John A. Mankey, Sheriff
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