

Those seeking gun permits urged to use web system

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Residents of Scott County and in surrounding counties in Southern Indiana who want to apply for an Indiana Firearms Permit can now start that process by using their home computers.

Scott County law enforcement agencies will now accept gun permit applications via computer which gun owners are urged to begin by visiting the website at www.in.gov/isp before they visit a police department. At that website, applicants must follow the link under the Firearms Licensing tab.

The process is easy. Each applicant can now begin his application from home by using an Internet-connected computer. To continue the application process, the applicant then visits his local police department or sheriff's department, depending on his legal address. Local and county police agencies have access to the licensing process and are now able to complete the process. They will access the application on-line and obtain fingerprints, fees and all signatures required. Additionally, law enforcement agencies can provide feedback on the status of applications or existing permits through the new system.

The addition of Scott County and surrounding counties to the system is a continuation of the statewide roll-out of the web-based computer application system.

Indiana State Police, in partnership with the Indiana Sheriffs' Association and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, approved the development of this electronic application system.

The new application process should decrease the time it takes to issue a permit and improve efficiency at both the local and state level without compromising the security protocols in place to ensure an applicant meets the legal standards to be issued a handgun license in Indiana.

More information about the new system can be obtained by calling the Scottsburg Police Department at 752-4462; the Austin Police Department at 794-4623; or the Sheriff's Department at 752-8400.