Rule Statement

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) shall comply with the provisions of Texas HB 11 regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on campus.

Reason for Rule

To provide guidance for TEEX employees regarding the licensed carry of Concealed Handguns on the TEEX campus.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. The Agency Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) established this rule after consulting with TEEX employees about specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the TEEX environment. These rules were reviewed by the System Board of Regents as required by law.

2. A handgun license holder under Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder’s person while the license holder is on the Campus of TEEX or in a TEEX vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, or this rule. The open carrying of a handgun on TEEX property is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

3. TEEX enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, university police or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution when violations occur. Second, TEEX will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of TEEX rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to TEEX employees.

4. Rules Applicable to Carrying a Concealed Handgun on the TEEX Campus

   A. State Law Prohibitions
A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions. See Appendix.

B. Federal Law Prohibitions

A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions.

C. Other Prohibited Campus Premises

TEEX imposes no restrictions beyond those already stipulated with the following exceptions:

1) TEEX will abide by TAMU rules for that portion of the TEEX Campus located on the TAMU Campus where TAMU gives effective notice pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. TEEX will abide by System guidelines for that portion of the TEEX Campus located on System Property where the System gives effective notice pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code; and

2) When a third party leasing TEEX facilities determines to prohibit the concealed carry of handguns on the leased portion of the premises and provides effective notice pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code.

3) Any premises where the agency, as directed or approved by the Agency Director as necessary for safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. For this rule, the term “owner of the property” in Section 30.06(b), Penal Code, means the Agency Director. No agency employee is “someone with apparent authority to act for the owner” for purposes of Section 30.06(b), Penal Code. All notices under Section 30.06, Penal Code, will be agency notice, conform to Sections 46.03 and 46.035, Penal Code, and apply equally to all handgun license holders; and

5. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, the organization imposing the restriction must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

Related Statutes, Polices, or Requirements

System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons

Definitions

Campus –means all land and buildings owned or leased by TEEX.
Premises – means a building or portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

System – means The Texas A&M University System.

Appendix

Texas Statutory Prohibitions

Contact Office

TEEX Chief Financial Officer.  979-458-6940