Campus Carry

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Senate Bill 11 (Campus Carry)

- New law is effective August 1, 2016
- Currently:
  - A CHL holder has been able to carry a concealed handgun on a university campus in a public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.
The president or other CEO shall establish reasonable rules, after consulting with students, faculty, and staff regarding:

- the nature of the student population,
- specific safety considerations, and
- the uniqueness of the campus environment
Any portion of a premise prohibiting concealed carry must post a Penal Code 30.06 (conceal carry) notice.
Dormitories

- A university can make rules “concerning the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the university and located on the campus.”
President establishes rules
Office of General Counsel review
Not later than 90 days after the rules are established, the BOR shall review the rules.

• The rules can be amended by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board.
Not later than September 1 of even-numbered years, each university shall report to the legislature its concealed carry rules and explain the reasons the university established the rules.
President Young has established a committee to provide him advice on implementing SB 11.

Committee Chair – Safety & Security Assistant VP Chris Meyer

Student, Faculty and Staff representation
Committee on Campus Carry

Subcommittees

- Information webpage  
  (https://www.tamu.edu/statements/campus-carry.html)
- Survey
- Locations
University timeline

- Campus Carry Task Force report to President Young (Feb. 29)
- President’s rules established
- Board of Regents review (Late Spring/Early Summer 2016)
- Law enacted statewide and TAMU rules take effect on August 1, 2016
Frequently Asked Questions

How many people have a concealed handgun license (CHL) in Texas?

• As of December 31, 2015, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported that there were 937,419 active concealed handgun license holders. The population of Texas was 27.46 million in 2015; 3.4% held a CHL.
What are the requirements to obtain a CHL in Texas?

- Are over 21 years of age;
- Have not been convicted of a felony;
- Are not currently charged with commission of a Class A or B misdemeanor;
- Are not currently restricted under a court protective order or subject to a restraining order affecting a spousal relationship;
Is a CHL holder required to tell someone other than a peace officer or magistrate if they have a CHL?

- No. A handgun license holder is not required to disclose he has a license to anyone except a magistrate or peace officer. A person engaged in lawful activity is not required to provide information to any person, including a university official, about their personal choices, beliefs, or practices.
Frequently Asked Questions

Will the new open carry law allow license holders to openly carry a handgun on campus?

- No. HB 910, the open carry law (effective January 1, 2016), provides a handgun license holder cannot carry a partially or wholly visible handgun in plain view of another person on the premises [building] of a university, or any driveway, street, or parking area of a university.
What do I do if I see someone with a handgun on campus?

- The safest course of action is to call the Texas A&M University Police Department (UPD) by dialing 911. UPD will respond and make contact with the individual to determine if that person is an authorized license holder and is legitimately carrying a firearm.
UPD Presentations

- Campus Carry
- Active Shooter Preparedness
  - Added: Armed Citizen Intervention
  - Contact UPD Community Services
    - Lt. Allan Baron
    - 979-862-8125
    - abaron@tamu.edu
Final Thoughts

1. Campus carry goes into effect August 1, 2016
2. Campus-wide exclusion is prohibited
3. Open carry is not allowed on campus
4. TAMU Campus Carry webpage
5. Contact UPD for questions about the law and presentation requests
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