

# PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## WEAPONS PERMIT

### NEWS RELEASE

Plymouth County Sheriff Mike Van Otterloo has released information concerning the renewal process for the nearly 3500 Plymouth County residents who have active permits to carry a weapon.

In 2011 the Iowa Legislators enacted a new law which changed the process for all Iowa Sheriff's to follow concerning the issuing of permits to carry and permits to purchase. One of those changes was to issue permits that were valid for 5 years. It also limited some of the sheriff's discretion when determining who was eligible for a permit.

At that time there were approximately 350 permits in Plymouth County and that has grown to the 3500 in 2015. A large number of these permits will expire within the next 3-6 months, therefore Sheriff Van Otterloo has issued the following guidelines to current permit holders in order to streamline the process and hopefully ease the workload on his office staff.

Please log onto our office website [www.plymouthcountysheriff.com](http://www.plymouthcountysheriff.com) to find answers to many of the questions that may arise. You can also contact our office direct at 712 546-8191 and ask for Gayle or Elizabeth.

Because of the volume of permits we are expecting, we will be accepting applications on  
**Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**  
**(8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**

To **RENEW** your permit:

- Apply AT LEAST 30 days prior to expiration.
- Attend new weapons training class or qualify on a range under the supervision of a trained instructor WITHIN the 12 months prior to expiration (fee may apply for training).
- \$30.00 fee cash or check (includes plastic card).
- Issues for five years.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

- Come in less than 30 days before permit expires or allow it to expire (considered new permit).
- Present same certificate from weapons training as when you applied for original permit.
- \$55.00 fee cash or check (includes plastic card).
- Issues for five years.

*For further information and commonly asked questions, please see our web site at [www.plymouthcountysheriff.com](http://www.plymouthcountysheriff.com) (weapons tab).*