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Clerk Cathy Garrett and Sheriff Warren Evans eliminate cross-county commute for citizens seeking CCW permits

Wayne County citizens can look forward to more efficient, streamlined services thanks to a collaborative plan announced today by Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans.

Citizens in Western Wayne County will no longer have to make a trip downtown to apply for a Permit to Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW). Instead, they will be able to visit the Clerk's "one-stop-shop" at the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland, 3100 Henry Ruff Road, to apply for a concealed weapons permit. The new service is part of the Garrett's new satellite office at the Sheriff's western Wayne County headquarters.



In addition, a step has been eliminated for all citizens who visit the Clerk's downtown office to apply for a CCW license. In the past, they had to apply in the downtown office and travel to the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland to be fingerprinted. Those citizens now will be able to process their application in a one-stop visit by having their fingerprinting conducted at the downtown location when they initially apply for the permit.

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The Clerk's Office has purchased a state-of-the-art fingerprinting machine and the staff will receive specialized training from the Sheriff's Office.

Applicants applying for CCW permits at the Clerk's downtown location will only have to make one trip because their CCW permit, if approved, will be mailed to them. In the past, they had to make a second trip to personally pick up the CCW permit.

Improvements in technology have reduced the previous on-average fingerprinting processing time from five weeks to one week. In the very near future, applicants will be able to go online to WayneCountyClerk.com to track the status of their application in real time.

Wayne County issues approximately 4,500 CCW permits each year.

"We have done a great deal in the past two years to reduce the wait for law abiding citizens to receive a CCW permit and this one-stop shop is the final piece of the puzzle," Sheriff Evans said. "Now citizens will be able to apply for and receive their permits in as convenient and expedient a manner as possible."

The Clerk's Western Wayne Satellite Office also will be staffed to provide a number of the most requested Clerk services, including: Assumed Names; Birth/Death Certificates; Marriage Licenses; Passports and Notary Public.

"I'm assessing ways to more conveniently serve the citizens of Wayne County," stated Clerk Garrett. "I'm pleased that two Wayne County government offices are working together to improve services for our citizens."

Note: *To schedule an appointment for fingerprinting for a CCW permit at the Clerk's new western Wayne County satellite office, please call 734-721-5125*

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