



Riverside

Located in the densely wooded New England countryside with facilities to support our members whether your interests are competitive shooting, breaking clays, fishing, plinking, sharpening your skills for hunting or just socializing.

Quarterly

April 2025

Archery

Year round programs for both junior and adult archers. USA Archery, State Assoc., National Assoc., and the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program. ([page 2](#))



High Power Rifle

A variety of programs for a range of shooting interests including participation in the Highpower, CMP Civilian Marksmanship Program events and the Rifle Clinic. "[CMP](#)" on [page 8](#)

Pistol & Rifle

A variety of programs for a range of shooting interests "[New Shooters](#)" on [page 3](#)

Skeet & Trap

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Shoots every week. Three fields are configured to support different shooting programs including skeet, trap and 5 stand with lights. ([page 4](#))



Banquet Facility

Function hall, dance floor, band stand, and kitchen area with a separate entrance area and full function bar has a capacity of 150. Rental includes bartender and cleanup. Caterer and DJ available for functions.



Clubhouse

Outdoor Patio, Horse Shoes, Trout Pond, Sports Bar Big Screen in the Smoke free Club House, Banquet Hall dates available.



Club information will be maintained on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/RiversideGC.org>

Fish & Game

The trout are jump'n in our fully stocked trout pond. Badges available at the clubhouse.



Education & Training

The hands-on firearms courses, education & tactical schedules

SKEET & TRAP



The long Winter is finally over and the warm weather is setting in. The clay fields were closed for six weeks due to ice and extreme cold. With rain and a bit of elevated temps, our work crews were able to chip away enough ice to open all the fields. Thank you to all that pitched in to help.

Our Spring cleanup is on Saturday April 19 from 9 to 11am with pizzas to follow.

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Where Can I Not Carry My Gun

Things have changed! This is an updated article which was originally published in a Riverside newsletter. I have updated the article.

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Archery

The indoor season has continued to see increased participation and traffic in the range. JOAD and Adult tournament teams have taken many victories in the local tournament circuit as well as multiple top archers in the Massachusetts 2024 Rankings.

The sold-out Festivus tournament held at RGC increased availability this year to host 120 archers across 6

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from the President's Desk

The outdoor summer season is upon us and the winter league are over—the Jr. Rifle Program wrapped up the winter league and had their Awards banquet; the pistol team finished its' season and awarded Chad Brigham top shooter with a 266 average and Jeff Croteu the most improved shooter over his 2024 average.

The pistol team will continue shooting each Wed night throughout the summer on a very relaxed and casual score-your-own target session. The summer session is a very good time for new shooters to come out and see what it's all about. If anyone is interested contact Mike Connelley, mconnelley@riversidegc.org, call the club office 978-562-2404, or just

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ARCHERY



different lines from across New England. For detailed results, visit <https://massarchery.org/massachusetts-state-rankings/>

Outdoor season preparations have already begun, and mosquito and tick spraying contract has been renewed after great success last year. The tent covers will also be going back up by the end of April. For the first time at Riverside, a World Archery compliant outdoor tournament will be held on our outdoor long distance range. The Riverside Rangefinder will be held May 31-June 1. After registration opened less than a week ago, it has already sold more than 50% of the available spots. For more information, go to <https://www.usarchery.org/events/event-information/46603>

If you are an archer or interested in archery and want to be kept up to date with the latest news, please fill out the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RGCArcheryform>. Thank you!

Mark Garriepy
RGC Archery Committee Chair
President -State Archery Association of Massachusetts
USA Archery State Director – Massachusetts





PRESIDENT'S DESK *(continued from cover page)*

drop by on any Wednesday Night at 6:00 pm for an orientation--no experience is necessary. You will need a .22 semi-auto with your eye and ear protection.

We are planning CMP shoots with the M1 Garand this summer beginning June 21, August 16 & September 20. The High Power Rifle Team kicks off competition with a home match at Riverside June 1. The trout pond will be stocked the last week of April and opens to Club members who have purchased a trout badge Saturday, May 3. Trout pond badges are available for purchase in the club house. More details about the events and schedule are on the club website: www.Riversidegc.org.

