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Dear Dr. Hensley:

During the Fall 2016 semester, the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force was assembled and charged with (1) engaging Blinn stakeholders on issues related to campus carry, considering the relevant laws and circumstances affecting the College, and (2) providing recommendations to you, regarding how Senate Bill 11, also known as the Campus Carry Law, could best be implemented on Blinn College's campuses.

The following document provides an overview of the process the Task Force used and its recommendations. The Task Force is confident that you will find them thorough and fitting, both in keeping within the confines of the law and Blinn's unique circumstances.

The Task Force is ready and willing to reconvene to address any concerns or questions you may have, and looks forward to your final decisions. It has been the pleasure of the entire Task Force to serve both the College and you in this capacity as we all work together to continue Blinn College's excellence in providing a safe and supportive learning environment for our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11(see [Appendix p. 22](#)), which becomes effective August 1, 2017 for community colleges. On that date, individuals holding a License To Carry (LTC), formerly known as a Concealed Handgun License, will have the legal right to carry a concealed handgun into community college buildings except in areas specifically designated by that college’s president or CEO as “gun free zones.”

Task Force

In compliance with Senate Bill 11, Dr. Mary Hensley, Blinn College District President/CEO, established the Campus Carry Task Force to gather input and provide recommendations for the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. Selected from 115 volunteers, the Campus Carry Task Force consists of 34 representatives from 7 Blinn campus locations, 18 departments, and 11 divisions. Selection criteria were the following: 1) representation from the College District’s campuses, divisions, and departments; 2) training and experience as shared by those volunteering; and 3) a stated willingness to participate.

Charge of the Task Force

The District President/CEO charged the Campus Carry Task Force with providing recommendations for the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. The Task Force’s recommended guidelines, rules, procedures and practices are designed to uphold the integrity of the law, ensure the safety and security of everyone on all campuses, foster a climate of mutual respect, and ensure compliance with the requirement of existing laws regulating Concealed Carry or License to Carry for:

- campus residential facilities;
- single-occupant offices;
- designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas;
- areas where minor children are present;
- patient care areas;
- formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;
- an appeal process; and
- notification and signage.

This Task Force used four subcommittees to meet its charge: 1) Community Engagement, 2) Communication, 3) Gun Free Designated Areas, 4) Final Report Development. The subcommittees’ primary and respective responsibilities were to: 1) survey and collect input of internal and external constituents, 2) disseminate information and communicate activities to internal and external constituents, 3) determine and recommend gun-free areas, and 4) collect findings and craft the final report to the President/CEO.

Subcommittee Assignments

Community Engagement

Chair: CL Domel

Members: Lisa Caton, Becky Garlick, Amanda Kieffer, Chelsea Reimer, Ross Schroeder

Staff: Jeff Tilley

Communication

Chair: Joyce Langenegger

Members: Lisa Caton, Beverly Clement, Becky Garlick, Kelly Kissane, Vandana Sarin

Staff: Richard Bray

Gun-Free Designated Areas

Chair: Todd Quinlan

Members: Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Elizabeth Johnson, Robert Lovelidge, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, Don Whatley, Darren

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Staff: Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wiesepape

Final Report Development

Chair: Clinton Hale

Members: John Beaver, Mike Burke, Tasha Burluson-Estrada, CL Domel (Community Engagement Committee Chair), Joyce Langenegger (Communications Committee Chair), Todd Quinlan (Gun-Free Designated Areas Committee Chair), Dave Lewis, Keith Sylvester, Cynthia Thomas, Larry VanMeter

Staff: Laurie Clark

Recommendations

Having gathered input from students, staff, faculty, and the broader community, the Campus Carry Task Force proposes the following recommendations for gun free zones and continuing activities:

Table 1. Recommendations for Gun-Free Designated Areas and Continuing Activities

Area / Activity	Recommendation
Campus Residential Facilities	No firearms ban, provided the student acquires a mandatory, approved storage device.
Single-Occupant Offices	No firearms ban, though faculty members may follow an appeals process to seek exclusion.
Laboratories or other Hazardous Areas	The second floor of the Health Sciences Center should be gun-free and feature appropriate signage to that effect.
Areas where minor children are present	No general restrictions at present based on Attorney General Ken Paxton's opinion (see Appendix p. 236).
Child Care Facilities	Blinn College has no facility designed solely for this purpose.
Dual Credit Classrooms	No specific ban, although rules for off-campus sites will be applicable.
The Star of the Republic Museum or the W.W.	No general ban.

O'Donnell Performing Arts Center:	
UIL-Sponsored Events or Sporting Events	By state law, these already are prohibited areas but may require appropriate permanent or temporary signage, as applicable to location.
Other events or programs	Programs or divisions that wish to have restrictions to campus carry must request such prohibitions through the appeals process.
Patient Care Areas	No ban recommended at the Brenham and Bryan Campus health clinics or the Post Office Campus in Bryan.
Formal Hearing Areas	Concealed carry shall be banned during any grievance or appeal proceeding involving a disinterested third-party committee gathering testimony from the involved parties, or the formal hearing portion of the total process, as detailed in the Blinn College Board Policy Manual and the College's Administrative Procedure Manual that provide for an appeals process. Temporary signage regarding the ban is to be posted outside the location of such hearings at the hearing committee's request.
Appeal Process	A request/appeals process should be established for any temporary or permanent restriction of concealed carry in single-occupant offices or at special events not otherwise covered by statute.
Notification and Signage	Any gun-free area signage should be created and posted by the Blinn College Police Department.
Campus Vehicles	No firearms ban in Blinn College vehicles.
Community Engagement	The Community Engagement Sub-committee will continue to engage stakeholders to evaluate perceptions of the policy's implementation.
Communication	The Communication Sub-committee will continue to offer outreach to stakeholders to make students and employees aware of Blinn College's campus carry policies.

Table 2. Campus, Student and Safety Concerns from Survey Results

Campus, Student, or Safety Considerations	Students who use drugs or alcohol and carry a concealed weapon could create dangerous situations.
	Campus visitors could be exposed to stressful encounters when interacting with Enrollment Services personnel carrying concealed firearms.
	Apprehension regarding students with mental illness.
	Neighborhood community members were concerned regarding activities that allowed concealed carry.

	Expressed apprehension regarding minors exposed to concealed carry during an event, tour, or dual credit college course.
Employee Considerations & Concerns	Suggested additional police personnel at satellite campuses.
	Events, activities, or assemblies prohibited in locations where alcohol is available or at any activity where minors may be in attendance.
	Suggested that Blinn prohibit campus carry at Board of Trustees meetings, graduation, faculty convocation, faculty and staff meetings, when Blinn hosts circuit court, sporting events, ticketed activities and exercise classes.

There were several comments from community members living near Blinn campuses expressing safety concerns. There was a suggestion that when deciding locations and activities where concealed carry would be allowed, decisions should be determined by the general age of students attending event. Suggestions were made to offer training to those participating in concealed carry and that violators of Blinn College policy should receive restrictions governing campus carry.

Communication Subcommittee Process Analysis

Overview

The Communication Subcommittee was formally created and given its charge on September 23, 2016. Joyce Langenegger serves as chair and committee members are Rebecca Garlick, Lisa Caton, Beverly Clement, Vandana Sarin, and Kelly Kissane. Richard Bray, Director of Communications, is the assigned staff member. The subcommittee is charged with ensuring that campus and external communities are informed of Task Force activities and functioning as media liaison to external audiences.

Rationale

Compliance with Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p. 22](#)) necessitates the gathering and dispersion of relevant information in a timely manner to all stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, and the community at large. The identification of a broad range of stakeholders, the need to reach these individuals through multiple media formats, and the solicitation of their input were essential to the creation of a policy that was responsive to the law and adequately addressed stakeholder concerns. In addition to the Communications Subcommittee's information sessions and the [Campus Carry website](#), members of the entire Task Force acted as conduits to hear and share information from and to those they represented. The Communications Subcommittee will provide ongoing information sessions for staff, faculty, and students once the Board of Trustees adopts Blinn's campus carry policy and procedures. These sessions are intended to help students, employees, and campus visitors understand the campus carry law and how it applies to Blinn College facilities.

Methodology

The initiation of the Campus Carry Task Force, dated June 14, 2016, identified the essential function of this communication process. Subsequent work has resulted in the appointment of this specific subcommittee and its members' ongoing efforts to share information among various stakeholders. Faculty, staff, students, and community leaders were asked to participate in public forums and surveys to ensure an opportunity to express their views. Information regarding the approved policy and procedures will be shared with these same groups. In the initial stages of soliciting participation by the various constituencies, the Community Engagement Subcommittee and the Communications Subcommittee worked concurrently to identify and engage all stakeholders in the information-gathering process. A description of the communication process and its continuing activities are as follows:

1. Initial Campus Carry Meeting on June, 14, 2016 ([see Appendix p. 38](#)): The initial staff committee worked to achieve broad participation on the Campus Carry Task Force by contacting faculty and staff and soliciting applications for Task Force membership from faculty and staff. A Campus Carry website was created and is maintained by Blinn's Communications Department. The website included Senate Bill 11, frequently asked questions, relevant newspaper articles, and other resources.
2. Survey dated July 2016: A survey was distributed to all faculty and staff to solicit and identify task force participants representative of various stakeholder groups.

3. Task force members announced in August 2016 ([see Appendix p. 36](#)): Names of all Task Force members were announced to the College at Faculty Convocation, via e-mail, and on the [Campus Carry website](#).
4. Signage posted and notifications distributed, August 2016: Signage and other notifications were provided to faculty, staff, and students on all campuses to raise awareness that campus carry would not take effect at Blinn and other Texas community colleges until August 1, 2017.
5. Blinn informational presentation, August 2016 ([see Appendix p. 46](#)): Staff members conducted an information session regarding Blinn's process for developing its campus carry policies and procedures at a special session of the 2016 Faculty Convocation.
6. Formation of Communications Subcommittee on September 23, 2016: Members were appointed to the Communications Subcommittee .
7. Brenham Campus Student Forum on October 27, 2016: Staff members under the sponsorship of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society and the Student Government Association (SGA) conducted an informational and information-gathering session with students on the Brenham Campus. The meeting was recorded and posted to the campus carry website.
8. Communication Subcommittee meeting in November 2016: The subcommittee met to discuss communications strategies for informing stakeholders of the Task Force's progress and upcoming events.
9. Notification of Survey's opening in December 2016: Faculty, staff, students, and community members were notified and encouraged to participate in an online survey between December 2016 and January 2017.
10. Faculty Update sessions in January 2017: Subcommittee chairs and the Task Force facilitator participated in updates for faculty members on the status of the Task Force's work. Attendees were also encouraged to participate in the online survey. Face-to-face meetings were held on the Bryan and Brenham campuses. The Brenham session was recorded and posted to the campus carry website.
11. Media interviews during January 2017: Communications Director Richard Bray and Communications Subcommittee Chair Joyce Langenegger were interviewed by local media outlets and encouraged community members to participate in the online survey. A press release was distributed to media outlets throughout Blinn College's service area.
12. Bryan Campus Student Forum on February 2, 2017: Staff members and the Communications Subcommittee chair under the sponsorship of PTK and SGA conducted an informational and information-gathering session with students on the Bryan Campus. The meeting was recorded and posted to the campus carry website.
13. Ongoing efforts through 2017: The Communications Subcommittee will prepare and sponsor presentations regarding Blinn's policies and procedures once they are adopted by the Board of Trustees.
14. Activities listed above reflect highlights of the communications efforts, including those of the initial staff committee and the Communications Subcommittee. Additionally, the Blinn College campus carry website (including frequently asked questions) continues to be available for the wide dissemination of information.

Proposed Recommendations

The Communication Subcommittee bears significant responsibility for the preparation and distribution of information regarding Blinn's Campus Carry policy and procedures. Thus, the subcommittee recommends that it remain in place for approximately six months to ensure fulfillment of its responsibilities. This effort will involve a partnership among the Blinn Police Department, Blinn Emergency Management, and the Communications Subcommittee. Efforts may vary among the campuses based on the unique characteristics of each Blinn campus. University officials, especially those from Texas A&M University, cite providing complete information to all stakeholders regarding adopted policies and procedures as instrumental in achieving a successful implementation process.

Upon determination of Blinn College policy, the Communications Subcommittee suggests multiple presentations open to all stakeholder groups, and individual presentations to any group that requests one, to facilitate the efficient implementation of policy. Presentations will provide information regarding the policy and the implementation process, and will include a question-and-answer session to allow two-way communication. The College website and other official Blinn College communications such as Facebook, Twitter, and e-mail, will continue to be updated and will reflect important information regarding rules and procedures.

Conclusion

The Blinn College effective date for implementation of Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p. 22](#)) is August 1, 2017. The continued efforts toward compliance and fostering campus safety will extend beyond this Subcommittee's recommendations to date. The opportunities for input and education concerning campus carry will necessitate continued collaboration among all stakeholders to ensure that Blinn College remains a safe place to work and to learn.

Community Engagement Subcommittee Process Analysis

Overview

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was formally created and given its charge on September 23, 2016. C.L. Domel serves as the chair, and committee members are Lisa Caton, Becky Garlick, Amanda Kieffer, Chelsea Reimer, and Ross Schroeder. Jeff Tilley is the assigned staff member. The subcommittee is charged with engaging stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, and external collaborators, to solicit feedback related to Senate Bill 11 (see Appendix p. 22) and bring these recommendations to the Task Force for consideration.

Rationale

The proposed policy encompassing campus carry should uphold the law while protecting public safety. To fulfill this charge, the Task Force agreed to the formation of the Community Engagement subcommittee, which would seek out methods of engaging the community to provide information concerning the law, and to address stakeholder concerns and/or affirmations surrounding campus carry. The Task Force felt this subcommittee's efforts would bring awareness of the legislative changes to those affected; assist in fostering education of the law and policy; and promote a safer, more secure environment for everyone. Consultation with the broader range of stakeholders, including external organizations, also serves to ensure that specific safety considerations and unique campus environments could be addressed.

