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POTTER COUNTY PISTOL PERMITS

In these challenging times I want to do what is best for the citizens of Potter County, not only for your health and safety but also to comply with laws and to defend yourselves. Pistol permits in my office were temporarily suspended to see how we could initially get past or through these difficult times but it is time to get back at it and try to move forward. Governor Tom Wolf granted an extension to license to carry firearms permits. Permits expired on March 19, 2020 or later have been extended to May 30, 2020. The extension is necessary due to the closure of some county courthouses and sheriff's offices, as well as other protective measures being taken to limit the spread of COVID-19. Along with that extension there is an exception to prosecution of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code section 6106 Firearms Not To Be Carried Without A License which states, "A person who has a lawfully issued license to carry a firearm pursuant to section 6109 (relating to licenses) and that said license expired within six months prior to the date of arrest and that the individual is otherwise eligible for renewal of the license". In essence, if you had a valid license to carry a firearm and it expired and you somehow got arrested within six months of its expiration, that charge would not be prosecuted. I have spoken to Potter County District Attorney Andy Watson and he confirmed that he would not pursue charges if that were the case.

I want to start getting Potter County residents back at renewing their LTC. **I will not be processing non-resident pistol permits any time in the near future.** I will be processing new and renewal Potter County pistol permits by mail. Send a copy of your driver's license, old pistol permit (if it's a renewal), your application for a PA Concealed Carry Permit which can be found on our website at pottercountypa.net in the sheriff's department tab, a self-addressed stamped envelope and \$20 check or cashier's check. I will issue a temporary license that will indicate temporary COVID19 on it in the photo and signature area. We will keep track of individuals issued these temporary license and once things get to a point where we can resume a normalcy, we will contact you to come back in to our office to be reissued a permanent license with your picture and signature

Please stay safe and healthy, Sheriff Glenn C Drake II