WEAPONS POLICY UPDATE

KUMC Faculty Assembly Meeting
November 29, 2016
Personal and Family Protection Act
K.S.A. 75-7c01, et seq., originally enacted in 2006

- Amendment to K.S.A. 75-7c20 effective July 1, 2013
  - Concealed carry of a handgun cannot be prohibited in any state building unless adequate security measures are in place to ensure that no weapons are carried into the building
  - 4-year exemption for compliance given to colleges and universities
    - June 30, 2013, BOR requested
    - Exemption will expire July 1, 2017

- Amendment to K.S.A. 75-7c24 effective July 1, 2014
  - Regarding open carry in state buildings
    - Universities may exclude the open carrying of firearms in buildings using the same signage for CONCEALED CARRY for the duration of the 4-year exemption expiring July 1, 2017.
    - After the July 1, 2017, exemption expires, if the universities wish to continue to exclude open carrying of firearms within buildings, they will need to post the AG approved OPEN CARRY specific sign
Basic Terminology

- **Handgun** – A pistol or revolver designed to be fired with one hand.
- **Concealed Carry** – The practice of carrying a concealed handgun on one’s person.
- **Open Carry** – Openly carrying a visible firearm on one’s person.
- **Brandishing** – Exposing the weapon to public view from its concealment in what could be perceived as a threatening manner.
- **Adequate Security Measures** – The use of electronic equipment and personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the carrying of any weapons into the building, including, but not limited to, metal detectors, metal detector wands or any other equipment used for similar purposes.
- **Restricted Access Areas** – Requires key/code/badge, only open to authorized personnel … much debate about how to define (more later)
Weapons on Campus Timeline

- January 2016 – Kansas Board of Regents Policy adopted
- Spring 2016 – Committee to create KU weapons on campus policy
- Spring-Summer 2016 – Campus committees created campus-specific implementation plans at KU-Lawrence and KUMC
- November 2016 -- KU Policies and Implementation Plan approved by KBOR Governance Committee
- December 2016 – KU Policies to be reviewed by KBOR
- Spring 2017 – Campuses begin implementation
- July 1, 2017 – Concealed Carry in Campus Buildings allowed
KU - KUMC Policy Highlights

• Chancellor charge to committee

• Adequate Security Measures proposed for specific locations (pending KBOR approval)
  • Rainbow mental health
  • Inpatient psych
  • KUMC-Wichita
  • Emergency department (as currently)
  • After hours hospital entrance (as currently)

• Restricted Access entrances for additional buildings: badge access only
• Increased number of police and security officers on campus
KU - KUMC Policy Highlights

• Additional Safety Requirements:
  • Holsters required for all weapons
  • Required to be carried “on person” (not in backpack or purse)
  • No round in chamber

• Ban tasers, allow stun guns for personal protection

• Safe gun storage locations throughout campus
To Be Determined …

• Additional “adequate security” areas where concealed carry prohibited?

• Specific implementation of “restricted access” spaces:
  • Generally not able to restrict concealed carry by employees – may be exceptions:
    • Hoglund Brain Imaging, basic science/animal research, biohazard areas
    • AG opinion – greater flexibility for patient care areas?
  • Questions about defining “Authorized Personnel”, badge access only

• KBOR governance committee discussion:
  • Public vs “private” areas of campus
  • Requesting list of specific areas on each campus
What You Can Do: Be Informed!

• weaponspolicy.ku.edu

• **Write or call state legislators, especially your local representatives**
  • Provide your name and identify yourself as a concerned Kansas resident
  • A single voice – **YOUR VOICE** – does matter IF what you say is concise, informative and respectful
  • Describe **specific CHALLENGES** someone unfamiliar with your work or situation might not know or understand
  • Suggest **reasonable and legal ALTERNATIVES**

• **Discuss policy with Regents to express support or concerns**