



Campus Cops Corner

-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-

Public Safety Newsletter

In response to a recent Colorado Court of Appeals ruling, the Colorado Community College System has recently changed its policy regarding concealed weapons permit holders being authorized to carry on campus. While there are good points on both sides of this argument, I have no intention of debating the merits of this decision.

Understandably, many of you have questions regarding the implementation and enforcement of the new policy. Please see below for some information which hopefully will answer some of your questions.

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The New Policies Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Weapons on Campus

1. PPCC's Administrative Policy 19-10 can be read in its entirety at the below listed link. Please "cut n' paste" it into your url.
www.ppcc.edu/intranet/media/files/official-policies-and-procedures/AP%2019-10%20FIREARMS_ON_CAMPUS%20-%20Revised%20May%2020%202010.pdf
2. Among some significant provisions are that:
 - The person carrying the firearm **MUST HAVE A PERMIT**. In order to be eligible to obtain a permit, the applicant must be 21 years old, pay the fee, submit evidence of firearms training, and subject themselves to fingerprinting and a police background check. Anyone carrying a firearm on our campuses without the proper permit or legal authority is committing a felony and subject to arrest (C.R.S. 18-12-105.5).
 - The permit holder is responsible for preventing the "**casual or inadvertent**" display of the firearm. This is significant because it eliminates the question "What do I do if I see someone with a gun? How do I know if they have a permit or not?" The permit holder is responsible for insuring that you don't see their firearm. There should be no "casual display" (i.e., taking your jacket off while wearing it on your hip), and they should be careful so as to prevent the "inadvertent display" of their firearm such as when it peeks out the bottom of a sweater or their jacket flashes open. **In short, if you see a gun, call us at 502-2911.**
 - Concealed Handgun Permit holders are prohibited from carrying on K-12 property such as the TCA Center and / or the Falcon Campus even though PPCC leases and uses that property.
3. The old signs on the doors will soon be replaced with ones as displayed here.

Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: www.ppcc.edu/alert
- Crime Stoppers
634-STOP (7867)
- Anonymous Reporting
www.SAFE2TELL.org

1-877-542-7233



State Board Policy 19-10 & Colorado Revised Statutes 18-9-117, 18-12-201, and 18-12-214, as amended and applicable.