

POLICY NO. 320

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**Subject: FIREARMS, DEADLY WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES OR DANGEROUS
ORDINANCES POLICY**

Effective Immediately

General Policy

Firearms, deadly weapons, explosives, dangerous ordinances, and other threatening devices (defined below) are prohibited from Central State University's Wilberforce Campus, the University's Dayton, Xenia, and Trotwood locations, and from any University owned, leased, controlled, or managed premises, facilities, buildings, and vehicles. This prohibition also includes those individuals who legally possess a valid Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit issued by the State of Ohio or any other state that the State of Ohio recognizes as a valid CCW permit or license, with the only exceptions being a CCW licensee holder may store a handgun in a locked motor vehicle or may have a handgun while in the immediate process of placing the handgun in a locked motor vehicle

Definitions

To provide a common understanding of the meaning of the terms "firearm", "deadly weapon", "explosive", and "dangerous ordinance", the following definitions from Ohio Revised Code § 2923.11, Weapons Control Definitions, are set forth below. "Other threatening devices" is a University-defined term meant to cover items that while not specifically identified in the statute still pose a serious risk of substantial bodily harm. Prohibition of "other threatening devices" is intended to help safeguard the well-being of our students, employees, and all others in the campus community.

Firearms. Firearms are defined as any deadly weapon capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant. "Firearm" includes an unloaded firearm, and any firearm that is inoperable but that can readily be rendered operable.

This includes, but is not limited to the following;

- Handgun
- Semi-automatic firearm
- Automatic firearm
- Sawed-off firearm
- Zip Gun
- Or any crude or extemporized manufactured firearm

Deadly Weapons. Deadly Weapons are defined as any instrument, device, or thing capable of inflicting death, and designed or specially adapted for use as a weapon, or possessed, carried, or used as a weapon.

Explosives. Explosives are defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. "Explosive" includes all materials that have been classified as division 1.1, division 1.2, division 1.3, or division 1.4 explosives by the United States department of transportation in its regulations and includes, but is not limited to, dynamite, black powder, pellet powders, initiating explosives, blasting caps, electric blasting caps, safety fuses, fuse igniters, squibs, cordeau detonant fuses, instantaneous fuses, and igniter cords and igniters.

Dangerous Ordinance is defined as any of the following;

- Automatic, sawed-off firearm, zip-gun or ballistic knife
- Any explosive or incendiary device
- Any form of explosives
- Any rocket launcher, mortar, artillery piece, grenade, mine, bomb, torpedo or similar weapon, designed and manufactured for military purposes, and ammunition for that weapon.

Other Threatening Devices is a term intended to cover traditional and non-traditional weapons or other items which pose a serious risk of substantial bodily harm, but may or may not be specifically identified in the above statutorily defined terms. Such items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Any weapon or instrument, item, or material readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury or maiming someone;
- b. Any BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle, paint gun, brass knuckles, sword (whether decorative or not), or other martial arts weapon;
- c. Any toy gun or water gun regardless of color, design or appearance;
- d. Any knife (other than an ordinary pocketknife carried in a closed position, with a blade of three inches or less or cutlery of a reasonable size, when used in a kitchen or other food preparation area);
- e. Tasers or similar electrical weapons that shoot a probe or projectile;
- f. Any explosive chemical or device including a substance or a combination of substances possessed or prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by

- combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including fireworks, and illegal or potentially dangerous chemicals; or
- g. Any combustible materials such as lighter fluids, combustible chemicals or unauthorized outdoor cooking grills.

Approved Defense Devices

Mace, pepper spray, and stun guns (collectively “approved defense devices”) that are safely carried and/or maintained are permitted, subject to the following requirements. Use of approved defense devices is only permitted for the purpose of bodily defense. The purpose of bodily defense means to stop or attempt to stop an imminent or immediate threat of substantial bodily harm to oneself or a third-party which cannot be avoided through safe retreat. Tasers or other electric weapons that shoot a probe or projectile are not included within the meaning of approved defense devices and are prohibited under this policy.

If an approved defense device is carried or maintained in an unsafe manner, thereby causing bodily harm to any person, this will be deemed a violation of this policy. If an approved defense device is used for any reason other than the purpose of bodily defense as defined in this policy, the use is in violation of this policy and the approved defense device will be deemed a prohibited weapon under this policy.

Exceptions

Individuals who are exempted from this policy include Central State University Police officers, other sworn law enforcement officers or agents (who are required to carry a firearm in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 2923), and participants in official ROTC unit activities.

Anyone seeking an exception from this policy for a one-time academic classroom or training demonstration, must request this in writing, to the Chief of Police and General Counsel, at least 30 days in advance of the demonstration. Requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chief of Police and General Counsel. Authorized exceptions must be made in writing, and signed by both the Chief of Police and General Counsel. Otherwise, the request is deemed to be denied, and the demonstration will constitute a violation of this policy.

Application of Related Policies

This policy applies to all members of the campus community. This includes students, employees, academic appointees, alumni, volunteers, vendors, contractors, visitors, and anyone else entering University owned, leased, controlled, or managed premises, facilities, buildings, and vehicles. Other policies governing students, employees, and others may also prohibit the use or possession of weapons and intimidating, threatening or violent conduct, whether or not involving a weapon. Please see the Student Code of Conduct and the University’s Human Resources Policies for additional information. Acts which constitute violations of this policy may also constitute violations of other applicable rules and policies or collective bargaining requirements. In all cases, the most stringent requirements and sanctions will apply. The University has a zero tolerance approach to violations of this policy and will treat any violation very seriously.

Violations

Students, faculty, staff, or visitors found to be in possession of a firearm, deadly weapon, explosives, dangerous ordinances, and/or other threatening devices in violation of Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 2923, or in violation of this policy will face disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion (students), termination (employees), and/or a ban from all University premises and activities (students, employees, and all others), as well as criminal prosecution, if appropriate.