



# BCI Firearms Section Newsletter

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## Newsletter Information

The purpose of the BCI newsletter is to provide dealers with information regarding firearm transfers. Changes in laws, policies, and procedures will be included, as well as answers to questions we receive from dealers. It is important that you read this newsletter and brief your staff on its contents. The newsletter is available electronically at our website [www.publicsafety.utah.gov](http://www.publicsafety.utah.gov). Go to the Criminal Identification Link under "Divisions" and then Click on the Newsletters Link. On the right will be listed the current newsletter under the Firearms Section. **In the future all newsletters will only be posted electronically and no longer mailed out.** This will allow us to send small, short messages when appropriate. We will date each one so you will know which one is the most current.

## New Policy

For those dealers who sell class 3 firearms and accessories on the ATF Form 4. Many county sheriff agencies require a background check performed by BCI before signing your form as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer. This can be accomplished in only 2 ways. You may come into our office and we will either perform the check while you wait, or it may have to be dropped off and we will perform the background check and mail the letter out to the buyer. The second way is to go to your county sheriff and have them verify the form has been filled out and the address on the form matches the current address on the buyer's driver's license and then call us with the driver's license number and name of the buyer. We will then run the check and mail the letter to the buyer. In either circumstance if the buyer's driver's license is not current or the ATF form 4 is not completely filled out we will not run the check. If the sheriff does not want to take

on this responsibility but requires the letter, you will have to bring the form into our office. All inquiries into this matter should be directed to Lance Tyler at 801-964-4517.

### **Web-based Gun Checks**

If you would like to run background checks on the Internet, contact Lance Tyler at (801) 964-4517 or [lt Tyler@utah.gov](mailto:lt Tyler@utah.gov) to request the application/waiver to set up your company. We may be able to do on-site training in your store. In addition to running background checks, you will be able to see all the checks your store has run in the last twenty days. This can help you in verifying your billing on a daily or weekly basis. You will not be able to use the web-based gun check system for running CFP's, out-of-state driver's license checks, or a check involving an immigrant/non-immigrant. These must all be called in still. The web-system does allow you expand the time frame for running background checks beyond normal business hours at BCI.

### **Denials**

For dealers in the Salt Lake area, please do not send your customers to BCI over the weekend to find out why they have been denied. The office is closed and we are not able to help them. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 7:00AM-6:00PM. BCI is not able to disseminate denial information over the phone. Please do not tell your customers to call BCI to find out why they were denied. We can only tell them how to obtain the reason for denial and discuss the reasons why we might deny a potential buyer. There are two ways to retrieve denial information: in person in our office, or through a notarized letter (it may be mailed or faxed in). We are happy to answer any other questions your customers have. If you do not have any denial pamphlets in your store, they may be retrieved on our website listed at the beginning of the newsletter. Just go to the consumer and dealer sections under the Brady Bill Link. There is even a form pre-printed for the buyer's ease in requesting the information by fax or mail. The denial pamphlets should be given out to every customer who is denied.

The Table on the following page shows the total number of regular checks performed in the year 2010 by month and the number of denials broken down into categories. The number of checks does not reflect the number of sales of firearms, only the number of individual checks as a buyer may have purchased more than one firearm during a single transaction.

## Year 2011 Sales/Denial Statistics

Month	Total	Denials	Denial Reasons					Denial %
			WARRANT	Felony	*D V	*P O	*OTHER	
<b>Dec '10</b>	10,805	223	81	43	30	29	40	2.1%
<b>Nov '10</b>	6942	176	49	46	28	14	39	2.5%
<b>Oct '10</b>	5712	186	61	46	19	23	37	3.3%
<b>Sep '10</b>	5592	151	49	33	16	10	43	2.7%
<b>Aug '10</b>	4788	142	42	33	15	24	28	3.0%
<b>Jul '10</b>	4315	136	47	39	17	7	26	3.2%
<b>Jun '10</b>	4587	142	41	38	24	15	24	3.1%
<b>May '10</b>	4990	137	41	34	23	12	27	2.7%
<b>Apr '10</b>	5545	198	58	52	36	15	37	3.6%
<b>Mar '10</b>	6390	164	43	29	34	20	38	2.6%
<b>Feb '10</b>	6672	196	61	29	51	13	42	2.9%
<b>Jan '10</b>	5303	168	50	34	26	18	40	3.2%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>71,641</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

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

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

Top 40 Dealers As Listed By Number of Background Checks Performed
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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1)Cabelas                          | 21)Sierra Guns & Hunting       |
| 2)Sportsmans Warehouse –Midvale    | 22)Cal Ranch-Spanish Fork      |
| 3)Gunnies                          | 23)Cal Ranch-American Fork     |
| 4)Gallensons                       | 24)Impact Guns-SLC             |
| 5)Impact Guns –Ogden               | 25)Cal Ranch-Tooele            |
| 6)Sportsmans Warehouse-Riverdale   | 26)Jiffy’s-Roosevelt           |
| 7)Sportsmans Warehouse-Provo       | 27)Discount Guns & Ammo        |
| 8)Smith & Edwards                  | 28)Beaver Sport & Pawn         |
| 9)Dougs Shoot’n Sports             | 29)Rock Mtn SportsmanW.Jordan  |
| 10) Get Some LLC                   | 30)Kents Shooter Supply        |
| 11)Sportsmans Warehouse-St. George | 31)Al’s Sporting Goods         |
| 12)Basin Sports                    | 32)Vanwagenens                 |
| 13)Dixie Gun & Fish                | 33)Cedar Post-St George        |
| 14)Jiffy’s- Vernal                 | 34)Stewarts Ace Hardware       |
| 15)Cal Ranch-W.Jordan              | 35)Oquirrah Traders-Tooele     |
| 16)Cal Ranch-Logan                 | 36)P & S Pawn                  |
| 17)Cal Ranch-Farr West             | 37)Vault Gun & Pawn Shop       |
| 18)Army Air Force Exchange Service | 38)Quick Cash & Loan-Roosevelt |
| 19)Cal Ranch-Cedar City            | 39)The Gift House              |
| 20)Cal Ranch-Vernal                | 40)Guns & Diamonds             |