

Dear FTTHA Members and Participants,

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We apologize for the lack of communication during the last few weeks. We have been working on preparing for the 2008 season at Fort Tejon. As some of you may have already heard the California Department of Parks and Recreation has implemented a policy that requires a "Background" check of all it's Employees, Volunteers and Special Event participants.

The "2008 Special Event use Permit" that FTTHA is bound by and required to sign in order to hold our Civil War events at Fort Tejon now contains the following verbiage: *"The FTTHA will certify that all participants in the Special Event activity are legally able to participate and further certify that no one involved is prohibited by law to have access to weapons, children and otherwise is an unlawful participant."*

The permit further states that: *"The Special Event Permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that its employees, members, agents, contractors and/or others under its control who have access to, possess or use firearms or ammunition of any kind on California State Park property, including firearms using black powder, are legally qualified to do so and are in compliance with all applicable laws, including California Penal Code 12021 et seq. Prior to the special event, the permittee shall conduct any criminal history background checks necessary to ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, members, contractors and/or others under its control have not been convicted of any crimes that would disqualify them from accessing, possessing or using firearms or ammunition during the special event."*

To be able to participate in the events at the Fort from this point forward it will be necessary for each member and participant to submit documents to the Board ensuring that they can legally possess or access a firearm or ammunition in the State of California. Following is a website address of where you may obtain a "Personal Firearms Eligibility Check" form from the Firearms Division of the California Department of Justice:

[www.ag.ca.gov/firearms](http://www.ag.ca.gov/firearms)

Once you have completed the form it must be mailed to the DOJ along with a \$20.00 fee, a copy of your California Drivers License or California Identification Card and the form must be signed and notarized. If you are a non-U.S. citizen, you must also submit a copy of your Alien Registration or I-94 Card.

The FTTHA will require proof of your eligibility to possess a firearm and your signature stating that you may legally possess or access a firearm or ammunition in the State of California.

The Board sincerely apologizes for this additional requirement but we find it unavoidable if we wish to continue to have Battle Demonstrations/Reenactments at Fort Tejon.

Board of Directors  
Fort Tejon Historical Association