Navigating the Massachusetts gun laws and regulations hasn't been smooth sailing. The State of Massachusetts enacted legislation in my view, imposing unnecessary firearm regulations that are cumbersome and difficult to understand. Going forward, Riverside will continue to keep our members informed of legislative action. I will continue to advocate legislation that protect our second amendment rights. If you're not a member of the Gun Owner Action League (GOAL), I suggest that you join and support the organization that supports you.

Promoting good sportsmanship and conservation practice is our goal. It is important for our families to be able to hand down from one generation to the next the tradition of hunting, fishing or participating in recreational shooting sports.



Pistol Team Banquet

(L to R) Top Shooter, Chad Brigham -- 266 Average, Team Captain, Neal Pressman, and Most Improved Shooter, Jeff Croteau

See you on the Range.

Mike Connelley



RIVERSIDE NEW SHOOTERS

The Riverside Pistol Team meets on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 PM. It is open to all regardless of skill level. The only equipment required is a .22 caliber handgun and a desire to meet friendly people. The regular season starts in October. However, our summer sessions are strictly off the record. It's an excellent time for beginners to try it out. There are knowledgeable people who are more than willing to help you get started and teach you the basics of bull's eye shooting.

Safety rules are always in force. As it has been said before, you're safer in the range during live fire than you are driving to the club. There is no limitation as to the number of participants. Although we have only eight stations, everyone will have a turn regardless of how many show up.

C'mon down, spend a pleasant evening with friends.

Arny Buckman,

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Unloading targets



Kevin and Margarita shooting long range trap game

We plan to rake upper field and load targets into all the houses. Swing by if you have some time. If you would like to join the skeet & trap email list, please let me know at flh3iii@aol.com.



Getting ready to shoot long range trap game



Fall clean up volunteers

We have a new 5-stand configuration for this season, including triples (bring your semi-auto shotguns). Check out our 2025 calendar on club skeet page.



Squad of skeet shooters



Richard & Peter shoveling stations

We introduced a long range trap game last fall that we use to do 15 years ago on the middle field. Two-person teams shoot long distance targets; the first team to hit targets from all 10 stations wins.

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5-stand shooting



Greg M ready to shoot at target



Lairton skeet shooting at night



Kevin M skeet shooting



Ralph Leighton & Judy Cook

New shooters continue to join us, and we give lessons on a regular basis. Please contact me for lessons and outings.

About a month ago a former chairman, Judy Cook from back in the late 80's and early 90's passed. She and Ralph Leighton kept this program alive and did so much work here back then. You will be missed.

Hope to see you at the fields.

Frank Harrington

Chairman

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There are a lot of places where carrying firearms is prohibited by law. (Yes, it has no effect on criminals. But we are law abiding citizens who gleefully follow every government edict.) Let's start with the Massachusetts basics. The following list is extensive but may not hit every prohibition.

First, a word or fifty about the new Massachusetts gun law abomination also known as Ch135 of the Massachusetts General Law. This law has been in effect since October, and it made some significant modifications/additions to prohibited areas as follows:

- A place owned, leased or controlled by the state, county or government used for government administration, judicial or court proceedings or correctional services
 - ✓ Includes building & grounds
 - ✓ Includes parking lots
- Excludes public lands available for hunting
- Any place used for polling while being used for polling
 - ✓ Within 150 feet of building
 - ✓ Includes where votes are being tallied
- Ok to properly store a firearm in a vehicle in the parking area

Continuing with the old law which remains in effect.

