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Newsletter Information

The BCI newsletter provides you, the gun dealers of Utah, with important information regarding firearm transfers. The newsletter includes changes in laws, policies and procedures, as well as answers to questions we receive from dealers, Brady news, and helpful hints to ensure the smoothest possible firearm transactions for everyone. It is important that you read this newsletter and brief your staff on its contents. The newsletter is available electronically via email and on the web at

<http://www.bci.utah.gov/CFP/CFNewsletter.html>.

Important Reminders

• Office Hours

Just a reminder that our office closes at 5 p.m., even though the Brady call center takes calls later than that. Please do not send customers to BCI after 5 p.m., as there will be no way for them to speak with anyone.

• Straw Purchases

A straw purchase occurs when a buyer purchases a firearm and transfers it into the possession of a restricted (denied) person. This is a violation of federal law. If the BCI operator is aware of the potential straw purchase, the dealer and the buyer will be notified. If the dealer chooses to proceed with the sale, the ATF will be notified of the straw purchase. If a straw purchase has occurred, all three parties involved in the transaction could potentially be charged with a felony (the three parties are: the restricted person, the second buyer, and the dealer selling the firearm).

• On File

If your customer indicates that they are "on file", either with BCI or the Federal Government, you must call their background check in to us, do not request it via a fax or the Internet.

• Out of State CFP's:

Out of State CFP's cannot be utilized in the purchase of firearms in Utah, only in carrying firearms within our state. However, out of state residents may use a Utah CFP in the purchase of a long gun.

• Research

Research typically takes between 3-5 business days to complete; however it may take longer depending on the situation. You are welcome to call the Brady call center after 5 business days, to find out the status of your customers background check.

• State White Forms

All dealers need to be completing the Utah State Transaction Form (known as the "white form"), as well as the Federal 4473 form on ALL gun transactions. Those "white forms" then need to be turned over to your local Law Enforcement Agency.

• Newsletter

Is there something you would like to see added in the next newsletter? Please contact Lance at 801-964-4517

Knowledge At Your Fingertips

Have you ever run out of state firearm transaction forms? Needed denial forms to give your customers? Or maybe you just want information and forms for concealed permits? Whatever it is that you want or need, chances are you can find it on our website.

The BCI website, www.bci.utah.gov, contains information on the Brady Bill, reasons for denial, forms for you and your denied customers, and firearm statistics.

A wealth of knowledge on concealed firearm permits and permit forms, employment background check forms, identity theft, missing persons information, expungement applications, Utah crime statistics, links to other websites such as Driver License, and much more are also included on the website.

Take a minute to check out our website and refer your customers to do so as well, you never know what helpful information you might find.

Important Information For Your Customers

In order to make firearms transactions run as smoothly as possible for everyone involved, there is some important information you should give your customers if they are denied or put into research.

If your customers are denied, please provide them with the Brady Denial Brochure and Request for Denial Information form. If you do not have these forms or need more, they are available on our website. You may also refer your customers to our website to download the forms or for more information. Although we are unable to release denial information over the phone due to privacy laws, you may instruct your customers to call us (801-965-4865 or 1-800-500-4867) and

select option #2 and they will receive recorded instructions on how to obtain the reason for their denial.

If your customers are put into research it is generally due to incomplete arrest/conviction information or because of a common name and little or no identifying information. Unless requested, it is not necessary for you or your customers to give us further identifying information. We must call the courts to obtain the information required to determine if your customers should be approved or denied. This process takes approximately 3 to 5 business days, although it may take longer as needed.

24-Hour Gun Checks

The web-based gun checks system allows you to submit background checks via the internet any hour of any day. By doing so, you will be able to run transactions more quickly, free up your phone line and personnel, view all checks your store has run in the last twenty days, and verify your billing. All that is required to run background checks over the web is a computer with internet access.

If you are interested in the web-based gun check system, please contact Lance at (801) 964-4517 or LTYLER@utah.gov, or Katherine at (801) 964-4527 or KATHERINEHARRIS@utah.gov. If you prefer, you can download a contract from our website at <http://www.bci.utah.gov/Brady/BradyHome.html> and fax it to us at our Salt Lake Location (801-965-4002) or toll free (877-879-6228), or you may mail it to us at the address listed at the top of this newsletter.

2007 Statistics

Top 40 Dealers:

1. Cabela's
2. Sportsman's Warehouse – Midvale
3. Sportsman's Warehouse – Riverdale
4. Gallensons
5. Sportsman's Warehouse – Provo
6. Vanwagenen Finance Co
7. Basin Sports Inc
8. Dougs Shoot'n Sports
9. Impact Guns – Ogden
10. Smith & Edwards Co
11. Sportsman's Warehouse – St George
12. Gunnies
13. The Locker Room Dixie Gun & Fish
14. Jiffy's – Vernal
15. Jorgensen's
16. C-A-L Ranch Stores – American Fork
17. Get Some LLC
18. Als Sporting Goods Inc
19. C-A-L Ranch Stores – Logan
20. Impact Guns – Salt Lake
21. Payson Sports & Trophy
22. C-A-L Ranch Stores – Farr West
23. C-A-L Ranch Stores – Cedar City
24. Kents Shooter Supply
25. C-A-L Ranch Stores – Spanish Fork
26. Hurst Ace Hardware – Cedar City
27. Jiffys – Roosevelt
28. Beaver Sport & Pawn
29. C-A-L Ranch Stores – Tooele
30. The Vault Gun & Pawn Shop
31. Hurst Ace Hardware – St. George
32. Westside Shooting Sports
33. Stewarts Ace Hardware
34. Wal-Mart – Vernal
35. The Gift House
36. Cedar Post – St. George
37. Rocky Mtn Sportsmans Fast Cash – West Jordan
38. Wal-Mart – Price
39. Wal-Mart – Layton
40. Quick Cash & Loan

Monthly / Yearly Overview:

More background checks were conducted in 2007 than in any previous year to date.

Month	CFP Totals	Regular Totals	Denials	Denial Reasons					Denial %
				Warrant	Record	*DV	*PO	*Other	
Dec '07	5,394	13,064	265	82	73	54	34	22	2.0%
Nov '07	3,981	8,796	234	68	67	55	20	24	2.7%
Oct '07	3,165	7,206	231	57	68	62	23	21	3.2%
Sep '07	3,185	7,354	182	58	50	31	27	16	2.5%
Aug '07	2,866	6,413	170	32	70	45	14	9	2.7%
Jul '07	2,437	4,946	128	45	38	24	13	8	2.6%
Jun '07	2,547	5,537	161	38	46	38	13	26	2.9%
May '07	2,792	5,669	201	56	64	46	13	22	3.5%
Apr '07	3,039	6,321	212	51	65	51	23	22	3.4%
Mar '07	3,403	7,477	270	71	84	71	27	17	3.6%
Feb '07	3,352	7,187	219	62	65	59	18	15	3.05%
Jan '07	2,948	6,360	245	57	77	67	30	14	3.8%
TOTALS:	39,109	86,330	2,518	677	767	603	255	216	2.9%

* Note D V = Domestic Violence P O = Protective Order

* OTHER = Drug addiction, Mentally Incompetent, Illegal Alien, Renounced Citizenship, Dishonorable Discharge, National Instant Check Denial (NICS)

Gun Dealer Seminar

The 2008 Bi-Annual Gun Dealers Seminar has been tentatively set for August 6th. BCI will soon be sending out a questionnaire that will not only serve to let us know how many people to anticipate, it will also give you a chance to let us know what topics are of interest or concern to you.