Campus Carry

On June 13, 2015, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed into law Senate Bill 11, the campus concealed carry bill. Effective August 1, 2016, this authorizes a handgun license holder to carry a concealed handgun on the campus of an institution of higher education.

After consulting with students, staff, and faculty through open forums regarding the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment, Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi will be adopting rules addressing:

- Carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on campus premises.
- Areas where handguns are prohibited.

**Things to Note as Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Moves to Implement this Law**

- "Campus" means all land and buildings owned or leased by the University.
- The University may establish reasonable rules and provisions as long as they do not have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on campus.
  - Each restricted area must be identified and justified.
  - Broad restrictions (all classrooms, all buildings, etc.) are not allowed.
  - Signage must be provided for each restricted area as outlined in Texas' Penal Code Section 30.06. ([http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE_30.htm](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE_30.htm))
- The law does NOT allow open carry on campus.
- A person must have a license to carry a concealed handgun on campus.
- One must be 21 years old to obtain a concealed handgun license (CHL).
- CHL holders must complete classroom training, pass a written exam, and pass a proficiency (shooting) demonstration.
- The handgun cannot be visible or discernable through ordinary observation.
- CHL holders are subject to criminal charges for carrying a handgun in plain view.
- One must meet federal qualifications ([https://www.atf.gov/](https://www.atf.gov/)) to purchase a handgun.
- The law does not affect campus housing at Camden Miramar or Momentum Village as neither are owned or leased by the University. Both properties prohibit all weapons including handguns.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi President Flavio Killebrew has established a task force that will recommend campus rules and procedures. The task force will gather comments from the campus through open forums.

**Timeline for campus implementation:**

http://campuscarry.tamucc.edu/
Through Dec. 1, 2015
Gather input from campus community.

By Feb. 1, 2016
Submit proposed rule to Texas A&M University System for review.

By May 1, 2016
Texas A&M University System Board of Regents reviews and approves.

August 1, 2016
Implement campus rule.

By 12/1/15
Gather input

By 5/1/16
Board review and approval

By 2/1/16
Submit proposed rule to TAMUS

By 8/1/16
Implement approved campus rule

Task Force

Open Forums

Share Your Thoughts