- It is unlawful to possess a firearm on your person on any school grounds; elementary, high school or college. However, if you have written permission of the school board or official in charge, you can have an exception. Good luck with that.
- You may **not** carry a firearm anywhere on post office property.
- You may **not** carry a firearm in any federal office building.
- You may **not** carry a firearm on Army Corp of Engineers property. Be aware that some of the publicly accessible dams in Central and Western Massachusetts are Army Corp of Engineers property.
- You may **not** carry on a military base.
- You **may** carry your firearm in most national parks but **not** in the visitors' centers.
- You may **not** carry a firearm in any courthouse – all jurisdictions; federal, state, county or local.
- You may **not** carry a firearm on Massport property. You can have an unloaded, properly cased and locked firearm on the non-sterile side of an airport for the purpose of checking it for a flight.
- You may **not** carry a firearm if you are under the

influence of alcohol or other substances. However, it is legal to carry a firearm when in a bar or restaurant which has a bar.

- You may **not** openly carry a shotgun or rifle on a public way unless you are engaged in hunting.
- You may **not** carry a firearm in a casino.

So that is Massachusetts and some federal guidelines. What are the other rules?

In Massachusetts, does a **No Guns** sign have any legal enforceability? The simple answer is no. However, nothing in Massachusetts is simple. If you are in a private establishment that prohibits firearms you are not breaking any laws, however if the legal occupant (owner/employee) tells you to leave because of your firearm, you must leave. Do not debate, argue, disagree, demand your 2A rights, just shut your pie hole and get out. If you don't, the police will arrest you for trespassing and since you have a firearm, the trespassing misdemeanor skyrockets exponentially to an aggravated charge and you will be spending some time in a 6X9 cinder block accommodation and big bucks on a difficult legal defense.

What if you are traveling? Before leaving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a gun, I strongly, recommend, implore, beg and cajole you to do some research about the state or country to which you are traveling and further know the laws about the states or countries you will be traveling through. The laws are constantly changing. There are a number of excellent references such as the USCCA website and the NRA website. They are excellent but I have seen some errors. So, check them out. I also recommend purchasing a book which I keep with me while traveling. It is *Traveler's Guide to the Firearm Laws of the Fifty States* and it can be found at: www.gunlawguide.com. It provides a one page summary of each state's gun laws along with info about traveling abroad.

By air – The TSA is very accommodating. They provide the information on their website. In addition, every airline includes detailed information on their websites. The folks at the ticket counter tend to be easy to deal with and will help. Put your unloaded handgun(s) in a good quality hard case with a good lock. Make sure that the case cannot be opened more than about 1/8 inch with the lock in place. Keep in your luggage which is to be checked. Do not even think about putting it in your carry-on. If you do put a gun in your carry-on, you deserve what you get.

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RIVERSIDE EDUCATION

Go to the counter and tell the agent that you have a gun to check. They will have you show them the case so that they can check it out. They may want you to take the gun out and show that it is in a safe condition, I personally grimace at the thought of displaying a gun in a crowded airport, but, hey, it is their responsibility. You will be instructed to put the case back into your luggage which you will put on the scale, and they will put it on the luggage conveyor. You will also be required to complete a form attesting to the fact that the gun is unloaded. You can also put your ammunition in the luggage. At the other end of your flight, you can collect your luggage when it tumbles off the conveyor belt with all the other luggage. I recommend that, before you walk away, you open your luggage and check that the case is in it. I do not recommend opening the gun case in the airport as there are too many eyes and people who would freak out. Not to mention that you might be breaking local laws about possessing a firearm in an airport.

Note that I only mentioned handguns. It works the same for long guns just the cases are bigger, and they don't go into your luggage.

Also be cautious if you are transporting a "large capacity" gun or magazines, or the dreaded "assault weapons". Make sure that they are legal to possess at the other end of your trip. Once off the plane, you are subject to the whims and crazy gun laws that may exist there. After all, Massachusetts is not the only whacky state.

By bus – Every major long distance bus company prohibits carrying a firearm on their buses. Generally, this includes

ammunition and firearm accessories. Some companies will make accommodations for licensed gun owners.

By cruise ship – Firearms are prohibited on a cruise ships.