Methodology

Through collaboration of the subcommittee and the overall Task Force, stakeholders who could be affected by Senate Bill 11 were identified. These stakeholders included but were not limited to: students, faculty, and staff on all Blinn College campuses, and community members. In addition to these stakeholders, it was determined other outside agencies such as law enforcement, emergency management groups, and other higher education institutions could provide additional input beneficial to carrying out the charge of the Campus Carry Task Force at Blinn College. Finally, actively engaging internal and external stakeholders required the coordination of multiple events and mediums to collect input from as many stakeholders as possible. Implemented strategies included forum meetings on campus with a Campus Carry Task Force panel, an online survey targeted to many of the stakeholders, and faculty and staff convocations. A summary of the activities and process carried out by the Community Engagement subcommittee are as follows:

1. The first opportunity for community engagement occurred on Oct 27, 2016, when the Blinn College-Brenham Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society hosted a campus carry forum. Task Force members and associated staff working with the Task Force participated in this event to answer questions and provide valuable information pertaining to the law. PTK also created and distributed a brief campus carry survey that was distributed through Blinn College's Communication Department. This event was attended by more than 100 students, faculty, and staff, and provided a significant amount of stakeholder input.
2. Utilizing feedback from Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for the Office of Safety & Security and co-chair of Texas A&M University's (TAMU) Concealed Carry Task Force ([see Appendix p. 145](#)), the groundwork for conducting a survey was discussed. Mr. Meyer shared his experiences with Texas A&M's Task Force and provided a copy of the

tool Texas A&M used for gathering information on Community Engagement. On December 1, 2016, the subcommittee met with Dr. Amanda Clark from Blinn College's Department of Institutional Research & Effectiveness to discuss the TAMU survey shared with the Task Force.

3. On December 6, 2016, Community Engagement chair C.L. Domel attended the Brazos County Public Safety and Texas A&M Campus Update to discuss Blinn College's campus carry implementation and garner additional feedback from external sources.
4. During the Campus Carry Task Force meeting on December 9, 2016 ([see Appendix p. 177](#)), Dr. Clark met with the entire Task Force to discuss the subcommittee's review of the TAMU survey and solicit feedback for a final product to be delivered to Blinn stakeholders. Agreeing to minor changes in the questions provided, and the format in how to present particular questions, the discussion moved to the timeline for issuing the survey and the length of time necessary for the survey to remain open, as well as the multiple distribution methods used. The survey was sent out on December 15, 2016, and closed on January 18, 2017. Emailed invitations were sent to students, faculty, and staff on all Blinn College campuses. Additionally, online links to external users such as members of local civic groups (Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs), local elected officials, and campus advisory committees were made available to provide avenues for additional feedback. Blinn College issued a press release to all media outlets within its service area and granted interview requests to encourage community participation in the survey.
5. On January 20, 2016 ([see Appendix p. 192](#)), C.L. Domel provided preliminary numbers to the Campus Carry Task Force from the results of the survey campaign that closed on January 18, 2016. Additional analysis of the data was still underway at this time, and a more complete report of the results would be shared with the subcommittee and the Task Force by January 28, 2016. A total of 1,938 survey responses were collected, reflecting responses from students (70.1%), employees (24.8%), and community members (5.1%). As part of the Task Force's discussion of the preliminary results of the survey, it was agreed that an additional effort to encourage feedback from other community members (mayors, city managers, elected officials, and law enforcement) would be attempted through the survey.
6. The Bryan Campus Student Government Association hosted a student forum on February 2, 2016, including a campus carry panel comprised of Task Force members and Bryan Campus staff. This meeting was attended by approximately 50 students, faculty, and other members of the Task Force, and provided an opportunity to discuss Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p. 22](#)) and the implementation of the Campus Carry policy being carried out by the Task Force. Members of the Blinn College Student Veteran Association attended to provide their perspective and experience toward concealed carry. Other students provided thoughts on ways to distribute information about the new policy, including the usage of YouTube videos.
7. Staff Convocation convened on February 10, 2016 ([see Appendix p. 58](#)), and provided another opportunity to discuss the campus carry implementation process and engage Blinn College staff in the implementation process. A presentation of the charge given to the Task Force and its progress exploring the issue was shared by Executive Vice President and General Counsel Mel Waxler. A panel of Task Force members was assembled for a question-and-answer session following the presentation. This event

presented an opportunity for staff to pose questions and concerns, some of which were collected for later analysis by the Task Force.

Proposed Recommendations

Blinn College should continue to accept feedback from the stakeholders. Periodic assessment of enacted policies, and how they are perceived to be functioning by stakeholders can facilitate a sense of continued engagement and communication. Such assessments might include future surveys, open forums, and other methods of soliciting feedback.

The Community Engagement subcommittee recommends a follow-up survey be conducted six (6) months from the initial start date of August 1, 2017. The primary goal of this recommendation is ensure that all safety and security processes are properly working, and to provide an opportunity for feedback and suggestions following the initial implementation.

All notices such as signage, documents, and electronic communications should include specific wording to reflect “concealed carry” and not “open carry” in order to eliminate confusion. This will provide a clear understanding that college policy is separate from the Texas state law relating to “open carry.”

Conclusion

Information gathered from the range of responses, including campus forum events and the Campus Carry Task Force survey results, provided significant feedback for consideration. Oftentimes, concerns or suggestions reflected areas where the law is currently enforced through existing legislation, such as the prohibition of concealed carry at sporting events.

Other areas of concern were brought forward, such as prohibiting concealed carry at campus events serving alcohol, MRI rooms, or compressed gas cylinder storage areas. Suggestions provided were discussed by the subcommittee as well as the overall Task Force in relation to the intent of the campus carry law. Feedback through the campus forum events also included the suggestion for future opportunities for the community to gain awareness and education of the policy even after it is implemented campus-wide.

Gun-Free Zones Subcommittee Process Analysis

Overview

The Gun-Free Zones Subcommittee was formally created on September 23, 2016. Todd Quinlan serves as chair, and committee members are Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Leslie Janac, Nathan Giesenschlag, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, James Reed, Don Whatley and Darren Wilkinson. Cathy Boeker and Blinn Police Chief Craig Wiesepape provide staff support for the subcommittee. This group is charged with providing the Campus Carry Taskforce with recommendations regarding Blinn College campus areas that should be designated as gun-free zones, with the understanding that recommended designated areas must comply with Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p. 22](#)). The subcommittee understands that in considering possible gun-free zones, the group is required to demonstrate that there would be significant danger to anyone occupying the space, even if people are carrying a concealed handgun in a responsible manner.

Rationale

First, the Gun-Free Zones Subcommittee examined possible locations, facilities, and other areas where the carrying of a weapon appears to be a concern. Additionally, the subcommittee examined current policies in place at Texas A&M University and other four-year institutions, sought input from other Texas community colleges, and secured an opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton ([see Appendix p. 236](#)) regarding application of Senate Bill 11. Blinn College areas examined for possible gun-free designation were:

- campus residential facilities;
- single-occupant offices;
- laboratories and other hazardous areas;
- child care facilities or other areas where minor children are present;
- dual-credit classrooms;
- the Star of the Republic Museum;
- any UIL-sponsored event or sporting event;
- events or programs hosted by Blinn College;
- patient care areas;
- and formal hearing areas for staff, faculty and students.

The Subcommittee additionally recommended possible establishment of an appeals process should its recommendations concerning specific areas designated as temporary or permanent gun-free zones come under challenge, specifically pertaining to single-occupant offices and special events. Also considered was implementation of a procedure by which students in on-campus housing may obtain approved storage devices for storing valuables, not specifically firearms.

Methodology

Next, the subcommittee organized into groups to examine each of the above listed areas under consideration as possible gun-free zones. Input was solicited from students, faculty, staff, and community members through the dissemination of an online survey and student forums

involving Campus Carry Task Force leadership. The online survey drew 1,938 responses, of which 1,629 were from students.

After Subcommittee members interviewed persons in positions of leadership in the areas listed herein, and in light of Attorney General Paxton's opinion ([see Appendix p. 236](#)) that states, in part, that while Blinn College may adopt "...reasonable rules, regulations, and other provisions..." these must not "...generally prohibit ... license holders from carrying concealed handguns on the campus of the institution." The subcommittee established baseline recommendations on December 9, 2016, and these were presented for consideration by the entire taskforce.

Proposed Recommendations

The following recommendations came after three months of discussion, research, and input from College stakeholders:

1. Campus Residential Facilities: No firearms ban, provided the student acquires a mandatory, approved storage device.
2. Single-Occupant Offices: No firearms ban, though faculty members may follow an appeals process to seek exclusion.
3. Laboratories or other Hazardous Areas: The second floor of the Health Sciences Center should be gun-free and carry appropriate signage to that effect.
4. Areas where minor children are present: No general restrictions at present based on Attorney General Ken Paxton's opinion.
5. Child Care Facilities: Blinn College has no facility designed solely for this purpose.
6. Dual Credit Classrooms: No specific ban, although rules for off-campus sites will be applicable.
7. The Star of the Republic Museum or the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center: No general ban.
8. UIL-Sponsored or Sporting Events: By state law, these already are prohibited areas, but may require appropriate permanent or temporary signage, as applicable to location.
9. Other events or programs: Programs or divisions that wish to have restrictions to campus carry must request such prohibitions through the appeals process.
10. Patient Care Areas: No ban recommended at the Brenham and Bryan campus health clinics or the Post Office Campus in Bryan.
11. Formal Hearing Areas: The Subcommittee recommends concealed carry be banned during any grievance or appeal proceeding involving a disinterested third party committee gathering testimony from the involved parties, or the formal hearing portion of the total process, as detailed in the [Blinn College Board Policy Manual](#) and the College's Administrative Procedure Manual that provide for an appeals process. Temporary signage regarding the ban is to be posted outside the location of such hearings if requested by the hearing officer(s).
12. Appeal Process: Committee recommends that a request/appeal process be established for any temporary or permanent restriction of concealed carry in single-occupant offices or at special events not otherwise covered by statute.
13. Notification and Signage: The committee recommends that any such signage at Blinn College campus locations be created and posted by the Blinn College Police Department.

14. Blinn Campus Vehicles: Committee recommends no ban be enacted on Blinn College vehicles.

Conclusion

The Gun-Free Zones Subcommittee continues to actively seek input from Blinn College stakeholders. Should the need for amendments to its recommendations arise, the subcommittee will make such information immediately available to the entire Task Force. The subcommittee focused its efforts on two basic principles: proper adherence to Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p.22](#)) and the safety of all Blinn College stakeholders. The subcommittee also recognizes that firearms license holders ultimately are responsible for their actions.

Task Force Recommendations

With respect to Blinn College's implementation of Texas campus carry regulations, and following months of meetings, formation of subcommittees, rigorous examination of relevant evidence, and consultation with inter- and intra-campus stakeholders, the Campus Carry Task Force makes the following recommendations regarding gun-free zones:

Campus Residential Facilities

Task Force Recommendation: No firearms ban, provided the student acquires a mandatory, approved storage device. It is our recommendation that the Blinn College Police Department create a list of approved safes. Students will be responsible for acquiring an approved safe before moving into on-campus housing. This proposed policy, which is similar to the Texas A&M policy, should use a third-party vendor for all transactions.

Justification: Four-year institutions adopted a mix of policies relating to campus residential facilities (see [Appendix p. 115](#)). Some placed no restrictions for LTC holders, some had designated residence halls for students age 21 and over where carry was permitted, and some instituted a firearms ban on any residential facility that was owned and operated by that university. Given Blinn's proximity and relationship with Texas A&M, the subcommittee thought it best to adopt a policy similar to Texas A&M's, assuming that it met the unique nature of the student population on the Blinn College-Brenham Campus, where all Blinn residential facilities are located. In this case, we felt that the policy of requiring an approved safe was appropriate. Transactions relating to these safes will be handled by a third-party vendor, which also protects the identities of legal license holders. This requirement will be included in the housing contract that every student living on campus will sign.

Single-Occupant Offices

Task Force Recommendation: No general firearms ban, but College employees may follow an appeals process if able to show significant danger due to the presence of a concealed firearm.

Justification: As with the Campus Residential Facilities, the issue of Single-Occupant Offices saw a range of policies from individual institutions. The subcommittee decided not to create a general ban to remain consistent with language in the law stating that any enacted "reasonable rule or regulation" cannot look or seem like a "general ban." The appeals process that an employee may initiate will be outlined in a later section of these recommendations.

After extensive discussion and obtaining input from counselors, the Task Force recommends that Counseling offices be treated as other single-occupant offices and that occupants should be allowed to request a gun-free designation in accordance with the appeals process.

Laboratories and Other Hazardous Areas

Task Force Recommendation: The second floor of the Health Sciences Center should be designated as gun-free and will carry appropriate permanent signage to that effect.

Justification: This particular floor of the Health Sciences Center presents unusual circumstances due to the presence of hands-on labs, which require physical contact, as well as MRI and x-ray machines, which pose a high safety risk with the presence of firearms. Therefore, a ban for this

area is appropriate. There were no other laboratories or hazardous areas identified by the committee that pose a similar risk when legal firearms are carried and stored properly. New facilities should be reviewed as they are completed.

Areas Where Minor Children are Present

Task Force Recommendation: No general firearms ban where the only justification is that minor children will be present.

Justification: A number of survey respondents expressed concerns regarding areas where minor children may be present. This particular topic is governed by Attorney General Ken Paxton's interpretation of Senate Bill 11 (see [Appendix p. 22](#)) as stated in Attorney General Opinion KP-0120. In June 2016, State Representative Abel Herrero (D-Robstown) sought an opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton regarding how community colleges should address the issue of concealed handguns in classrooms that included dual credit students (RQ-0109-KP). In November 2016, Attorney General Paxton issued his opinion (KP-0120) (the "AG Opinion"). The summary of the AG Opinion is as follows:

Pursuant to amendments made to chapter 411 of the Government Code and chapter 46 of the Penal Code by Senate Bill 11 from the Eighty-fourth Legislature, a junior or community college may not categorically prohibit concealed handguns from the locations you identify due to the presence of minors. Under Government Code subsection 411.2031(d-1), the president or other chief executive officer of the junior or community college may establish reasonable rules, regulations, and other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders that accommodate the unique nature of a particular campus provided that such rules, regulations, or provisions do not generally prohibit or have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on the campus of the institution.

