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State Police Announce Web Based Gun Permit Application Process Presently Available in Miami and Wells Counties

Indianapolis – Residents of Miami and Wells Counties will be the first citizens in Indiana who may apply for an Indiana Firearms Permit from the comfort of their home computer or any Internet connected computer. This is the 'live-use' test phase of a web based computer application system anticipated to be available for statewide use by early 2009.

The Indiana State Police, in partnership with the Indiana Sheriff's Association (ISA) and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), approved the development of this electronic application process. The new application was developed by Holt, Sheets & Associates; the Indiana State Police contractor for the Central Repository of records. The new program will be tested in Miami and Wells County beginning July 1, 2008. The new application process will decrease the time it takes to issue a permit and improve efficiency at both the local and state level. All without compromising security protocols in place to ensure an applicant meets the legal standards to be issued a handgun license in Indiana.

As mentioned earlier, the electronic application process allows the applicant to complete their application from home or any Internet connected computer. After completing the online form the applicant receives a control number, printed from their computer. To continue the application process the applicant presents this number and their identification to their local Police Chief or the County Sheriff, as determined by the applicant's legal address. By state law all handgun permits are ultimately approved or denied, for legal cause, by the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

A key component of the new system will allow local and county police agencies immediate access to the licensing process. The appropriate law enforcement agency will be able to provide feedback to specific applicants about the status of their application or existing permit.

Citizens of Miami and Wells County, Indiana can go online to www.in.gov/isp and follow the link under the Firearms Licensing tab. Or visit your local police agency's website for the link. Once testing is completed the program will eventually be extended to all Indiana Counties.

This project could not have been implemented without the cooperation of the participating police agencies. In Miami County this included the Miami County Sheriff's Office and the Peru, Bunker Hill and Converse Police Departments. In Wells County this included the Wells County Sheriff's Office and the Bluffton and Ossian Police Departments.

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