



SMOKELESS POWDER MEMO

Showmasters Gun Shows and their on-site representative shall be responsible for the following:

- A list of vendors selling smokeless powder will be provided and verified by Showmasters for each show.
- A copy of this MEMO shall remain with the Smokeless Powder Vendor at all times.
- An Assistant Fire Marshal from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department shall inspect the powder storage prior to the show for approval. Storage Boxes may not be brought into the building until an inspection is completed. Each consecutive show the Fire Marshal will inspect at their booth.
- This information shall apply to smokeless powder and black powder substitutes only (e.g., Pyrodex).
- The fire prevention code limits the amount of smokeless powder to 800 total pounds within the hall, no more than 400 pounds per vendor, and only 20 pounds per vendor for display purposes. Smokeless powder in excess of 20 pounds not exceeding 400 pounds per vendor shall be stored in cabinets having walls at least **1 inch thickness**. Maximum of 400 pounds per cabinet.
- Signs: "NO SMOKING" shall be conspicuously displayed on two sides of display area where the smokeless powder will be displayed or sold.
- **Two** minimum five pound ABC fire extinguishers shall be located within 25 feet of the powder box. One minimum five pound ABC fire extinguisher if only 20 pounds are displayed without Box Storage. The date will need to be current. There will be a stamp on the bottom of a fire extinguisher or shown on the label listing the year. If over a year of time has passed you will need to either purchase a new extinguisher or take it to a place that will maintainance and "tag" the fire extinguisher each year. For example if the Fire Extinguisher stamp says 2021 you are good through December 2022. Another back up is to have the original dated receipt with you.
- There shall be at least 50 feet separation between vendors and 20 feet away from any fire exit.
- The powder storage box shall seal tight and remain locked, except when removing product or restocking the box.
- All powder shall remain in the manufacturers original containers.
- All damaged powder containers shall be removed from the building immediately.
- Any powder that is spilled shall be cleaned up immediately and removed from the building.
- All vehicles transporting or storing smokeless powder shall have appropriate placards, signage and security at all times.
- All vehicles used for temporary storage shall be disabled and shall be a minimum of 25 feet from any building capable of being occupied. If the storage of smokeless powder in a vehicle exceeds 500 pounds, a code modification must be obtained from the fire code official.

All display and storage of smokeless powder shall comply with the Virginia State wide Fire Prevention Code 2012 Edition and the rule of the Dulles Expo Center. Failure to adhere to these regulations may result in vendor removal or event closure.