By train – It is illegal to carry a firearm on an Amtrack train. If the service has checked baggage, reservations can be made to check guns with your baggage.

By auto/personal vehicle – The McClure-Volkmer Act, otherwise known as FOPA (The Firearm Owners Protection Act), provides protection for those of us who drive to various parts of the country. If you are traveling through a state in which you do not have a firearms license or reciprocity, you can legally transport your firearms across the state. There are caveats; all firearms must be unloaded and cased. The firearms must not be accessible to the passenger compartment. This is very difficult in an SUV but it is possible. You must be simply passing through the state. That means no stopping at tourist attractions or taking a tour. It does not provide protection if you stop for an overnight stay so get through the unfriendly state and spend the night in a free state.

Another note on FOPA. It only applies to vehicular travel (auto, truck, motor home, motorcycle, etc.). If you are traveling by air and have a connecting flight where you have to take possession of your luggage, make sure that it is in a state where you are licensed or have reciprocity, or even better make the change in one of the 29 constitutional carry states.

Bill McDonough
Education Director

RIVERSIDE EDUCATION YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 was another successful education year at Riverside. We offered eight licensing courses, and monthly we offered the Basic Pistol Series courses. In addition, Riverside's own Tony Tufo put on an excellent *NRA Basic Rifle* course and every Tuesday evening, I held a defensive/tactical session which we call Tactical Tuesday. We offered two advanced courses; pistol and carbine with an outside instructor, but they had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance.

The number of instructors available at Riverside has grown and I am very excited to be able to offer a greater variety of courses. During the last two years, Tony Tufo (NRA Chief Range Safety Officer *NRA Basic Rifle* Instructor,

Home Firearm Safety Instructor and more) has been able to teach two courses. In late 2024, Michael Kenney and I jointly taught the Massachusetts licensing course and Michael has been running that course this Winter. Michael is an NRA counselor, which is the designation for teaching the instructor level courses. In addition, he holds the same distinction with the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA). So, expect to see more USCCA courses at Riverside.

For 2025, we have another busy year. We will continue our standard offering; the Massachusetts licensing course, the Basic Pistol Skills series and Tactical Tuesdays.

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RIVERSIDE EDUCATION

We have two new events for this Spring. First on May 31st, Michael will be running the *USCCA Multi-State* licensing course. With this certificate you can get an out of state license in up to 40 states. Very important if you are traveling.

The second event will be on June 28th. We will be setting up a *Tactical Day at the Range*. This day will give an opportunity to anyone who has not tried or has had limited experience with or has a lot of experience with tactical shooting to do some drills and courses of fire. It is serious fun and can definitely challenge your skills.

There are other courses which we can offer such as the *NRA Refuse to be a Victim* course, we can bring John McAdam back to put on any number of his *Know the Law* courses such as *Self Defense Justification* and *The Aftermath of a Self Defense Event*, which are extremely valuable. We can do *Fighting Shotgun* with Gregory Cruz and others.

I am looking for feedback from the Riverside members so that I can set up the courses that most interest you. Send me an email and let me know your preferences.

Bill McDonough

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CMP PROGRAM RETURNS TO RIVERSIDE GUN CLUB

Riverside Gun Club is proud to announce the re-launch of its Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), offering members and the wider shooting community a renewed opportunity to participate in this historic and nationally respected initiative.

After a brief hiatus, the CMP program at Riverside is back and better than ever, with events, training, and marksmanship matches planned for the coming months. The club's leadership and CMP committee have worked hard to revive the program, with a focus on safety, education, and community involvement.

We're excited to bring the CMP program back to Riverside. Our goal is to provide a structured and welcoming environment where participants of all skill levels can improve their marksmanship, learn about the history and discipline of the sport, and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

The CMP is a federally chartered, non-profit organization dedicated to training and educating U.S. citizens in responsible firearm use and safety, with a strong emphasis on youth development and competitive shooting. Participants in the program can also qualify to purchase surplus military rifles through the CMP's official channels.