With this opinion in place, the subcommittee looked at facilities that fall under this purview on Blinn College campuses:

- Dual Credit Classrooms: There will be no ban of legal concealed carry in classrooms where dual credit classes are taught on a Blinn College campus. However, instructors who teach dual credit classes on high school campuses will abide by the rules set forth at that specific location.
- Child-Care Facilities: At this time, Blinn College does not own or operate any facility designated solely for this purpose.
- The Star of the Republic Museum and the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center: While these facilities often host events where the primary audience is minor children, we do not recommend a general ban, as per adherence to the law and clarification from the AG Opinion.
- UIL-Sponsored and Sporting Events: [Penal Code subsection 46.035\(b\)\(2\)](#) prohibits concealed carry at any collegiate sporting event or UIL-sponsored event. Appropriate signage to that effect must be in place in accordance with [Penal Code Sec. 30.06](#). For Blinn College facilities where events of this nature take place, we recommend the following:

1. Permanent signage be installed at the Kruse Center, P.E. Building, and Leroy Dreyer Field indicating that when sporting events take place concealed carry is banned. These signs will use the standard Penal Code Sec. 30.06 language as outlined earlier in this document, but also will include the statement “During any sporting or UIL-sponsored event,” to indicate clearly when the ban is in place. Similar signage language was found at four-year institutions.
2. No signage is necessary at Cub Stadium because this is a Brenham ISD facility which already carries a weapons ban.
3. Temporary signage will be posted at Hohlt Park when Blinn College softball and other official sporting events take place, as well as outside of rooms where Academic UIL events occur.
4. Other events: We recommend the creation of an appeals process to allow for programs or divisions to request a temporary concealed carry ban during specific events that occur on a Blinn College campus. This appeals process is outlined later in the Task Force’s recommendations.

Patient Care Areas

Task Force Recommendation: No general ban in any areas that treat patients.

Justification: In consultation with the directors of these facilities, the subcommittee determined that no significant danger presented itself with legal concealed carry at any of the current health care facilities on any of the Blinn College campuses.

Formal Hearing Areas

Task Force Recommendation: A temporary concealed carry ban at facilities where a formal hearing is taking place.

Justification: In working with Blinn College’s Legal Department, the subcommittee determined that a formal hearing takes place when a disinterested third-party committee is gathered to resolve a discrepancy, grievance, or an appeal during the course of an investigation. A full list of Blinn College proceedings and procedures that carry one or multiple steps of this nature can be found in the **Blinn College Board Policy Manual** and the Blinn College Administrative Procedure Manual. In those specific hearings, it is difficult to determine how a variety of factors, whether emotional or otherwise, might affect the better judgement of participants. Therefore, the Task Force recommends a temporary ban of concealed carry during this aspect of the process in locations where the testimony is given. The third-party committee will be required to request that temporary signage be posted outside of the location where the formal hearing will take place.

Appeals Process

Task Force Recommendation: For the purpose of appealing single-occupant offices and for special events or programs, we recommend that an appeals process be implemented to allow for the request of a concealed carry ban. With regard to individual offices, this appeals process must

be initiated by the employee requesting that his or her office be designated as a weapons-free space. With regard to a specific event, this appeals process for a concealed carry ban must be initiated by the event's program director. These requests must be submitted in writing, through a formal letter, or by use of a created form to the employee's supervisor. Signature approvals must be obtained from the supervisor and the appropriate vice president prior to submission of the request to the District President/CEO for final approval. Requests must include an appropriate level of justification and show a significant risk of danger to be considered.

Justification: While members of the Task Force have done extensive research, every possible or potential event or scenario likely has not been identified. By instituting an appeals process of this nature, specific situations can be addressed as they arise. Instituting approvals at multiple levels assures that a thorough review of the request will be made and the final decision will be based on the justification given alongside adherence to all applicable state laws.

Notification and Signage

Task Force Recommendation: Any and all signage, whether permanent or temporary, shall be created and posted exclusively by Blinn College Police, and only after proper approvals from the District President/CEO have been granted.

Justification: While the subcommittee does not anticipate abuse, it wants to ensure that all laws are followed and that **Penal Code Sec. 30.06** signage is installed properly. The Blinn College Police will be well trained in the creation and posting of signage, with written documentation of such postings to ensure compliance.

Campus Vehicles

Task Force Recommendation: No firearms ban in any Blinn College vehicle.

Justification: As per the law, the subcommittee felt that banning legal concealed carry in campus vehicles would constitute a general ban, and therefore, should not be enacted.

Continued Work of Community Engagement Subcommittee

Task Force Recommendation: The Task Force recommends that the Community Engagement Subcommittee, or some other designated body, continue after the approval of Blinn's policies and guidelines regarding the carrying of concealed weapons on Blinn's campuses.

Justification: Since many faculty, staff, students, and impacted community members have strong personal opinions on this issue, and the subcommittee's goal is to give consideration to their viewpoints. The subcommittee recognizes that the current set of recommendations may simply be a starting point, and after implementation, some unforeseen issues may arise. Following the precedent of the survey distributed in December 2016 – January 2017, the subcommittee would follow up after six months to gather post-implementation feedback. At that point, it could be determined if additional subcommittee activity was warranted.

Continued Work of Communication

Task Force Recommendation: The Task Force recommends that the Communication Subcommittee, or some other designated body, continue after the approval of Blinn's policies and guidelines regarding the carrying of concealed weapons on Blinn's campuses.

Justification: Some faculty, staff, and students have expressed concern that other people may make poor decisions that endanger others. Some have even suggested additional training for those who legally will carry handguns. The Task Force is cognizant of these concerns; however, state statutes prescribe the training and qualifications needed to become a concealed handgun license holder. Blinn College is not authorized to require additional training or qualifications, nor do College officials have knowledge of who is or is not licensed. As a result, the Task Force prefers to address these issues through outreach to the campus community that may address the rules adopted by the Board, regulations directed by the President/CEO, emergency action recommendations, and best practices for safety. The Task Force recommends the District President/CEO direct the Communication Subcommittee in collaboration with the Blinn Police Department to offer outreach to any campus entity or group to discuss the implementation of Senate Bill 11 ([see Appendix p. 22](#)) and to address questions and concerns from the campus community. Additional expertise existing across campuses should be available to assist the Police Department and the Communication Subcommittee in providing such outreach upon request.

Future Analysis

The work with regard to designation of gun-free zones will be ongoing as new facilities or changes in the use of facilities occur.

Appendix

During the 84th Texas Legislature, lawmakers passed **Senate Bill 11** (also known as “Campus Carry”), which allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions.

For community colleges, such as Blinn College, the effective date is August 1, 2017. The effective date for Texas four-year universities is August 1, 2016.

Per the law, Texas colleges are allowed to fashion rules regarding campus carry to fit the specific safety considerations and uniqueness of the campus environment. In considering such an important change, Blinn College will seek input from its key stakeholders, including faculty, staff and students, to identify an implementation plan that follows state legislative guidelines while ensuring the safety of everyone Blinn serves on its campuses. (Taken from the Blinn College Campus Carry Website at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry).

Senate Bill 11

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AN ACT

relating to the carrying of handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education; providing a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.2031 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.2031. CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY LICENSE HOLDERS ON CERTAIN CAMPUSES. (a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Campus" means all land and buildings owned or leased by an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education.

(2) "Institution of higher education" and "private or

independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(3) "Premises" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.035, Penal Code.

(b) A license holder may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the campus of an institution of higher education or private or

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independent institution of higher education in this state.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), (d-1), or (e), an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state may not adopt any rule, regulation, or other provision prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns on the campus of the institution.

(d) An institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state may establish rules, regulations, or other provisions concerning the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the institution and located on the campus of the institution.

(d-1) After consulting with students, staff, and faculty of the institution regarding the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment, the president or other chief executive officer of an institution of higher education in this state shall establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus of the institution

or on premises located on the campus of the institution. The president or officer may not establish provisions that generally prohibit or have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on the campus of the institution. The president or officer may amend the provisions

S.B. No. 11 as necessary for campus safety. The provisions take effect as determined by the president or officer unless subsequently amended by the board of regents or other governing board under Subsection (d-2). The institution must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code, with respect to any portion of a premises on which license holders may not carry.

(d-2) Not later than the 90th day after the date that the rules, regulations, or other provisions are established as described by Subsection (d-1), the board of regents or other governing board of the institution of higher education shall review the provisions. The board of regents or other governing board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, amend wholly or partly the provisions established under Subsection (d1). If amended under this subsection, the provisions are considered to be those of the institution as established under Subsection (d-1).

(d-3) An institution of higher education shall widely distribute the rules, regulations, or other provisions described by Subsection (d-1) to the institution's students, staff, and faculty, including by prominently publishing the provisions on the institution's Internet website.

(d-4) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, each institution of higher education in this state shall submit a report to the legislature and to the standing committees of the

S.B. No. 11 legislature with jurisdiction over the implementation and continuation of this section that:

(1) describes its rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on the campus of the institution; and

(2) explains the reasons the institution has established those provisions.

(e) A private or independent institution of higher education in this state, after consulting with students, staff, and faculty of the institution, may establish rules, regulations, or other provisions prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns on the campus of the institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle owned by the institution.

SECTION 2. Section 411.208, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) A court may not hold the state, an agency or subdivision of the state, an officer or employee of the state, an institution of higher education, an officer or employee of an institution of higher education, a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under Section 411.2031(e), an officer or employee of a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under Section

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411.2031(e), a peace officer, or a qualified handgun instructor liable for damages caused by:

(1) an action authorized under this subchapter or a

failure to perform a duty imposed by this subchapter; or

(2) the actions of an applicant or license holder that

occur after the applicant has received a license or been denied a license under this subchapter.

(b) A cause of action in damages may not be brought against the state, an agency or subdivision of the state, an officer or employee of the state, an institution of higher education, an officer or employee of an institution of higher education, a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under Section 411.2031(e), an officer or employee of a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under Section 411.2031(e), a peace officer, or a qualified handgun instructor for any damage caused by the actions of an applicant or license holder under this subchapter.

(d) The immunities granted under Subsections (a), (b), and

(c) do not apply to:

(1) an act or a failure to act by the state, an agency

or subdivision of the state, an officer of the state, an institution of higher education, an officer or employee of an institution of higher education, a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under

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Section 411.2031(e), an officer or employee of a private or independent institution of higher education that has not adopted rules under Section 411.2031(e), or a peace officer if the act or failure to act was capricious or arbitrary; or

(2) any officer or employee of an institution of higher

education or private or independent institution of higher education described by Subdivision (1) who possesses a handgun on the campus of that institution and whose conduct with regard to the handgun is made the basis of a claim for personal injury or property damage.

(f) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Campus" has the meaning assigned by Section

411.2031.

(2) "Institution of higher education" and "private or independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

SECTION 3. Sections 46.03(a) and (c), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm, illegal knife, club, or prohibited weapon listed in Section 46.05(a):

(1) on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or a

S.B. No. 11 passenger transportation vehicle of a school or educational institution, whether the school or educational institution is public or private, unless:

(A) pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution; or

(B) the person possesses or goes with a concealed handgun that the person is licensed to carry under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and no other weapon to which this section applies, on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, on any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted, or in a passenger transportation vehicle of the institution;

(2) on the premises of a polling place on the day of an election or while early voting is in progress;

(3) on the premises of any government court or offices utilized by the court, unless pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the court;

(4) on the premises of a racetrack;

(5) in or into a secured area of an airport; or

(6) within 1,000 feet of premises the location of which

is designated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a place of execution under Article 43.19, Code of Criminal Procedure, on a day that a sentence of death is set to be imposed on the

S.B. No. 11 designated premises and the person received notice that:

(A) going within 1,000 feet of the premises with

a weapon listed under this subsection was prohibited; or

(B) possessing a weapon listed under this

subsection within 1,000 feet of the premises was prohibited.

(c) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" and "private or

independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(2) "Premises" has the meaning assigned by Section

46.035.

(3) ~~[(2)]~~ "Secured area" means an area of an airport

terminal building to which access is controlled by the inspection of persons and property under federal law.

SECTION 4. Section 46.035, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), and (l) and amending Subsections (g), (h), and (j) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a license holder commits an offense if

the license holder carries a partially or wholly visible handgun, regardless of whether the handgun

is holstered, on or about the license holder's person under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter

411, Government Code, and intentionally or knowingly displays the handgun in plain view of

another person:

(1) on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education; or

(2) on any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education.

(a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) or Section 46.03(a), a license holder commits an offense if the license holder carries a handgun on the campus of a private or independent institution of higher education in this state that has established rules, regulations, or other provisions prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns pursuant to Section 411.2031(e), Government Code, or on the grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by such an institution is being conducted, or in a passenger transportation vehicle of such an institution, regardless of whether the handgun is concealed, provided the institution gives effective notice under Section 30.06.

(a-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) or Section 46.03(a), a license holder commits an offense if the license holder intentionally carries a concealed handgun on a portion of a premises located on the campus of an institution of higher education in this state on which the carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited by rules, regulations, or other provisions

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(g) An offense under Subsection (a), (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (b), (c), (d), or (e) is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the offense is committed under Subsection (b)(1) or (b)(3), in which event the offense is a felony of the third degree.

(h) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a), (a1), (a-2), or (a-3) that the actor, at the time of the commission of the offense, displayed the handgun under circumstances in which the actor would have been justified in the use of force or deadly force under Chapter 9.

(j) Subsections (a), (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), and (b)(1) do not apply to a historical reenactment performed in compliance with the rules of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

(l) Subsection (b)(2) does not apply on the premises where a collegiate sporting event is taking place if the actor was not given effective notice under Section 30.06.

SECTION 5. Section 46.035(f), Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Institution of higher education" and "private or independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

SECTION 6. Section 411.208, Government Code, as amended by

S.B. No. 11 this Act, applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 8. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, this Act takes effect August 1, 2016.

(b) Before August 1, 2016, the president or other chief executive officer of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, other than a public junior college as defined by that section, shall take any action necessary to adopt rules, regulations, or other provisions as required by

Section 411.2031, Government Code, as added by this Act. Notwithstanding any other law, the president or other chief executive officer shall establish rules, regulations, or other provisions under Section 411.2031(d-1), Government Code, as added

S.B. No. 11 by this Act, that take effect August 1, 2016.

(c) Before August 1, 2016, a private or independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, may take any action necessary to adopt rules, regulations, or other provisions as authorized under Section 411.2031, Government Code, as added by this Act.

(d) This Act does not apply to a public junior college, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, before August 1, 2017. Not later than August 1, 2017, the president or other chief executive officer of a public junior college shall take any action necessary to adopt rules, regulations, or other provisions as required by Section 411.2031, Government Code, as added by this Act. Notwithstanding any other law, the president or other chief executive officer shall establish rules, regulations, or other provisions under Section 411.2031(d-1), Government Code, as added by this Act, that take effect August 1, 2017.

