Wear and Carry Permits

The Maryland State Police Handgun Permit Unit has noticed an increase in the number of incomplete and inaccurate Wear and Carry Permit Applications that are being returned. In an effort to issue every permit within 90 days, we are providing you with the following “helpful hints” designed to ensure the successful submission of original, renewal and subsequent Wear and Carry Permit Applications.

- Applications must be typewritten. Handwritten applications significantly delay processing. In many instances, illegible or incomplete information causes errant replies when conducting background checks.

- The only valid Maryland Wear and Carry Permit Application is found on our website at www.mdsp.org and has a revision date of 12/2012. All other applications are outdated and no longer satisfy the Department’s requirements. Those applications with revision dates of 11/2007 and 03/2008 are not acceptable.

- As of October 1, 2013, all new applicants must successfully complete required firearms training within two years, prior to submitting the application. All renewal applicants must successfully complete the training within two years, prior to submitting the application.

- For more information regarding training, submission details and exemptions, please visit our website at www.mdsp.org, click on “Training,” then click on “Wear and Carry Permit” located on the left side of the page.
We do our very best to update and ensure our website has all the pertinent information needed by our customers and welcome any feedback that you feel would assist you in obtaining the necessary forms and resources you need.