Riverside's CMP events will include:

- Introductory Clinics for new shooters
- CMP Qualification Opportunities for those looking to deepen their involvement

The first official event of the restarted program will be held on June 21, 2025 at 9AM at the Riverside Gun Club range. All members and interested non-members are welcome to attend, with details and registration available on the club's website.

Whether you're a seasoned shooter or just starting out, the Riverside CMP program offers a chance to sharpen your skills, learn from experienced instructors, and be part of a proud tradition that supports shooting sports across America.

For more information, visit riversidegc.org or contact Tony Tufo

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GOAL

OUR GOAL IS 100% MEMBERSHIP IN GOAL

The Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) is the official state firearms association in Massachusetts. GOAL is an association of law-abiding citizens who believe that the basic right of firearms ownership.

GOAL works to defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights against those in Massachusetts who wish to infringe upon the freedoms guaranteed by our forefathers.

Now, more than ever, we need to support GOAL and participate in their activities. HD4420 is an incredible attack on our Second Amendment and hunting rights. It has been described as worse than a amalgamation of the worst gun laws from California, New York and New Jersey. It is a legislative temper tantrum because our single-party rulers in Massachusetts did not like the Supreme Court's Bruen decision.

If you are not a member of GOAL, you need to join. This organization is the defender of our rights. The Massachusetts legislature just passed a law that essentially allows anyone who is afraid of you because you own guns to file a complaint (valid or not) with the local police and without any hearing or other due process, the police can go to your house and confiscate your guns. The law does not provide a mechanism for you to get them back without an appeal to the court and, even if the complaint is found to be without merit, it can be used as a reason to deny your LTC renewal. This bill ignores all aspects of mental health. The only purpose is to allow the confiscation of our firearms/ removing our rights without due process.

If we don't have GOAL, we will lose our rights.

If you are not a member, please follow this link:

<https://www.goal.org/join---donate> and join today.

Gun Owner Action League Should I support the organization that supports me?

Have you seen any of the Democrats who are running for president? Everyone of them wants to implement extreme gun control and they are no longer pretending. Some of them are actually saying that they want to take away guns from all citizens. Not a single candidate has any proposal that will reduce violence using guns or prevent a mass murder, but they have lots of ideas to prevent law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional rights to possess firearms.

The long time Speaker of the House or Representatives (The People's House) Tip O'Neil said "All politics are local". Well, for years, the Massachusetts legislators and governors and been in a competition with the states of California, New York, New Jersey and others to implement the most draconian gun laws in the country. There are a number of organizations who are working on a national level to combat the anti-gun forces but not so on the local level where we have already lost a lot. Fortunately, we have GOAL.

I'm a member of the Gun Owner Action League (GOAL) and I encourage Riverside members, or for that matter, every Massachusetts gun owner, who want to maintain the right to keep their guns to join GOAL. This is the only organization that focuses "exclusively on Massachusetts gun owners rights. The organization not only interfaces with Massachusetts Legislature, but also provides training and education programs for individuals and sporting clubs.

Your support to GOAL helps defend the Second Amendment as the GOAL congressional liaison people assist the MA legislature. Many of the MA congressional leaders might draft unfavorable or meaningless legislation without the counseling and expertise of GOAL, therefore reducing the negative impact of the AG and the legislature's ham-fisted approach. The GOAL training staff cultivates the next generation of sportsmen through education programs and the lectures and forums at our sporting clubs. Their activity if funded by the membership dues. GOAL is the leading authority on local, state and federal firearms laws and a source of information for the state's licensed gun owners. Members receive an informative weekly newsletter to keep you informed. They are a buffer between congress and the anti-gun lobbyists and political activists. Therefore I say support the organization that supports you.