_____ President of the Senate
_____ Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 11 passed the Senate on

March 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11; May 28, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 20,

Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate I hereby certify that S.B. No. 11 passed the House, with amendments, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 102, Nays 44, one present not voting; May 29, 2015, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 98, Nays 47, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

Task Force Charge From District President/CEO Dr. Mary Hensley:

The Task Force is charged with providing the District President/CEO recommendations for the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. These charges will uphold the integrity of the law, ensure the safety and security of everyone on all campuses, and foster a climate of mutual respect. Recommended guidelines, rules, procedures, and practices must ensure compliance with the requirements of existing laws regulating Concealed Carry or License to Carry (LTC) for:

- a) campus residential facilities;
- b) single - occupant offices;
- c) designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas;
- d) areas where minor children are present;
- e) patient care areas;
- f) formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;
- g) an appeal process; and
- h) notification and signage.

These recommendations should be based upon significant input from students, faculty, and staff, and others as appropriate, along with Task Force members' expertise. Recommendations shall be delivered to the District President/CEO no later than April 30, 2017, to ensure sufficient time for review.

Blinn College Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Survey to identify interested Task Force participants	By July 20, 2016
Task Force formed to gather input from campus constituencies	By August 2016
Distribute notifications and post signage regarding campus carry on Blinn campuses	By August 22, 2016
Informational Presentation at Fall Faculty Convocation	August 23, 2016
Input gathering via focus groups, surveys, and town hall meetings	September to December 2016
Task force provides input to District President/CEO regarding reasonable rules.	By February 2017
District President/CEO establishes reasonable rules	By March 2017
Rules submitted to Board of Trustees for review and approval	By May 2017
Rules go into effect	By August 1, 2017

Task Force Members

Name	Role	Division	Department	“Campus”
Keegan Simzer	Student			BY
Chelsea Reimer	Student			BN
Stuart Mica	Student			SB
Travis Bush	Student			SY
Tasha Burleson	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Beverly Clement	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
James (Mike) Davis	Faculty	MBET	Business	BY
C.L. Domel	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	HSC
Nathan Giesenschlag	Faculty	SS	Social Sciences	BY
Clinton Hale	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BN
Kathryn Kelly	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Amanda Kieffer	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	PO
Kelly C. Kissane	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BN
Holton (David) Lewis	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BN
Sandy Medina	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	HSC
Vandana Sarin	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
Keith Sylvester	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Charles (Pat) Tomlin	Faculty	MBET	Business	BY
Larry VanMeter	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BY
Don Whatley	Faculty	SS	Social Science	BN
Darren Wilkinson	Faculty	MBET	Math	BY
Todd Quinlan	Division Leadership Council			BN
Leslie Janac	Faculty Senate			BY
John Beaver	Staff/Admin	AA	Academic Affairs	BY
Mike Burke	Staff	StudSvcs	Financial Aid	TC
Lisa Caton	Staff/Admin	EVP	Sealy Campus	SY
Becky Garlick	Staff/Admin	EVP	Schulenburg Campus	SB
Frank Jaramillo	Staff/Admin	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
Elizabeth Johnson Lundy	Staff	StudSvcs	Disability Services	BY
Joyce Langenegger	Faculty/Staff	SS/AA	Social Sciences & Professional Development	BY
Robert Lovelidge	Staff	StudSvcs	Staff Council/Student Services/Advising & Counseling Services	BN
James Reed	Staff/Admin	StudSvcs	Student Housing	BN
Ross Schroeder	Staff/Admin	AdminSvcs	Purchasing / Transportation	BN
Cynthia Thomas	Staff	AdminSvcs	Business Office	TC

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Pre-Task Force (Steering Committee)

**Blinn College
Campus Carry Meeting 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
June 14, 2016**

Agenda

- I. Purpose of today's meeting
- II. Suggestions for members of Campus Carry Task Force
 - a. Faculty
 - b. Staff
 - c. Students
- III. Review of proposed timeline
- IV. Review of student population
- V. Discussion of data gathering methods for campus constituencies
- VI. Communication
 - a. Memo to faculty
 - b. Presentation at Fall Faculty Convocation
 - c. FAQs on website
 - d. Communication re: process; invitation to participate for faculty and staff
 - e. Applicable laws as of September, 2016
 - f. Signage
 - i. September, 2016
 - j. September, 2017
- VII. Review of plans from other colleges/universities
- VIII. Next meeting date, time, location

Blinn College

Campus Carry Meeting 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

June 14, 2016

Attendees: (alpha order by last name)

Joe Baumann, Dean of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

Cathy Boeker, AVP

Richard Bray, Associate Director of Marketing and Communications

Karen Buck, AVP of Instruction

Jimmy Byrd, Interim Executive Director, Brazos County Campuses

Laurie Clark, Special Assistant to the EVP/General Counsel

Dennis Crowson, Senior VP of Student Services

Ted Hajovsky, Legal Counsel

Bill May, Captain, Blinn College Police, Brazos County Campuses

Jeff Tilley, Director of Marketing and Communications

Mel Waxler, EVP/General Counsel

Craig Wiesepape, Chief, Blinn College Police

Agenda

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- II. Suggestions for members of Campus Carry Task Force
 - a. Faculty
 - b. Staff
 - c. Students

Suggested members: (33 suggested members, not counting potential external/community members)

Laurie Clark

Ted Hajovsky

Mel Waxler

Executive Council members: Mary Hensley, Kelli Shomaker, Mel Waxler, Jimmy Byrd, Karen Buck, Laurie Clark, Dennis Crowson

Campus Directors: Lisa Caton, Becky Garlick, Jimmy Byrd Students: SGA
Presidents from each campus (4)

Smily Flores

Michael Hutton

Megan Costanza

Faculty Senate President

Division Leadership Council President

Academic Deans (1-2)

Faculty: list of faculty interested in topic has been provided by deans (1 per division?) Staff
Council representative

James Reed

Richard Bray

Craig Wiesepape

Bill May

Emergency Management Coordinator (vacant) Shawn
Welch

Kim Boetger

External members: Jim Kolkhorst; representatives from Schulenburg and Sealy Police Departments

III. Review of proposed timeline

See Page 3

IV. Review of student population

See Page 4 for students

See Page 5 for employees

V. Discussion of data gathering methods for campus constituencies

See Page 6

VI. Communication

a. Memo to faculty

- b. Presentation at Fall Faculty Convocation
- c. Campus Carry website
- d. FAQs on website
- e. Communication re: process; invitation to participate for faculty and staff
- f. Applicable laws as of September, 2016
- g. Signage
 - i. September, 2016
 - ii. September, 2017

VII. Review of plans from other colleges/universities

VIII. Next meeting date, time, location

Next meetings:

Thursday, July 14, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Week of July 25 (esp. 7/25-28)

**Blinn College
Campus Carry Task Force
Proposed Timeline**

Activity	Timeline
Task force formed to gather input from campus constituencies	By September, 2016
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Task force provides input to District President/CEO regarding reasonable rules for restricted zones on campus	By April, 2017
District President/CEO establishes reasonable rules	By June, 2017
Rules reviewed by General Counsel	By June, 2017
Rules go to Board of Trustees for review and possible amendment	By July, 2017
Rules go into effect	By August, 2017
Rules submitted to State Legislature for review, including explanation of why the College adopted the rules	By September, 2017

Revisions to Timeline Based on June 14 Discussion

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Rules go to Board of Trustees for review and possible amendment	By May, 2017
Review of changes to legislation	June, 2017
Bring any needed changes to Board for approval	By July, 2017
Rules go into effect	By August, 2017
Rules submitted to State Legislature for review, including explanation of why the College adopted the rules	By September, 2017

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Review of Student Population

Number of Blinn College Students Eligible to Apply for Concealed Handgun License, Fall 2015

Campus	Number of students 21 and over
Brenham Campus	570
Brenham Students in Campus Housing	91
Bryan Campus	4,573
Schulenburg Campus	87
Sealy Campus	55
Total	5,354

According to state records, approximately 2.7% of eligible Texas citizens hold a Concealed Handgun License. If we assume this percentage holds for our students, we would expect the following numbers of students to be CHL holders:

Projected Number of Concealed Handgun License Holders Among Blinn College Students

Campus	Projected CHL Holders¹
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¹ These counts are **projections only** based on the statewide percentage of eligible Texas citizens who are CHL holders.

Brenham Campus	15
Brenham Students in Campus Housing	2
Bryan Campus	123
Schulenburg Campus	2
Sealy Campus	1
Total	144

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Review of Employee Population

Number of Blinn College Employees by Campus, Spring 2016

Campus	Number of employees
Brenham Campus Full	
Time	311
Part Time	120
Bryan Campus Full	
Time	461
Part Time	342
Schulenburg Campus Full	
Time	13
Part Time	19
Sealy Campus Full	
Time	3
Part Time	12
Museum	
Full Time	5
Part Time	10
Total	1,296

Projected Number of Concealed Handgun License Holders Among Blinn College Employees

Campus	Projected CHL Holders
Brenham Campus Full	
Time	8
Part Time	3

Bryan Campus Full Time	12
Part Time	9
Schulenburg Campus Full Time	0
Part Time	1
Sealy Campus Full Time	0
Part Time	0
Museum Full Time	0
Part Time	0
Total	35

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Data Gathering Methods

The 84th Legislature passed Senate Bill 11, which expands the areas on public university campuses where those with licenses may carry concealed handguns. The presidents or chief executive officers of public institutions of higher education have been given authority to establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders after consulting with **students, staff, and faculty** of the institution regarding **the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment.**

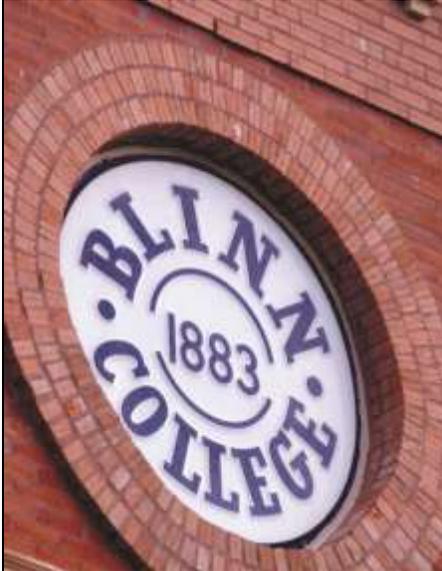
While there is some discretion in establishing the rules and regulations, there are also limitations. These rules and regulations may not generally prohibit license holders from carrying concealed handguns on campus. Additionally, Government Code 411.209 established civil penalties for wrongful exclusion of concealed handgun license holders if a state agency prohibits a license holder from carrying a concealed handgun in a location not prohibited by Texas Penal Code §46.03 or §46.035.

Method	Constituency			Other?
	Students	Faculty	Staff	
Survey	X	X	X	
Focus Group	X (SGA)	X	X (Staff Council)	

Town Hall Meeting				
Interview				Board members? Mayors? Judges? ISD Superintendents?
Other _____ _____ _____				

- Use social media to inform about opportunities to participate
- Monitor social media for reactions etc.

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Implementing Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College

Campus Carry Task Force
Fall Faculty Convocation
August 2016

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- Review of SB 11
- Review of Task Force charge
- Introduction of Task Force members
- Process timeline
- Communication Plan
- Website and FAQs
- Q&A
 - Write your questions on index card and pass to the front!

Review of SB 11

Caption: Relating to the carrying of handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education; providing a criminal penalty.

- Authorizes a license holder to carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the campus of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state. Open carrying of handguns is still prohibited at these locations.
- Authorizes an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state to establish rules, regulation, or other provisions concerning the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the institution and located on the campus of the institution.

Review of SB 11

- Requires the president or other chief executive officer of an institution of higher education in this state to establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus or on specific premises located on the campus.
- Authorizes posting of a sign under Penal Code Section 30.06 with respect to any portion of a premises on which license holders may not carry.
- The effective date of this law for a public junior college is August 1, 2017.

Review of Task Force Charge

- Task Force Charge from Dr. Hensley:

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Review of Task Force Charge (Continued)

- a) campus residential facilities;*
- b) single-occupant offices;*
- c) designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas;*
- d) areas where minor children are present;*
- e) patient care areas;*
- f) formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;*
- g) an appeal process; and*
- h) notification and signage.*

Review of Task Force Charge (Continued)

- *These recommendations should be based upon significant input from students, faculty, and staff, and others as appropriate, along with Task Force members' expertise. Recommendations shall be delivered to the District President/CEO no later than April 30, 2017, to ensure sufficient time for review.*

Task Force

- 31 members selected for Task Force
- Criteria for selection:
 - Representative across the College
 - Any training and experience as shared by those volunteering
 - A stated willingness to participate

Process Timeline

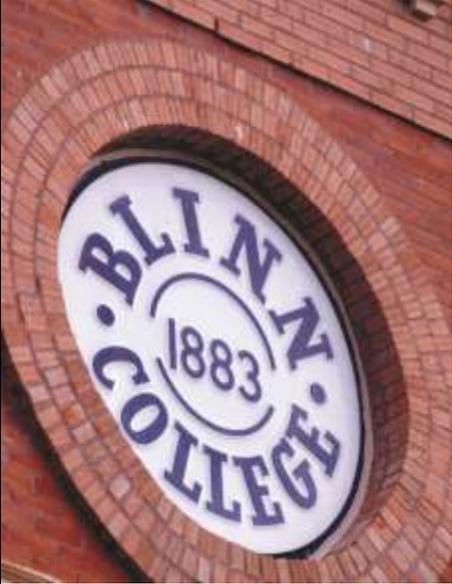
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- In July, sent multiple district-wide emails alerting faculty, staff, and students to Senate Bill 11 and the different effective dates for four-year universities and community colleges such as Blinn College.
- Sent follow-up emails specifically to students co-enrolled at Blinn and Texas A&M University.
- Developed web page with copies of these letters, FAQ, Timeline, and Campus Carry Task Force notes at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry.

- Posted notices on all campus TV screens with a link to the website and phone number for Blinn College Police Department.
- Are currently developing campus signs meeting all state requirements to alert students and campus visitors that concealed firearms are not allowed inside Blinn College buildings.
- Regular social media updates and reminders.

