Overview of the Campus Carry Law (SB 11)

• Since Texas passed its CHL law (SB 273) in 1995, it has been legal for concealed handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on the grounds, but not the premises (i.e., in a building), of an institution of higher education.
• Senate Bill 11, the “Campus Carry” law, was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 13, 2015.
• Effective August 1, 2016, a person having a license to carry a handgun may carry a concealed handgun on the campus – both on the grounds and in the buildings – of an institution of higher education. Open carry will still be illegal.

Open Carry / Display of Handguns

• With the exception of law enforcement officers, openly displaying a firearm is not, and will not be, allowed on campus.
• License holders commit a criminal offense if they intentionally or knowingly display a handgun in the plain view of another person on the campus unless the use of deadly force is justified under the law.

Printing

• “Printing” means that the outline, or portion of the outline, of a handgun is visible through clothing.
• Printing or unintentional exposure of a holstered handgun by a license holder is not a violation of the law.
• However, call the police if you observe a person other than a police officer with a firearm.

License to Carry a Handgun Requirements (Chapter 411, Subchapter H of the Texas Government Code)

• Must be at least 21 years old (at least 18 years old if a member or veteran of the U.S. military).
• Must have passed a background check.
• Must have satisfactorily completed basic handgun training specified by the State of Texas.
• Must be “capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.”
• For a comprehensive list of requirements, please see: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf

Who has a License to Carry a Handgun in Texas?

• In 2015, approximately 3% of Texas residents had a license to carry a handgun.
• Approximately 15% of licenses to carry a handgun are issued to individuals 18-29 years old
• Approximately 85% of licenses to carry a handgun are issued to individuals 30 years old or older.
• Applying the 3% of Texas population standard to the number of students and employees at PVAMU, there will be an estimated 288 CHL holders at PVAMU.
• In 2015, 0.2459% of those convicted of any kind of criminal offense in the State of Texas were CHL holders.
PVAMU Campus Carry Policy Development and Implementation

- In compliance with the requirements of the law, PVAMU submitted its campus carry policy to the TAMUS Board of Regents for review and approval April 2016. TAMUs Board approved the PVAMU rule w/ no amendments.
- Campus Carry Policy has been published and is being distributed to employees and students.
- 34.06.02.P2 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus Rule: [https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf](https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf)
- Campus Carry Training and Awareness Presentations have been, and will continue to be, conducted.

Locations at Which License Holders Will Continue to be Prohibited from Carrying Handguns

- **H.T. Jones Elementary School**, and the school grounds when a school-sponsored activity is taking place on those grounds;
- All facilities where a **high school, collegiate or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place**;
- The **Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel**;
- **Don K. Clark Building** where municipal court is held when court is in session;
- **Locations serving as polling places** when being used for that purpose;
- **Bistro 1876 Restaurant**
- The **Owens-Franklin Health Center Building**.
- **Any locations determined by the President** to be necessary due to campus safety considerations.

Training and Awareness

- PVAMU is taking steps to provide information, education and training about the implications of S.B. 11 and how license holders should conduct themselves:
- Campus Carry Website [http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/](http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/)
  - FAQs
  - Videos
  - Links to Additional Resources
- Training Sessions & Awareness Presentations
  - Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Campus Partners