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Concealed Carry		



I. Introduction

Properly licensed persons may carry concealed handguns in non-prohibited locations as long as certain conditions are met.

II. Definition

Permit Holder - An individual properly licensed to carry a concealed handgun in Ohio.

III. General Information

- A. This **directive** does not affect Division policies regarding officers carrying firearms off-duty.
- B. Permit holders are permitted to carry handguns in a City-owned building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility, or rest facility.
- C. Permit holders are required to have their concealed carry license with them when they carry a concealed handgun.
- D. Revealing information obtained from LEADS to non-law enforcement personnel, including information concerning the concealed carry status of any citizen, is a fifth degree felony. However, information about the permit holder obtained from a source other than LEADS may be relayed to a complainant or other third party for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

IV. Situations Involving Permit Holders

- A. A permit holder carrying a loaded handgun who is stopped or detained by a law enforcement officer is required to advise that officer that he or she has a license and is armed.
- B. Officers have the discretion to secure a weapon, or **during a traffic stop**, allow it to remain in the citizen's vehicle. **If possible and unless an officer safety concern exists, the preferred course of action is that a weapon be allowed to remain in the citizen's vehicle.**
- C. When an officer believes there is a safety concern (**for example, a possible arrest situation, multiple subjects in the vehicle where an arrest is being made, an OVI offense, etc.**), the officer should secure the weapon in the trunk or other locked compartment in the cruiser until the incident is resolved. **The weapon may be unloaded at the officer's discretion.**
 1. **The weapon shall be pointed in a safe direction prior to and during unloading.**

- 2. *If the officer is unfamiliar with the weapon, attempts should be made to request assistance from another officer capable of unloading the weapon, unless that assistance would unreasonably prolong the stop.***
- 3. *Passing a loaded firearm between individuals should be avoided whenever possible.***

V. Prohibited Locations

- A. Officers encountering a permit holder carrying a firearm in a City building have the discretion to warn or criminally charge the individual. A permit holder who refuses to leave after being warned will be criminally charged.
- B. Officers encountering a permit holder carrying a handgun in a City-owned building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility, or rest facility cannot charge the individual.
- C. The Division will not store, hold, or secure firearms for citizens while they are in City facilities.
- D. Civilian personnel encountering citizens carrying a firearm in a City building should immediately advise a sworn officer. No attempt should be made by the civilian employee to confront the violator.
- E. Permit holders violating posted prohibitions against carrying firearms in a private business will be considered trespass violators.
 1. Officers encountering this situation have the same discretion to warn or charge the individual as they do for other trespass violations.
 2. If the posted land or premises is a parking lot or other parking facility, the permit holder is not guilty of criminal trespass and instead is subject only to a civil cause of action for trespass.