- www.blinn.edu/campus-carry

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CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE UPDATE

February 2017

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- Authorizes concealed carry on public college campuses
- Requires CEO to set reasonable regulations
- Requires posted signs in gun-free zones
- Becomes effective at Blinn on August 1, 2017

- 34 members
- Criteria:
 - Representative
 - Training/experience
 - Willingness to participate

- Task Force Charge from Dr. Hensley:

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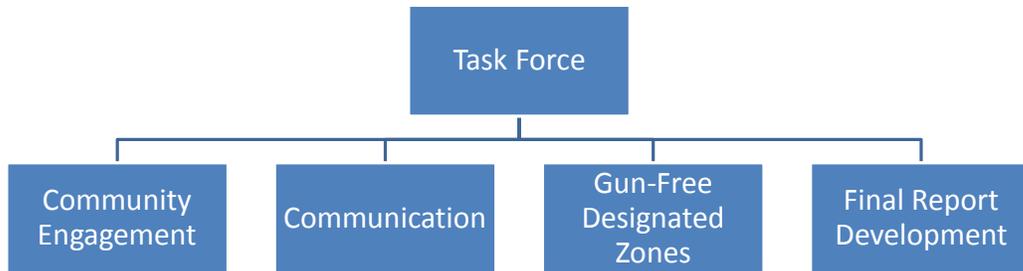
Researching Universities



Status: Proposals approved by board of regents

	Classrooms	Dorms	Faculty offices	Laboratories	Gyms	Sporting events
Texas A&M University	✓	✓#	✓*	✓*	✓	⊘
University of Texas at Austin	✓	⊘	✓*	✓*	✓	⊘
University of Houston	✓	⊘	✓*	✓*	⊘	⊘
Texas State University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊘
University of North Texas	✓	✓#	✓	✓*	⊘	⊘
University of Texas at Arlington	✓	✓#	✓	✓	⊘	⊘
Texas Tech University	✓	⊘	✓	✓*	⊘	⊘

Structure



Community Engagement

To reach out to and engage stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, and external collaborators.

Chair: CL Domel

Members: Lisa Caton, Becky Garlick, Amanda Kieffer, Chelsea Reimer, Ross Schroeder

Staff: Jeff Tilley

Communication

To work with the media and ensure ongoing communication with stakeholders.

Chair: Joyce Langenegger

Members: Lisa Caton, Beverly Clement, Becky Garlick, Kelly Kissane, Vandana Sarin

Staff: Richard Bray

Gun-Free Designated Areas

To establish processes for identifying gun-free zones and recommending designations.

Chair: Todd Quinlan

Members: Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Elizabeth Johnson, Robert Lovelidge, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, Don Whatley, Darren Wilkinson

Staff: Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wiesepepe

Final Report Development

To prepare the recommendations for the District President/CEO's review and approval, describe Blinn's process in developing its recommendations, and include the pros and cons of each area for inclusion or exclusion as a gun-free area.

Chair: Clinton Hale

Members: John Beaver, Mike Burke, Tasha Burleson-Estrada, CL Domel (Community Engagement Committee Chair), Joyce Langenegger (Communications Committee Chair), Todd Quinlan (Gun-Free Designated Areas Committee Chair), Dave Lewis, Keith Sylvester, Cynthia Thomas, Larry VanMeter

Staff: Laurie Clark

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Student Forums



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Tips from Chris Meyer, Assistant VP for Safety & Security and
Campus Carry Task Force Co-Chair-TAMU

- Broad campus input in policy development
- Enforceable implementation rules
- Responsibility for compliance on the license holder
- Multiple presentations of adopted policy

Community Engagement

- October 27, 2016: Campus Carry Panel hosted by the Brenham Campus Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (available on the Blinn College YouTube Page)
- December 12, 2016-January 18, 2017: Survey requesting faculty, staff, student, and community input
- Number of responses through January 3, 2017: 1,382 total responses, including 971 from students, 397 from faculty and 14 from community members
- Your input is still needed and welcomed.

Communications

- How can you stay up-to-date?
 - Contact Communication Committee members
 - Check the website

<http://www.blinn.edu/campus-carry/>

Frequently Asked Questions

What does Campus Carry mean?

Senate Bill 11, also known as the "Campus Carry" law, allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions. The effective date for Texas four-year universities is August 1, 2016. For community colleges such as Blinn College, the effective date is August 1, 2017. [Full text of Senate Bill 11.](#)

Are guns currently allowed on Blinn College campuses?

Until the Campus Carry law goes into effect for the Fall 2017 semester, firearms are not permitted to be carried in any Blinn College building regardless of whether they are carried openly or concealed or if the individual has a concealed handgun license.

Blinn College cannot legally restrict licensed holders from carrying a concealed firearm in public spaces such as streets, driveways, sidewalks or parking lots.

What is Blinn College doing to prepare for implementation of the Campus Carry law?

A task force has been formed to gather input from campus constituencies, including faculty, staff, and students. Using this information, the task force will provide input to Dr. Mary Hensley, Blinn College District President/CEO, regarding reasonable rules for restricted zones on campus. Dr. Hensley will then establish the rules and see that they are reviewed by General Counsel. The rules will then go before the Blinn College Board of Trustees for review and possible amendment and will go into effect by August 1, 2017. For an implementation timeline, please see [Timeline](#).

How can I participate in the Campus Carry Task Force?

A survey to identify volunteers for the Campus Carry Task Force was distributed in July 2016. To share information or suggestions with Task Force members, see the Task Force list below.

Links

[Texas License to Carry Laws and Training](#)
[Crime Prevention Awareness](#)
[Waco Tribune Editorial](#)
[Campus Carry Task Force Q&A](#)
[College and University Comparison Presentation](#)
[Where Can I Take My Gun?](#)
[Open Carry Overview](#)
[TAMUS Campus Carry Rules](#)
[Texas A&M's Campus Carry Final Report](#)
[Texas License to Carry a Handgun Law](#)
[McLennan CC seeks input on campus carry](#)
[For two-year colleges, campus carry raises special risks](#)
[Texas A&M community reacts to new campus carry law in effect](#)
[Fall Faculty Convocation Presentation](#)
[With Texas now a campus carry state, here's what you need to know](#)
[Dallas Morning News Campus Carry Tracker](#)
[Judge: Academic freedom doesn't bar campus carry](#)
[For two-year colleges, campus carry raises special risks](#)
[What you need to know about campus carry at Texas A&M](#)
[Texas AG opinion sought regarding campus carry at junior and community colleges](#)
[Texas A&M approves campus carry rules](#)

Gun-Free Designated Areas

- Classrooms
- Hallways
- Outdoor college premises

- Sporting events
- Events sponsored by public schools
- UIL events
- Recommendation: Second floor of HSC
 - Justification: Presence of high-field magnetic equipment and hands-on simulations

- Recommendation: Residential facilities
 - Restriction: Gun must be stored in an approved storage safe
 - Provider: Recommend a third-party vendor for safe
- Recommendation: Single-occupant offices
 - Restriction: Campus carry allowed, unless specific circumstances justify ban, as approved by the District President on a case-by-case basis

- Recommendation: A formal appeal process for single-occupant offices and external events
- Process: Written appeal submitted and approved by Division or Program leadership, vice president, and President/CEO

- Permanent signage for any area permanently designated as gun-free
- Temporary signage for any event designated as gun-free

Final Report Development

- Format
 - Description of process
 - Recommendations
 - Prohibited areas
 - Implementation
- Process
 - Gather feedback
 - Write subsections
- Timeline
 - Due to President/CEO Mary Hensley in February 2017



Task Force Meeting Minutes and Presentations

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the BLINN COLLEGE CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE

**September 9, 2016
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Brenham Campus, Student Center Banquet Room**

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.	I. Welcoming Remarks by District President/CEO	Dr. Mary Hensley
1:05 – 2:05 p.m.	II. Introduction of Task Force Members and Support Staff	Mr. Mel Waxler
2:05 – 2:25 p.m.	III. Campus Carry PowerPoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • Charge • Timeline □ Website 	Mr. Mel Waxler
2:25 – 2:55 p.m.	V. Open Discussion	Task Force
2:55 – 3:00 p.m.	VII. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Meetings/Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report on Comparative Work ➤ Stakeholders and Best Way to Gather Input ➤ Subcommittee Structure if Any (Example: Research and Writing, Community Engagement, etc.) ➤ Task Force Chair ➤ Facilitator: An Advocate for the Process 	Mr. Mel Waxler
3:00 p.m.	VIII. Adjournment of Meeting	

Minutes of Campus Carry Task Force

September 9, 2016

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Welcome	<p>Dr. Mary Hensley provided opening remarks to welcome the Task Force members and give them the charge to develop recommendations for campus carry that would focus on assuring the safety and security of all of Blinn College’s constituencies. These recommendations need to be developed in an environment of mutual respect.</p> <p>Task Force members were selected from more than 100 applicants for their experience and diversity. As such, members of the Task Force are conduits who will hear and share information from and to those they represent. Task Force recommendations will be delivered to Dr. Hensley in early April for her review and consideration to develop the proposal she will submit to the Board of Trustees.</p>		<p>Task Force members will make themselves available to personnel and students on their campuses and in their divisions and departments. Task Force members agreed that they would listen to each other and all others on campus in a respectful and open manner.</p>
Administrative matters	<p>For the meeting on September 19th, participants were advised to submit reimbursement requests to Laurie Clark. For future meetings, participants will travel in Blinn vehicles.</p>	<p>Submit travel reimbursement forms to Laurie Clark as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Lisa Caton and Becky Garlick will work with Ross Schroeder regarding travel from their respective campuses.</p>	<p>Task Force members</p> <p>Lisa Caton, Becky Garlick, Ross Schroeder</p>

<p>Introductions</p>	<p>Convener Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, invited all members to introduce themselves by name and title and provide information on</p>		
	<p>what was important to them in serving on the Task Force. Task Force members stated they had volunteered to serve on the Campus Carry Task Force for a number of reasons, but most frequently mentioned were the desire to assure the security and safety of everyone on our campuses. A number of Task Force members also identified as having served in a branch of the military and noted the particular insight provided by that experience into the issues the Task Force will consider. Several members of the Task Force currently serve on Critical Incident Response Teams (CIRT) on their respective campuses.</p>		
<p>Additional Relationships</p>	<p>The Task Force attendees considered how CIRT's and the Task Force's responsibilities overlapped. In addition, the attendees considered how the Blinn Police's and the Task Force's responsibilities overlapped. Chief Craig Wiesepape joined the meeting.</p>	<p>Training on how to deal with active shooter incidents can be presented. Police Department representatives are invited to all subsequent Task Force meetings.</p>	<p>The Blinn Police can provide these trainings.</p>

Review of PowerPoint	The Task Force reviewed and discussed the informational PowerPoint that had been previously presented at Convocation. This discussion included a review of the key elements of SB11 and the holding in the case of Glass, et. al v. Paxton et. al (the challenge brought by UT professors against UT's policy).	Task Force members need to review the website and the bill prior to the next Task Force meeting. If anyone has questions about campus carry, one place to refer them is the web site and the FAQs.	Mel Waxler will send a copy of SB11 to Task Force members. The bill is also available online. Task Force members will review the website. Frank Jaramillo and Richard Bray will review the website to see what other information should be included
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			regarding what constitutes concealed carry and how to define firearm.
Additional questions to be considered (website)	Task Force members considered several questions that have been raised: Can you ask someone if they are carrying? No Can you ask someone if they are licensed? No What is the difference between concealed and open carry?	Identify other questions that need to be asked, answered, or clarified.	Task Force members will bring questions to next meeting and send proposed questions, answers, or clarifications to Mel Waxler with a copy to Laurie Clark, Jeff Tilley, and Richard Bray..

<p>Additional questions to be considered (Task Force)</p>	<p>Task Force members considered several ongoing questions they will need to consider: What types of spaces are on the campus? Of these spaces, in which does the law prohibit exclusion of concealed handguns? Of these spaces, in which does the law allow exclusion of concealed handguns? In what areas are those under the age of 18 present? Who are the stakeholders? Who needs to be included who has not been? What are the budget implications of any recommendation?</p>		<p>Task Force members will bring information on answers to any of these questions to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Additional actions being taken</p>	<p>Signs are being posted in Blinn parking lots regarding the status of campus carry on our campuses. Section 30.06 signs are being posted on buildings across the District. Students who are co-enrolled at TAMU are being emailed regarding campus carry not being allowed on Blinn</p>	<p>We need to collaborate with TAMU officials so our recommendations are aligned with TAMU policies. Those members who missed this meeting will be contacted and brought up to date on discussions.</p>	<p>Laurie Clark will contact members who did not attend.</p>
	<p>campuses until August 2017. A “grace period” will be extended to those co-enrolled students.</p>		
<p>Communication</p>	<p>The way to handle questions, clarifications, and comments on additional information needed were discussed.</p>	<p>Emails on these matters should be sent to Mel Waxler and copy Laurie Clark, Jeff Tilley, and Richard Bray. Any questions on policy and procedure should copy Cathy Boeker.</p>	<p>Task Force members should submit any additional questions, clarifications, and comments on additional needed information.</p>

Next Meeting	September 23 rd , 1:30-3:30 Bryan	<p>Consider issues regarding Task Force structure: Task Force Chair Meeting may organize around topics Committee Structure, including which committees Among possible committees to consider are Community Engagement, Communications Additional internal and external stakeholders Review what other universities are doing</p>	<p>Mel Waxler will send reminder. Mel Waxler will send Joe Baumann's research of comparative data on universities</p>
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**BLINN COLLEGE
CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE**

September 23, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bryan Campus, Student Center, Room E-120

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1:30 – 1:35 p.m.	I. Call to Order	Mr. Mel Waxler
1:35 – 1:45 p.m.	II. Introductions	Mr. Mel Waxler
1:45 – 1:55 p.m.	III. Approval of September 9, 2016 Minutes	Ms. Joyce Langenegger
1:55 – 2:40 p.m.	IV. Comparison of Processes and Recommendations of Other Colleges	Dr. Dennis Crowson
2:40 – 3:05 p.m.	V. Q & A	Mr. Rich Bray Mr. Ted Hajovsky

3:05 – 3:20 p.m.	<p>VI. Task Force Committee Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Engagement/Communication Committee ○ Gun-Free Designated Areas Committee ○ Final Report Development Committee • Other 	Mr. Mel Waxler
3:20 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>VII. Next Meeting Date and Other Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force Chair • Possible Next Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friday, October 21, 2016 ○ Friday, October 28, 2016 	Mr. Mel Waxler
3:30 p.m.	VIII. Meeting Adjournment	

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Blinn College
Campus Carry Task Force Meeting
Responses to Task Force Questions

Friday, September 23, 2016

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How Many Students on Each Campus Are Under Age 18 and Considered Minors?

