1. STATEMENT OF PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS AND/OR OTHER WEAPONS

All firearms and/or other weapons are prohibited on the premises of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, in any university vehicle, or on any grounds on which an activity sponsored by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is being conducted. The University will follow Texas Penal Code Section 46.03 in the administration of this procedure.

“Premises” means a building or a 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.

“Weapon” means a firearm, illegal knife, club, or prohibited weapon listed in Texas Penal Code Section 46.05(a).

2. EXCEPTION FOR LICENSED POLICE OFFICERS

The prohibition of firearms does not apply to licensed peace officers, who are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

3. AUTHORIZED REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER EXCEPTIONS

3.1 Should circumstances related to an educational and/or training assignment necessitate the possession of a firearm on the premises, in a university vehicle, or on the grounds on which an activity is sponsored by the University, written authorization must be secured prior to such occurrence.

3.2 Written request for possession of a firearm shall include:
   (1) specific use(s) related to job function and/or assignment;
   (2) identification of the type of firearm and associated serial number;
   (3) dates specifying the time frame of the request.
   (4) criminal history check; and
   (5) if requesting authorization to possess a handgun, requestor must have a concealed handgun license.

3.3 The written request shall be routed to the Chief of Police for approval. Upon approval, copies of the authorized document are to be maintained in the Office of the Chief of Police.
4. PENALTIES

Failure to comply with these procedures may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination, suspension or expulsion. Anyone who violates any of the firearms and/or other weapons laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

Contact for Interpretation: Chief of Police