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State Background Check Fees for Temporary State Pistol Permits called into question

Research shows towns collected approximately \$1.5 million from unsuspecting permit applicants for the state.

Connecticut, April 15, 2011:

Since October 1, 2009 the Department of Public Safety (now DESPP) has been collecting an unlawful tax on the right to bear arms in Connecticut. The DESPP has utilized the local issuing authorities in towns across Connecticut as agents of the state to collect a \$50 state background check fee.

Local police departments are authorized by law to request and receive state background checks at no cost and do so on a regular basis. Prior to October 1, 2009 this fee exemption was exercised in the investigation into the background of permit applicants. DESPP changed the permit process without authorization from our state legislators who represent the citizens of Connecticut. This amounts to a de facto tax on the right to bear arms protected by Article 1, Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution without the representation found in the legislature.

Since October 1, 2009 there have been over \$1.5 million in these fees collected.

Connecticut Carry has sent a demand to cease and desist in the collection of this fee to every town in Connecticut.

We ask citizens of Connecticut to spread the word to refuse the collection of this fee and report to us any town who does not comply.

"No Taxation Without Representation!" - Reverend Jonathan Mayhew

"Taxation without representation is tyranny." - James Otis

More information on this issue can be found on <http://ctcarry.com/BackgroundCheckFee/Background>.

Connecticut Carry is dedicated to advancing and protecting the fundamental civil rights of the men and women of Connecticut to keep and bear arms for defense of themselves and the state as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Connecticut.

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