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Fall 2016 Students Under Age 18

Brenham Campus	92
Bryan Campus	301
Schulenburg Campus	40
Sealy Campus	22

Source: IRE Office

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How Many Students on Each Campus are Age 21 and Over?

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Fall 2016 Students Age 21 & Over

Brenham Campus	400
Bryan Campus	2,965
Schulenburg Campus	50
Sealy Campus	39

Source: IRE Office

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How Many Students Residing in the Brenham Residence Halls Are Age 21 and Over?

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**According to James Reed,
Director of Housing, 56
Students Residing in On-
Campus Housing are
Currently Age 21 or Over.**

**Does the Presence of Minors
Affect the Reading of
Associated Statutes Regarding
Gun-Free/Weapon-Free
Territory or Campus Rules?**

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State Rep. Abel Herrero has asked the Texas Attorney General for an opinion on this matter. As of this morning, there was no response from the Attorney General.

**Does It Matter Whether Only
One Student in a Location is a
Minor in Determining Campus
Carry Rules? What About an
Entire Class of Minors, i.e.,
dual credit?**

**The Attorney General's
decision may clarify this, but
in any situation where Blinn
abridges the right to campus
carry, we must demonstrate a
clear reason for the
exception.**

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How Does Texas A&M University Handle Campus Carry at its Rudder Auditorium Events?

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**The Texas A&M Campus
Carry Final Report, Posted
For Your Convenience at
Blinn's Campus Carry Page,
Does Not Specifically
Mention Arts &
Performance Venues/Events.**

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How Many on the Campus Carry Task Force Have LTCs?

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8 Task Force members indicated that they are LTC holders while volunteering, and another indicated they previously had passed the LTC exam but were no longer licensed.

**Can Blinn's Task Force Obtain
Additional Information
Regarding the Rules
Established at Universities and
Other Community Colleges?**

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**Dr. Dennis Crowson's Presentation
Has Focused on the Rules
Established at Universities and
Other Community Colleges, and
Additional Information Has Been
Posted to the Campus Carry
Webpage.**

**Can Blinn's Task Force Obtain
Additional Information
Regarding the Rules
Established at Universities and
Community Colleges in Utah
and Nevada?**

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**This May Be An Appropriate
Item For Consideration By A
Task Force Subcommittee.**

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Comparison and Process of Universities

Blinn College
Campus Carry Taskforce
September 23, 2016

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- Texas A&M System
 - Website: <https://www.tamus.edu/campus-carry-rules/>
- Texas A&M College Station
 - Campus Carry Taskforce final report:
https://www.tamu.edu/statements/Campus_Carry_Final_Report_3-10-16.pdf
 - Website: <http://www.tamu.edu/statements/campus-carry.html>
- University of Texas at Austin
 - Website: <http://campuscarry.utexas.edu/>
- University of Houston
 - Website: <http://www.uh.edu/police/campus-carry/>
- Sam Houston State University
 - Website: <http://www.shsu.edu/katsafe/campus-carry/>
- University of North Texas
 - Website: <https://campuscarry.unt.edu/>
- Dallas Morning News – Campus Carry Tracker
 - <http://interactives.dallasnews.com/2016/campus-carry-tracker/>
 - Linked on Blinn's Campus Carry page



Statute: Principles approved by board of regents
2012-2013 academic year

	Classrooms	Dorms	Faculty offices	Laboratories	Gyms	Sporting events
Texas A&M University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
University of Texas at Austin	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
University of Houston	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
Texas State University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
University of North Texas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
University of Texas at Arlington	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Texas Tech University	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
University of Texas at San Antonio	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗

*All Texas public universities

Texas A&M University

Policy status: Proposals approved by board of regents

Policy:
<http://assets.syr.edu/texas.edu/files/communications>
Location: College Station
Enrollment: 50,115



Classrooms
✓ YES



Dorms
✓ YES

*The lowest rooms must store their guns in safe containers as noted from the Department of National I.G.



Faculty offices
✓ YES

*States an employee determines that the carrying of a concealed handgun by a student inside in the office presents a significant risk of substantial harm due to a negligent discharge of the handgun with the potential to injure that employee.



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<http://interactives.dallasnews.com/2016/campus-carry-tracker/>



- All universities allow in classrooms
- Some Exceptions
 - UTRG – Unless a “floating” classroom or vessel
 - UTPB – Unless in a building designated for the college’s Early College High School

- Of the universities that have dorms:
 - 27 allow in dorms
 - 9 do not allow
- Some Comments
 - Many universities will provide or require a lock box
 - Some universities will not allow campus carry in the summer when summer camps are using some of the dorms
 - Many are designating “minor” dorms
 - Many are allowing roommates to change rooms if the roommate wants to have a firearm

- Texas A&M
 - Students living in A&M-operated residence halls who have a license to carry and choose to keep a handgun in their dorm room must store the firearm in a personal safe purchased or rented from the department of Residential Life
 - Safe rentals will be \$85/year or \$65/semester
 - Similar to the safes found in hotels
- *Over 50 of the 1322 students living in Blinn's student housing are over 21*

- SHSU
 - Will allow students in residence halls to have a firearm, but must also lock in gun locker
- Texas State University
 - Dormitories that are used during the summer in connection with summer camps and activities for minor children are designated gun-free zones during those time periods when they are used as such. Signage will indicate that the concealed carry of a handgun is prohibited.
- University of Houston
 - Guns in dorms are prohibited except for Calhoun Lofts which is set aside for students 21 and older.
- University of Texas at Austin
 - Guns in dorms are not allowed.
 - Unless the gun is carried in a common area; or by parent or faculty member. Or unless it's a university apartment

- No university allows the carrying of firearms at sporting events
- TAMU will allow the carrying of firearms in athletic arenas when sporting events are not taking place
 - Graduation – allowed to carry
- Large concerts and productions
 - TAMU will allow carrying
 - Same for UT, SHSU, UH, TxSU

- TAMU will restrict in certain sole occupant offices if the President agrees there is “a significant risk of substantial harm”
- TAMU Task Force recommended:
 - An occupant of a private office, defined as one assigned solely for the use of the individual and not generally open to the public, may request designation of his/her office as a portion of a premises where license holders may not carry if reasonable alternate space is available or if alternate means is possible for the fulfillment of the individual’s required duties, including holding office hours or meeting with students, faculty, or staff.
 - Sign must be posted
 - Supervisor may be required to determine if alternate, appropriate space is available.
 - Approval must be routed to the President

- University of Houston
 - Yes, unless an employee demonstrates to the university president that the licensed carrying of a handgun in the office presents a "significant risk of substantial harm" due to a negligent discharge of the handgun
- UT Austin
 - Yes, unless a faculty member requests that guns be banned in their single-occupancy office
- SHSU and TxSU
 - Yes

- TAMU
 - Yes, unless they are "high hazard research areas and laboratories" or those in which "research subjects are high risk ... or where the integrity of psychological research could be compromised."
- UH
 - Yes, unless it is a lab where dangerous materials and equipment or research animals are present.
- UT Austin
 - Yes, unless it is a lab with extremely dangerous chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents, or one that has equipment that is incompatible with metallic objects.
- SHSU
 - Yes, unless it is the nuclear magnetic resonance lab
- TxSU
 - Allowed

- Many universities have set up areas where carrying has been excluded.
 - Most include areas where minors will be present
 - Early college high schools
 - On campus day care centers
 - At TAMU - Becky Gates Child Care Facility
 - Mental/Behavioral health clinics
 - At TAMU - Counseling centers and Health care facilities where protected health information records are generated
 - Locations where disciplinary hearings will be held (TAMU)
 - Locations where alcohol may be served
 - Legal clinics (TAMU)

- Areas prohibited by federal and state statutes
 - On campus religious areas
 - Polling places
 - Where any government court or offices utilized by the court
 - Locations where meetings occur subject to the Open Meetings Act
- TAMU locations where carrying is prohibited by federal law:
 - George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
 - Nuclear Reactor Facilities
 - Multi-Program Research and Education Facility

Community Colleges

Texas Community College	Website	Forums	Survey	Other Items
Alvin CC	Website	Having open forums		
Austin CC				Board statement opposing
Del Mar College	Website with statement			
Galveston College	<no information on website>			
Houston Community College	Website with FAQ	Open forums occurring on 9/20 Committee-only meetings started in August		
Lone Star College	Website			
McLennan CC	Website with FAQ	Student forum last week Faculty / Staff forum this week Community forum first week of October	Online Survey open	
Navarro	Website with FAQ			
San Jacinto College	Website with FAQ			
Temple JC	<no information on website>			President gave update to Board in August
Tyler JC	Website			
Victoria College		College president made a presentation in May		
Wharton County CC	Website with FAQ			Use the UH /Sugarland rules on that campus

September 23, 2016 Campus Carry Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Beaver, Mike Burke, Travis Bush, Lisa Caton, Beverly Clement, Mike Davis,

C.L. Domel, Becky Garlick, Nathan Giesenschlag, Clinton Hale, Frank Jaramillo, Amanda Kieffer, Kelly Kissane, Joyce Langenegger, Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, Sandy Medina, Todd Quinlan, James Reed,

Chelsea Reimer, Vandana Sarin, Ross Schroeder, Keith Sylvester, Cynthia Thomas, Don Whatley, Darren Wilkinson

Staff Present: Rich Bray, Jimmy Byrd, Laurie Clark, Dennis Crowson, Jeff Tilley, Mel Waxler, Chief Wiesepape

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Administrative matters	Participants agreed that cellphones will only be used to record information or to attend to attend to critical business or emergencies and otherwise will be left on vibrate during meetings.		All members of the Task Force.
Introductions	Task Force participants were asked to reintroduce themselves to the other members.		
Approval of September 9, 2016 Minutes	Minutes from the 9/9/2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. Task Force members agreed that minutes will reflect the work of the Task Force and once reviewed and approved will be posted on the Campus Carry website after each meeting.	Minutes for the 9/9/2016 meeting will be posted on the web site.	Richard Bray
Agenda	The agenda for the 9/23/2016 meeting was reviewed and approved by Task Force members.		
Report on Firearms Law Conference	Mel Waxler reported on his attendance at the State Bar's Firearms Law Conference. He noted that two of the presentations proved especially helpful. Articles from the presenters were distributed to Task Force members.	Articles from the Firearms Law Conference will be posted on the Blinn Campus Carry website.	Richard Bray

Report on Task Force information requests	An article from <i>The Eagle</i> entitled "What You Need to Know about Campus Carry at Texas A&M" was distributed. Task Force member Mike Davis reported that he had attended a session at TAMU on this topic, which he found helpful. Others indicated they would like additional information on TAMU's policies and their development process.	Mike Davis will send PowerPoints from the TAMU presentation to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark for distribution to the Task Force and posting on the website.	Mike Davis Rich Bray Laurie Clark
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<p>Comparison of Processes and Recommendations of Other Colleges</p>	<p>Dennis Crowson reported on the research completed to date on university policies and procedures on campus carry. He highlighted the ways various institutions were dealing with campus carry with regard to classrooms, dorms, special events, faculty and staff offices, labs, and excluded areas. He observed that the site available through the <i>Dallas Morning News</i>’ “Campus Carry Tracker” was especially helpful. This link is available on the Campus Carry website and allows comparison of policies with regard to different campus areas for the different public universities in the state. He also reported on the status of Campus Carry initiatives at other community colleges in the state, noting that Blinn College appeared to be ahead of most of them in its planning process.</p> <p>Dr. Crowson reported that of the 1322 residents in Blinn Housing, 56 are over the age of 21.</p> <p>Among issues the Task Force will have to address are dealing with areas on campus where minors might be present; that may be put to a public use, such as voting sites and courtrooms from which guns are banned; where students reside, such as dorms; that are used for special events, including sports, concerts and other productions; that are used for multiple purposes from which concealed handguns are sometimes banned; where chemicals and other hazardous materials may be stored or in use such as labs; where counseling and mental health services are offered; offices in which disciplinary actions</p>	<p>Ted Hajovsky will investigate whether guns can be banned in dorms.</p> <p>Ted Hajovsky will investigate whether the law addresses faculty offices used for disciplinary proceedings. He will also continue to monitor the Attorney General’s website for an AG Opinion in response to Representative Abel Herrero’s questions about the treatment of campus areas where dual credit students might be.</p>	<p>Ted Hajovsky</p>
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	<p>occur; and offices used by more than one faculty or staff member.</p>		
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Task Force Questions	<p>Richard Bray reviewed questions submitted prior to the meeting by Task Force members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the number of students under age 18 on each campus? Brenham: 4% Bryan: 2-1/2% Schulenburg: 25% Sealy: 16% 2. Is there a breaking point in the number of minors in a particular class that would authorize a prohibition of concealed handguns in the class? 3. What about arts performances? Not excepted at TAMU. TAMU's rules are on the Blinn Campus Carry website for review, as well as rules from other schools. 4. How do Nevada and Utah colleges and universities handle campus carry? 	<p>Any exception to concealed carry will have to be clearly justified.</p> <p>Probably best referred to a subcommittee for review.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p>Chelsea Reimer, Brenham campus student Task Force member, reported that the Student Government Association in Brenham will host a Campus Carry Forum. They are currently gathering questions from students. A panel including: Mel Waxler, Dennis Crowson, James Reed, Craig Wiesepape, and four students will respond to questions. Richard Bray will serve as the moderator.</p>	<p>Forum will be held on Thursday, October 27th from 5-7 pm.</p>	<p>Brenham SGA</p>
New Task Force Members	<p>A new student member from the Bryan campus will be appointed.</p>	<p>Chelsea Reimer will bring the student upto-speed.</p>	<p>Chelsea Reimer and Laurie Clark</p>

