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FINEST MESSAGE

General Administrative Information

TO: ALL COMMANDS

RE: PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES BY
OFF-DUTY MOS IN NEW JERSEY

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW AN AMENDMENT TO THAT
STATE'S FIREARMS LAW WHICH PROHIBITS THE POSSESSION OF LARGE CAPACITY
AMMUNITION MAGAZINES. THIS NEW LAW IS IN EFFECT.

UNDER THIS NEW LAW, A LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINE IS DEFINED AS A MAGAZINE CAPABLE
OF HOLDING MORE THAN TEN (10) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION TO BE FED CONTINUOUSLY INTO
SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW CONSTITUTES A CRIME IN NEW
JERSEY.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE PERMITTED UNDER THIS LAW TO POSSESS LARGE
CAPACITY MAGAZINES CAPABLE OF HOLDING MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS WHILE ON DUTY OR
TRAVELLING TO OR FROM AN AUTHORIZED PLACE OF DUTY; AND THE MAGAZINE HAS BEEN
AUTHORIZED BY LAW, REGULATION, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDER.
NO EXEMPTION, HOWEVER, IS PROVIDED FOR OFF-DUTY MOS. THUS, OFF-DUTY MOS
TRAVELING THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY WITH A MAGAZINE CAPABLE OF HOLDING
MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS LAW.

THERE IS LEGISLATION PENDING TO AMEND THE STATUTE TO PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT
POSSESSION OF LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES IN ALL INSTANCES. THE LEGAL BUREAU
WILL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION IF AND WHEN THE STATUTE IS AMENDED.

MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE WHO MAY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DEVELOPMENT ARE
ENCOURAGED TO CALL THE LEGAL BUREAU. LEGAL BUREAU ATTORNEYS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM 0700 HOURS TO 2300 HOURS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AT 646-610-5400.

COMMANDING OFFICERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE ASSIGNED TO
THEIR COMMANDS ARE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS DIRECTIVE.

THIS FINEST MESSAGE IS TO BE READ AT 10 CONSECUTIVE ROLL CALLS.

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