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Jim Wallace, Executive Director
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RE: Firearms Transaction Records

Dear Mr. Wallace: *Jim*

The Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) has received several inquiries regarding the availability of firearms transaction (FA-10) forms and the use of non-approved photocopied or electronic (PDF) versions of the FA-10 form.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 140, § 128A firearms transfers must be recorded on forms furnished by the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS).

DCJIS/FRB provides residents of the Commonwealth with two convenient options for complying with the requirements of G.L. c. 140, §§128A and 128B:

- 1) The Massachusetts Firearms Registration and Transfer System (E-FA-10), an internet-based application that allows residents of the Commonwealth to safely and securely submit firearms transfer and registration records electronically from any internet enabled computer (available at: <https://mircs.chs.state.ma.us/fa10>); and
- 2) Sequentially numbered, standardized, three-part paper FA-10 forms available at local police departments and from FRB.

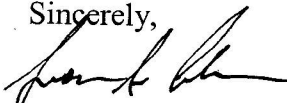
In June, 2011, the official electronic (PDF) version of the FA-10 form furnished by DCJIS was removed from the FRB website and replaced with the link to E-FA-10. E-FA-10 provides a simple, confidential and secure option for recording firearms transactions. However, there are some residents who wish to continue recording transactions using paper FA-10 forms. As always, the Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) will continue to provide approved FA-10 forms to police departments for their residents. All police departments have been reminded to contact FRB if the department's supply of paper FA-10 forms has run low and FRB will provide paper FA-10 forms to individuals if needed.



DCJIS no longer furnishes a standardized, official electronic (PDF) version of the FA-10 form and photocopies or electronic (PDF) copies of FA-10 forms are no longer approved for recording weapons transactions. In the near future, FRB will begin returning all non-approved forms to the sender. Non-approved forms will be returned with information about E-FA-10 and the availability of approved FA-10 forms at local police departments.

Enclosed please find an additional 25 approved FA-10 forms for GOAL members who wish to use them. If you have any questions or concerns or need additional FA-10 forms, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 617-660-4701.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Guida, Esq.

Director of the Firearms Records Bureau

Enclosure(s) – 25 firearms transaction (FA-10) forms