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<p>Task Force Committee Structure</p>	<p>Four committees were identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement: to reach out to and engage stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, and external collaborators (as determined by the Committee) 2. Communication: to work with the media and assure ongoing communication with the stakeholders 3. Gun-free Designated Areas: to establish processes for identifying gun-free zones and recommending designations 4. Final Report Development Committee: to prepare the recommendations for the President’s review and approval, describe Blinn’s process in developing its recommendations, and include the pros and cons of each area for inclusion or exclusion as a gun-free area <p>Committees will consider issues and then bring recommendations to the full Task Force. Committee chairs will work with the Task Force Chair. Staff will review existing policies and procedures to determine what additional policies and procedures might be needed in a given area.</p>	<p>Task Force members are to identify their first and second choice committees and their willingness to serve on more than one committee and as a Committee Chair to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th.</p> <p>Staff will put committees together.</p> <p>Staff members will support each of the Task Force Committees by assisting with research and data collection. Cathy Boeker will be available to support the drafting of policies and procedures for all committees. Legal counsel will provide legal opinions when questions arise within a committee. Requests should be sent to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark.</p>	<p>Task Force members to send an email to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th</p> <p>Staff to put committees together.</p>
<p>Questions for Referral to Task Force Committees</p>	<p>How will we handle violations? Who will develop them? Should parents be included as stakeholders? How do Nevada and Utah colleges and universities handle campus carry?</p>		
<p>Task Force Chair</p>	<p>By acclamation, Mel Waxler was asked to remain as the Task Force facilitator and coordinator. He accepted the role.</p>		

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Additional Communication	<p>To keep the college community informed, Mel Waxler was invited to provide a Spring Conference session and agreed to do so.</p> <p>Members of the college community need to be reminded of the Campus Carry website.</p>	<p>Present Spring Convocation session.</p> <p>Make people aware of the Blinn website through a Blinn announcement.</p>	<p>Mel Waxler</p> <p>Richard Bray</p>
Agenda for Next Meeting	<p>Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for the Office of Safety & Security and the co-chair of TAMU's Concealed Carry Task Force: TAMU's development process and policies</p> <p>Chief Craig Wiesepape: Safety and Security on Blinn Campuses including active shooter training</p> <p>B.J. Hegemeyer: concealed carry training and other requirements for CHL.</p> <p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Mel Waxler will contact Chris Meyer.</p> <p>Chief Wiesepape agreed to present.</p> <p>Kelly Kissane will contact B.J. Hegemeyer.</p> <p>Committee chairs, once named, will convene committee meetings and prepare reports of their committee.</p>	<p>Mel Waxler</p> <p>Craig Wiesepape</p> <p>Kelly Kissane</p> <p>Committee chairs</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Meetings are scheduled for Bryan because more Task Force members are located there and costs can be kept lower as a result.</p>	<p>Bryan, October 28th, at 1:30 pm</p>	

**BLINN COLLEGE
CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE**

October 28, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bryan Campus, Student Center, Room E-105

The Task Force is charged with providing the District President/CEO recommendations for the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. These charges will uphold the integrity of the law, ensure the safety and security of everyone on all campuses, and foster a climate of mutual respect. Recommended guidelines, rules, procedures, and practices must ensure compliance with the requirements of existing laws regulating Concealed Carry or License to Carry (LTC) for:

- a) campus residential facilities;
- b) single-occupant offices;
- c) designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas;
- d) areas where minor children are present;
- e) patient care areas;
- f) formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;
- g) an appeal process; and
- h) notification and signage.

These recommendations should be based upon significant input from students, faculty, and staff, and others as appropriate, along with Task Force members' expertise. Recommendations shall be delivered to the District

President/CEO no later than April 30, 2017, to ensure sufficient time for review.

- 1:30 – 1:35 p.m. I. Call to Order
- 1:35 – 1:40 p.m. II. Approval of the September 23, 2016 Minutes
- 1:40 – 2:15 p.m. III. What Texas A&M Learned
- 2:15 – 2:40 p.m. IV. Presentation on Concealed Carry
- 2:40 – 2:55 p.m. V. Blinn Police Department Presentation on
Campus Safety and Security
- 2:55 – 3:20 p.m. VI. Task Force Committee Reports
- Gun Free Designated Areas
 - Community Engagement
 - Communication
 - Final Report Development
- 3:20 – 3:30 p.m. VII. Next Meeting Date and Other Next Steps
- Possible Next Meeting Dates
- 3:30 p.m. VIII. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Mel Waxler

Ms. Joyce Langenegger

Christopher Meyer
Texas A&M Assistant Vice
President for Safety and
Security

BJ Hegemeyer

Chief Craig Wiesepape

Chris Luttrell, Blinn
Prevention Officer

Committee Chairs
Todd Quinlan
CL Domel
Joyce Langenegger
Clinton Hale

Mr. Mel Waxler

Campus Carry Website: <http://www.blinn.edu/campus-carry/>

October 28, 2016 Campus Carry Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Beaver, Tasha Burlison, Mike Burke, Travis Bush, Beverly Clement, Mike

Davis, C.L. Domel, Becky Garlick, Clinton Hale, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Amanda Kieffer, Joyce

Langenegger, Robert Lovelidge, Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, Todd Quinlan, James Reed, Chelsea Reimer, Ross Schroeder, Keegan Simzer, Keith Sylvester, Larry VanMeter, Don Whatley, Darren Wilkinson

Staff Present: Rich Bray, Cathy Boeker, Jimmy Byrd, Laurie Clark, Dennis Crowson, William Griffith, Jeff Tilley, Mel Waxler, Chief Craig Wiesepape

Presenters: Chris Meyer, B.J. Hegemeyer, Chief Craig Wiesepape, Officer Chris Luttrell

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Report on student meeting in Brenham on 10/27/2016	A panel composed of Dennis Crowson, Mel Waxler, James Reed, Chelsea Reimer, Craig Wiesepape, and Christian Darnell served on a panel sponsored by the Student Government Association in Brenham to provide information and receive student input on Campus Carry at Blinn. The session was well-attended and students offered substantial input on the topic.	Similar student meetings will be scheduled for the other campuses.	Community Engagement Committee
Approval of September 23, 2016 Minutes	Minutes from the 9/23/2016 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting by all participants. (Motion to approve by Don Whatley and seconded by John Beaver)	Minutes for the 9/23/2016 meeting will be posted on the web site.	Richard Bray
Agenda	The agenda for the 9/23/2016 meeting was reviewed and approved by Task Force members.		

<p>What Texas A & M Learned</p> <p>Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for Safety and Security at Texas A&M University and co-chair of TAMU's Campus Carry Task Force</p>	<p>Chris Meyer reported on the process followed by TAMU in developing the University's campus carry rules and policies and offered suggestions for Blinn's Task Force. He noted that TAMU's Task Force included 22 members (Blinn's Task Force has 34 members).</p> <p>Among his suggestions were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow task force members adequate time to share and discuss their ideas • Gather broad campus input to assure faculty, staff, and students all have an opportunity to provide their views. TAMU did use surveys including some open-ended questions in the survey. TAMU did not have open forums to discuss 		
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	<p>issues. Meyer noted that UT did and had no problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid creating surveys that appear to be ballots. • Make sure surveys mirror the law in their structure and design. • Mirror the language of the law as closely as possible giving due consideration to Attorney General opinions as well in the written policy. • Stay away from recommendations that include implementation rules that cannot be enforced in the final policy. • Place the responsibility for compliance with the law on the license holder, not the institution or the institution’s staff. For example, at TAMU guns must be stored when in a dormitory, but TAMU does not provide storage sites. • Make multiple presentations to all the stakeholder groups and to any group that requests it once the policy is adopted. • Pair the police department and Task Force representatives as presenters for stakeholder information sessions. TAMU’s police department and campus carry chair made presentations to the campus community. • Include a question and answer period in presentations to allow for two-way communication. Because of additional input, TAMU continues to adopt new rules to reflect new circumstances. TAMU chose to follow a very conservative approach in its rules and designations of gun-free zones. The TAMU Implementation Team will continue to meet annually or semi-annually. Chris Meyer is willing to meet with the Task Force again for a followup visit. 		
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<p>Concealed Carry</p> <p>B.J. Hegemeyer, Owner, Providence Hill Ranch CHL Training Facility and Chief Judicial Officer-Blinn College</p>	<p>Ms. Hegemeyer provided information on the procedure that must be followed to get a concealed carry license. A copy of her PowerPoint will be made available on the Blinn website. She noted that the initial license requires a background check, and the only people under the age of 21 who can be licensed to carry are those who are at least 18 and have military experience. Once licensed an individual must renew the license after 4 years and then every 5 years after the initial renewal. The only places unlicensed persons are authorized to have a handgun is on property they control or concealed in their vehicles. Among the places even licensees are not authorized to carry is at sporting events and University Interscholastic League events. Temporary signage will be required when these events occur on the Blinn campus at all sites where these events will be held. Both Chris Meyer and Ms. Hegemeyer stressed that the “run, hide, fight” scenario remains the appropriate response to a threat, even with the new campus carry laws.</p>	<p>B.J. Hegemeyer’s PowerPoint will be posted on the Campus Carry website.</p>	<p>Richard Bray</p>
<p>Campus Safety and Security</p> <p>Chief Craig Wiesepepe and Officer Chris Luttrell, Blinn Police Department</p>	<p>Chief Wiesepepe and Officer Luttrell presented an overview of the services provided by the Blinn Police Department, including providing programs on a variety of campus safety and security topics. The Department will work to provide workshop and informational sessions on any topics in which someone has an interest if he or she will contact Chief Wiesepepe. The Department provides workshops for groups of faculty, staff, or students. Officer Luttrell has provided a number of trainings on “Run-Hide-Fight” to various departments. He will also come to individual offices and classrooms to conduct a safety audit. His PowerPoint will be made available on the Campus Carry website.</p>	<p>Chris Luttrell’s PowerPoint will be posted on the Campus Carry website.</p>	<p>Richard Bray</p>
<p>Introduction of New Members</p>	<p>Keegan Simzer was introduced as the Student Member of the Task Force from the Bryan campus. Bill Griffith was introduced as the new Emergency Management/Safety & Risk Manager for Blinn College.</p>		

Committee Reports			
Gun Free Designated Areas-Todd Quinlan, Chair	The committee held a phone conference meeting. They identified six areas where restrictions could occur. Two committee members are reviewing each of the areas to determine what action might be taken. The committee will meet again on November 10, 2016.	Committee Meeting on November 10, 2016.	Todd Quinlan Committee members
Community Engagement-C.L. Domel, Chair	<p>The first community engagement meeting was held on October 27th to reach students on the Brenham campus. The committee held a brief meeting to review the charge for their committee. Members of the committee will be reaching out to stakeholders and will hold monthly phone meetings.</p> <p>Mel Waxler asked the committee to also consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether to host open forums and how these events should be handled • How to obtain front-end input from stakeholders • Identification of all stakeholders • Creating a variety of events to gather input 	Schedule committee meetings and events	C.L. Domel Committee members
Communication-Joyce Langenegger, Chair	The Communication committee held a phone meeting on October 26 th to review their charge, the strengths of each committee member, and their special interests in serving on the Communication Committee. The Committee will monitor and update the website, as well as assist in getting information to the larger campus and external communities about Task Force activities and specific events and activities sponsored by the other committees. The Committee will work with Distance Learning to create an eCampus site for document storage, review, and comment.	Coordinate with Community Engagement Committee regarding upcoming events. Review website for possible reorganization.	Joyce Langenegger and Committee members
Final Report-Clint Hale, Chair	This committee will begin its work once the Gun-Free Designated Areas and Community Engagement Committees have completed their initial work. Ultimately, the Final Report committee will become the		Clint Hale and Committee members

	repository for all other work done by the various committees. Mel Waxler suggested the Final Report Committee review the TAMU report as a possible model to follow. This committee could then provide guidance to other committees about what's needed.		
Additional matters	Task Force members not already assigned to a committee were invited to join any committee in which they have an interest by contacting Laurie Clark. Mel Waxler will meet with the Chairs to establish a timeline.	Hold a meeting for Chairs re: Timeline.	Mex Waxler Committee Chairs
Agenda for Next Meeting	Entirety of the next meeting will be devoted to Committee Reports and Committee meetings.		
Next Meeting		Bryan, December 9th, at 1:30 pm	

Implementing Campus Carry: Lessons Learned

Presented by Chris Meyer

Baseline:

- Consider your campus culture, risk tolerance
- « Seek Executive Management's views of risk and stance on campus carry

Lessons Learned:

- Take time for committee members to share, discuss, norm
- Gather broad campus input
 - o A&M chose to not hold town hall meetings — this may not have been necessary
 - o Avoid or minimize open-ended survey questions
 - o Avoid surveys that look like respondents are voting
- Mirror language in the law
 - o Consider AG opinions
 - o Keep a copy of the applicable laws handy (not just SB-11)
- Keep it simple

- o If you cannot imagine a way to reasonably implement a proposed rule, you probably should not create the rule in the first place o A&M (like most institutions) chose to adopt rules that kept the responsibility for compliance with the law on the license holder.
- After rule making, present to the campus community
 - o UPD and campus carry chair make a good presentation team o Don't say "no," present when and where requested
 - o Make it two-way communications, you'll benefit

BLINN COLLEGE CRIME PREVENTION & EDUCATION AWARENESS

WELCOME TO BLINN COLLEGE
BLINN COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTATION
ON PREVENTION & EDUCATION AWARENESS
PRESENTED BY
CHIEF CRAIG WIESEPAPPE &
OFFICER CHRIS LUTTRELL
OCTOBER 28, 2016

Blinn College Police Department offers crime prevention & education training in several areas.

- Campus Safety for students, faculty & staff
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Resident Assistant Training
- Active Shooter Training

Campus Safety

Here are a few of the daily activities of the Police Department to provided safety on campus.

- 24/7 Police Response.
- Vehicle and Bike Patrol
- personal escorts.
- Building Checks
- Lighting Checks
- Monitor Program

Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Blinn Police Department's alcohol and drug prevention programs strive to educate students and parents about the risks associated with:

- alcohol use;
- communicate clear messages about the consequences of underage drinking;
- late night activities.

Resident Assistant Training

Provide training to all Resident Assistants for solving skills and logical thinking to figure out:

- Proper ways to confront conflicting residents;
- How to identify drug and alcohol paraphernalia;
- Working with law enforcement to create a safe living;
- Create a safe learning environment for the campus community.



•Blinn College Police •Department Crime Prevention Program

Chris Luttrell

Active Shooter

PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ▶ An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
- ▶ Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims.
- ▶ Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.



Why should you
train for active
shooter?

