

Melvin Santiago Law Changes

Effective as of 08/31/2017

*****All armed security officers will need to change their present SORA status of *Security Officer* to the new *Armed Security Officer* classification*****

PROCEDURE:

1. First, if you have not done so yet, all armed security officers need to access the SORA site at <https://eapps.njsp.org/applicant/logon.do> Log in as **RETURNING** Applicant and use your existing login/password. **DO NOT** click on the *Renewal Application* box!!
2. This will take you to the **Security Agency/Instructor/Officer application process site**; highlight the "New Applications" box, scroll down to the "Armed Security Officer Certification" box and double click.
3. Double click on "I Accept" box for the **User Agreement** detailing your liability for using the site and then, after reading, double click on the **Armed Security Officer Agreement** "I Accept" box and proceed with your application. After you complete the application and pay \$75.00, you will receive the following:
 - a) The "IdentoGo" New Jersey Universal Fingerprint Form
 - b) A receipt for the \$75 payment with your "application ID number." **Make sure to honestly answer all the eleven (11) questions on the receipt page!**
 - c) The temporary certificate is good for 30 days until you take the ONE (1) DAY REFRESHER COURSE.
4. Once you have completed your registration on the SORA site, you need to have your fingerprints done by logging onto at www.bioapplicant.com/nj using the numbers off the "IdentoGo" form that you received when you completed your registration above and make Fingerprint appointment, you need to pay \$62.69 to complete.
5. Finally, you need to attend a one day renewal course taught by a licensed SORA instructor. You will need to supply the instructor with the temporary certificate you received earlier when you registered for the armed officer status.
6. All Cobra Security armed security officers will be required to carry their weapon in a Level 3 or higher holster; NO ankle or in the pants holsters will be allowed! A Level 3 holster incorporates the following three safety features: a thumb break, a trigger retention device and a special movement to remove the weapon from the holster. If applicable, the officer will be allowed to wear a casual type sports jacket over the weapon. Once you have received the red-striped **Armed Security Officer Sora** Card you need to make a copy and send a copy to Cobra Security. In addition to the new SORA card issued by NJSP, we will be issuing you a new corporate card which will have your name on it. All officers will need to clearly display the new facility and have in their possession the red-striped SORA Armed Security Officer card and their **permit to carry. No officer will be allowed to work**

after 08/31/2017 if they have not received their Armed Security Officer Status! As such they should start this process ASAP!

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** As a result of the new bill, the “armed security officers would be required to renew their registrations every year.” Fingerprinting is required only once, until further notice. August 31st is close so it is important that you start this process immediately. If your current SORA card expires DO NOT RENEW, instead follow these directions highlighted herein.

Cobra Security has made it easy for you to do all the above by adding all the links and the classes on our website:

www.gocobrasecurity.com

click on SORA TRAINING at the top of the homepage to access the SORA page.