



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
Bureau of Training and Support Services**



Major Sarah Bruso
Commanding Officer

May 8, 2012

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gara
COST
1245 Farmington Ave, Suite 101
West Hartford, CT 06107

Dear Ms. Gara:

It has come to our attention that correspondence entitled *Notice and Demand to Cease and Desist* has been mailed to various pistol permit local authorities by Attorney Rachael Baird. Among other things, this correspondence appears to indicate that the fee for criminal history reports is not required to be paid by pistol permit applicants.

It is the position of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) that all pistol permit related criminal history record requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 fee pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 29-11(c) (fee for criminal history record information search is \$50.00) and 29-29(b) (as part of the pistol permit process, municipalities shall take fingerprints or conduct some other method of positive identification of applicants and "forward such fingerprints or other positive indentifying information to the State Police Bureau of Identification which shall conduct criminal history records checks . . ."). These pistol permits are issued to individual, private citizens for their exclusive use and benefit, and accordingly, the \$50.00 fee must be included as part of the application process. Any pistol permit related criminal history report requests, which are not accompanied by the mandatory \$50.00 fee, will be returned to you by DESPP unprocessed.

Attorney Baird's correspondence also appears to include specific statements that are directed to the various pistol permit local authorities. To the extent these statements raise legal questions; your municipal/town legal counsel should be consulted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Major Sarah Bruso".

Major Sarah Bruso
Commanding Officer
Bureau of Training and Support Services