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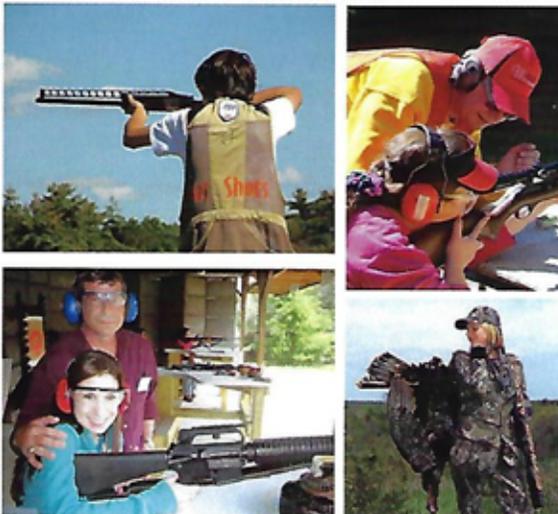
The best \$30 a gun owner in Massachusetts can spend! Become a GOAL member. GOAL is our first line of defense against the anti-Second Amendment forces in Massachusetts.

Join Today!
Our GOAL
Is to preserve your heritage

Gun Owners' Action League was formed in 1974 to protect the right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes in Massachusetts. We are a grass-roots organization of law-abiding citizens who are working to protect our rights and our shooting sports heritage.

Whether you choose to lawfully own a firearm for recreation, self-defense, hunting, competition, collecting, or any other lawful reason, GOAL is working to restore and defend our rights and heritage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please join the thousands of other lawful gun owners who have made the commitment to restoring and protecting what is rightfully ours. Your membership could make the difference in how the future looks for lawful gun owners! Thank You.



Gun Owners' Action League



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Gun Owners' Action League
Application for membership

Dues Effective February 1, 2006

New Former Renewal Member ID: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Junior (under 21) 1 year \$15

Junior birth date (required): _____

Individual 1 year \$30

3 year \$75

5 year \$125

Family 1 year \$35

3 year \$95

5 year \$150

(if choosing a family membership, please list the names of other family members who should receive membership cards)

Life * Sustaining \$750

Benefactor \$1500

Patron \$3000

**For monthly payment schedule, please contact the GOAL office.*

Enclosed is my: cash check/ money order

Please charge to my credit card:

Type: Master Card Visa Amex Discover

Card #: _____

Exp. Date : _____

Signature for credit card

Sponsor (if any): _____



ARE YOU AWARE

At least half of all people who have a Firearms Identification Card (FID) or a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) are not aware that you must inform the state and the local communities when you move. You have 30 days from the date of the move to get it done. We are in really good company on this as the only two categories of people who have to notify the state/city when moving are firearms permit holders and sex offenders. (I can not control myself so I will editorialize now – Gun owners and sex offenders must register. I suspect that many of our legislators would rather have the sex offenders living next door to them then gun owners.)

Be aware that any change of address must be reported. If you move from 1 Main Street, Unit 1 to 1 Main Street Unit 2 in the same town, you must report the change of address. Not reporting your move can prevent you from being able to renew your FID/LTC or even get it suspended.

Fortunately, the Change of Address form is very simple and not a major deal. The information required is at your fingertips.

Unfortunately, the form must be sent by certified mail, although not difficult, it does require a trip to the post office. Make sure that you do not carry your firearms onto post office property as it is a serious offense. The form must be sent to the Firearms Records Bureau, the police department that issued your current license, and the police department of the community you are moving to. Note that as of 2020, you can call the Firearms Records Bureau rather than sending the form in the mail, however since you will be at the post office anyway.....

You can get the form here.

The important section of the form looks like this:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	FID card or LTC #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name, First Name	Date of Birth
My new <u>residential</u> address is:	My new <u>mailing</u> address is:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as residential, or:
Number Street	Number Street P.O. Box
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Apt.# or Unit #	Apt. # or Unit #
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City/Town State Zip	City/Town State Zip
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Change of Address Notification – 02.2020

What if you moved more than 30 days ago and did not send in the form? You should probably do it now. There is a good chance that the local police department won't be concerned about the timing so long as they know where you are.