- ▶ **April 1999** - Two teenage schoolboys shot and killed 12 schoolmates and a teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, before killing themselves.
- ▶ **July 1999** - A stock exchange trader in Atlanta, Georgia, killed 12 people including his wife and two children before taking his own life.
- ▶ **September 1999** - A gunman opened fire at a prayer service in Fort Worth, Texas, killing six people before committing suicide.
- ▶ **October 2002** - A series of sniper-style shootings occurred in Washington DC, leaving 10 dead.
- ▶ **August 2003** - In Chicago, a laid-off worker shot and killed six of his former workmates.
- ▶ **November 2004** - In Birchwood, Wisconsin, a hunter killed six other hunters and wounded two others after an argument with them.
- ▶ **March 2005** - A man opened fire at a church service in Brookfield, Wisconsin, killing seven people.
- ▶ **October 2006** - A truck driver killed five schoolgirls and seriously wounded six others in a school in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania before taking his own life.
- ▶ **April 2007** - Student Seung-Hui Cho shot and killed 32 people and wounded 15 others at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, before shooting himself, making it the deadliest mass shooting in the United States after 2000.
- ▶ **August 2007** - Three Delaware State University students were shot and killed in "execution style" by a 28-year-old and two 15-year-old boys. A fourth student was shot and stabbed.
- ▶ **December 2007** - A 20-year-old man killed nine people and injured five others in a shopping centre in Omaha, Nebraska.
- ▶ **December 2007** - A woman and her boyfriend shot dead six members of her family on Christmas Eve in Carnation, Washington.
- ▶ **February 2008** - A shooter who is still at large tied up and shot six women at a suburban clothing store in Chicago, leaving five of them dead and the remaining one injured.

- ▶ **February 2008** - A man opened fire in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, killing five students and wounding 16 others before laying down his weapon and surrendering.
- ▶ **July 2008** - A former student shot three people in a computer lab at South Mountain Community College, Phoenix, Arizona.
- ▶ **September 2008** - a mentally ill man who was released from jail one month earlier shot eight people in Alger, Washington, leaving six of them dead and the rest two wounded.
- ▶ **October 2008** - Several men in a car drove up to a dormitory at the University of Central Arkansas and opened fire, killing two students and injuring a third person.
- ▶ **December 2008** - A man dressed in a Santa Claus suit opened fire at a family Christmas party in Covina, California, then set fire on the house and killed himself. Police later found nine people dead in the debris of the house.
- ▶ **March 2009** - A 28-year-old laid-off worker opened fire while driving a car through several towns in Alabama, killing 10 people.
- ▶ **March 2009** - A heavily-armed gunman shot dead eight people, many of them elderly and sick people, in a private-owned nursing home in North Carolina.
- ▶ **March 2009** - Six people were shot dead in a high-grade apartment building in Santa Clara, California.
- ▶ **April 2009** - An 18-year-old former student followed a pizza deliveryman into his old dormitory, and shot the deliveryman, a dorm monitor, and himself at Hampton University, Virginia.
- ▶ **April 2009** - A man shot dead 13 people at a civic center in Binghamton, New York.
- ▶ **July 2009** - Six people, including one student, were shot in a drive-by shooting at a community rally on the campus of Texas Southern University, Houston.

- ▶ **November 2009** - US army psychologist Major Nidal Hasan opened fire at a military base in Fort Hood, Texas, leaving 13 dead and 42 others wounded.
- ▶ **February 2010** - A professor opened fire 50 minutes into at a Biological Sciences Department faculty meeting at the University of Alabama, killing three colleagues and wounding three others
- ▶ **January 2011** - a gunman opened fire at a public gathering outside a grocery in Tuscon, Arizona, killing six people including a nine-year-old girl and wounding at least 12 others. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was severely injured with a gunshot to the head.
- ▶ **July 2012** - Masked gunman James Holmes opens fire at midnight cinema screen of new Batman film *The Dark Knight Rises*, killing 12 and wounding 38.
- ▶ **August 2012** - *Shooter* kills six people at *Urbik* bar in Wisconsin before being shot dead by police. Suspect is named as white supremacists Wade Michael Page.
- ▶ **December 2012** - Adam Lanza, 20, forces his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. He kills 20 first-graders and six adults. Before arriving at the school, he had killed his mother at their home.
- ▶ **June 2013** - John Zawahri, an unemployed 23-year-old, kills five people in a rampage which begins at his father home and ends in Santa Monica College's library.
- ▶ **September 2013** - Aaron Alexis, a Navy contractor and former Navy man, engages police in a running firefight in the Washington D.C. industrial complex before being shot and killed. Thirteen people were killed and three injured.
- ▶ **May 2014** - Elliot Rodger opens fire in the campus town of Isla Vista, California from inside a black BMW, killing seven people. Rodgers acted alone and written and video evidence suggest the attack is premeditated.
- ▶ **June 2015** - White supremacist, Dylann Roof, begins shooting in a historic black church in an attempt to start a race-war. He kills nine people.
- ▶ **August 2015** - Vester Lee Flanagan II aka Bryce Williams shoots dead two former colleagues from the WDBJ7 news team.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.



The deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history

49 killed

JUNE 12TH, 2016
Pulse nightclub
Orlando, FL

32 killed

APRIL 4TH, 2007
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA

27 killed

DECEMBER 14TH, 2012
Sandy Hook Elementary
Newtown, CT

25 killed

OCTOBER 16TH, 1991
Lubys Cafeteria
Killeen, TX

21 killed

JULY 18TH, 1984
McDonalds
San Ysidro, CA

18 killed

AUGUST 1ST, 1966
University of Texas
Austin, TX

14 killed

DECEMBER 2, 2015
Inland Regional Center
San Bernardino, CA

14 killed

AUGUST 20TH, 1986
Edmond Post Office
Edmond, OK

Source: CNN

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ▶ Run if a safe path is available. Always try and escape or evacuate even if others insist on staying.
- ▶ Encourage others to leave with you but don't let the indecision of others slow down your own effort to escape.
- ▶ Once you are out of the line of fire, try to prevent others from walking into the danger zone and call 9-1-1.
- ▶ If you can't get out safely, find a place to hide.
- ▶ When hiding, turn out lights, remember to lock doors and silence your ringer and vibration mode on your cell phone
- ▶ As a last resort, working together or alone, act with aggression, use improvised weapons and fight.

BLINN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS 17 LICENSED TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS WITH A COMBINED 361 YEARS OF SERVICES.



740 HOURS OF TRAINING ON ACTIVE SHOOTINGS AND MASS CASUALTIES.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING INVOLVES OFFICERS WORKING IN LIVE SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING. TRAINING WITH MULTIPLE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



Ongoing training for faculty and staff for all Blinn College campuses.



INFORMING BLINN COLLEGE STUDENTS ON SAFETY AWARENESS WITH THE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM.



Texas Criminal Law separates crimes into two general categories:

- Misdemeanor Crimes
- Felony Crimes

MISDEMEANORS ARE THEN FURTHER CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CATEGORIES

- Class A Misdemeanor: Confinement up to 1 year in county jail; and/or a maximum fine of \$4,000.
- Class B Misdemeanor: Confinement up to 180 days in county jail; and/or \$2,000.
- Class C Misdemeanor: No confinement and a fine not to exceed \$500 (up to 6 months deferred disposition).

FELONIES ARE CLASSIFIED INTO FIVE CATEGORIES

- Capital Felony (capital murder): Death or Life Imprisonment.
- First Degree Felony: Confinement for Life or from 5 to 99 years in prison; and maximum fine of \$10,000.
- Second Degree Felony: Confinement for a term from 2 to 20 years in prison; and an optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.
- Third Degree Felony: Confinement for 2 to 10 years in prison; and maximum fine of \$10,000.
- State Jail Felony: Confinement for 180 to 2 years in state jail; and maximum fine of \$10,000 {also can be punished under section 1244{a} or {b}}.

Texas License to Carry Laws and Training

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Who am I?



- Police Officer since 1993
- Blinn Police Officer before I took the position as Judicial Officer
- Somerville PD is currently holding my commission as peace officer
- TLTC Instructor B.J. Hegemeyer since 2012
- Taught over 800 students
- Classroom and Range at my house
- Offer once a month LTC class
- Offer Private LTC classes for groups
- Offer personal basic handgun training

Texas Concealed Handgun Laws

LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONCEALED CARRY

Statute originally passed by the 74th Texas Legislature in the summer of 1995
Becoming law on January 1, 1996



Texas License to Carry Laws HOW TO APPLY ONLINE FOR A CHL

www.txdps.state.tx.us

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). At the top, the header reads "Texas Department of Public Safety" with the tagline "Courtesy - Service - Protection" and the state seal. A navigation menu includes "DPS HOME", "SERVICES", "EMPLOYMENT", and "ABOUT US". A search bar labeled "Search DPS" is located on the right. The main content area features a central news article titled "\$10,000 Reward Offered for Prisoner Who Escaped Custody in Dallas-Fort Worth Area" with two mugshot images of a man. To the left of the article are links for "DPS Recruiting", "Driver License", "Suspicious Activity", and "DPS News". To the right is a "Top DPS Links" section with a list of links including "Concealed Handgun", "Controlled Substances", "Crime Records", "DPS Forms", "Emergency Management", "Private Security", "Texas 10 Most Wanted", and "THP Citation Search". Below the news section are tabs for "General Info" and "Agency Info". The "General Info" tab is active, displaying a grid of links: "AMBER & Related Alerts", "Border Security Information", "Child Passenger Safety", "Communications/SWIC", "Crime Statistics", "Highway Patrol", "Identity Theft", "Missing Persons Clearinghouse", "Motorcycle/ATV Safety Unit", "Occupant Restraint Laws", "Sex Offender Registry Search", "Stranded Motorist Hotline", "Texas Rangers Division", "Vehicle Inspection (Air Check)", and "Victim Services". At the bottom, there is a warning icon and a text box that says "Received a call from a telemarketer claiming to represent DPS? Click here" with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

TxDPS - Concealed Handgun...

Texas Department of Public Safety
 Courtesy - Service - Protection

DPS HOME SERVICES EMPLOYMENT ABOUT US

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Concealed Handgun Licensing Program



DPS administers the Concealed Handgun Licensing Program under the authority of Government Code Chapter 411, Subchapter H. DPS licenses individuals to carry concealed handguns within the state of Texas, evaluates the eligibility of applicants through criminal history background checks, and monitors those currently licensed to ensure their continued eligibility. DPS also trains and certifies instructors who teach the required course to applicants.

Top Program Links

- New Legislation for 2011
- Online Services - apply, renew, change information, or check status
- Downloadable forms
- Reciprocity agreements with other states

TxDPS - CHL Applicants...

Texas Department of Public Safety
 Courtesy - Service - Protection

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Applicant Information

Attention Out Of State Applicants
 Please be aware that all concealed handgun license courses must be taught in Texas.

Licensee Information

- TX Online Concealed Handgun License (use this link to electronically apply, renew, retrieve a saved application, change your address, report a lost/stolen license or check the status of your application)
- Find an Instructor (PDF)
- Fee table (PDF)

Fingerprints & Photos

- CHL Fingerprint and Photo Information
- MorphoTrust USA (formerly L-1 Identity Solutions)

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Notice: Effective March 1, 2011, all fingerprints for original Concealed Handgun License Applications must be submitted through MorphoTrust USA (formerly L-1 Enrollment Services). (See Administrative Rule §6.12)

Before you begin, please read the Texas Concealed Handgun Laws and Selected Statutes (download Adobe Reader). You must be at least 21 years of age or at least 18 years of age if currently serving in or honorably discharged from the military. These exceptions do not apply to instructors. Please provide the following:

- Social security number,
- Valid driver license or identification card,
- Current demographic, address, contact, and employment information,
- Residential and employment information for the last five years (new users only),
- Information regarding any psychiatric, drug, alcohol, or criminal history (new users only),
- Valid email address, and
- Valid credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express)

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

This online service is provided by Texas.gov, the official website of Texas. The price of this service includes funds that support the ongoing operations and enhancements of Texas.gov, which is provided by a third party in partnership with the State.

New Users

Apply for:

- A new Concealed Handgun License
- A new Instructor Certification (for those who want to teach CHL training courses)

Apply

Returning Users

Need to:

- Retrieve a saved application
- Renew your License or Instructor Certification
- Change your address
- Report a lost or stolen license

Texas License to Carry Laws

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ You must be a legal resident of Texas for a sixth month period preceding the date of application, or be otherwise eligible under 411.173(a). A legal resident of another state who meets the eligibility other than residency may obtain a non-resident concealed handgun license. They must take the class in Texas. They will have to undergo the same background checks as Texas residents to insure eligibility.
- ✓ You must be at least 21 years of age. You can take the course but can't apply till you are 21.
Exception: Military Personnel- at least 18 is eligible to apply for CHL with a honorable discharge and meets other eligibility requirements with the exception of ability to purchase a gun.

A person under 21 years of age may not purchase a handgun or ammunition from a Federal Firearms Dealer.

Texas License to Carry Laws

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- ✓ You must not have been convicted of a felony.
- ✓ You must not be currently charged with the commission of a felony, Class A or B misdemeanor, or equivalent offense, or an offense under Section 42.01 of the Penal Code (Disorderly Conduct).
- ✓ You must not be a fugitive from justice for a felony or a Class A or B misdemeanor or equivalent.
- ✓ You must not be a chemically dependent person. A person with two convictions within the ten year period preceding the date of application for offenses (Class B or greater) involving the use of alcohol or a controlled substance is ineligible as a chemically dependent person.

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST LIST ANY ARREST OR CONVICTION INFORMATION IN BOX 17 OF THE APPLICATION.

Texas License to Carry Laws

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- ✓ You must not be incapable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.
- ✓ You must not have been convicted in the last five years before the date of application of a Class A or B misdemeanor or equivalent offense, or an offense under Section 42.01 of the Penal Code (Disorderly Conduct or equivalent offense).
- ✓ You must be fully qualified under federal and state law to purchase a handgun. A person with a dishonorable discharge or conviction involving a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, for example is disqualified under the BRADY LAW from purchasing a handgun and is, therefore not eligible for a CHL. Even a Class C simple assault can make an individual ineligible for a license under the provision of the BRADY LAW.

Texas License to Carry Laws

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- ✓ You must not have been finally determined to be delinquent in making a child support payment administered or collected by the attorney general.
- ✓ You must not have been finally determined to be delinquent in the payment of taxes collected by the comptroller, state treasurer, tax collector of a political subdivision, Alcoholic Beverage Commission or any other agency.

Texas License to Carry Laws

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- ✓ You must not be currently restricted under a protective order or restraining order affecting the spousal relationship.
- ✓ You must not have been adjudicated as having engaged in delinquent conduct violating a felony-grade law within 10 years of the date of application.
- ✓ You must not have made any material misrepresentation or failed to disclose any material fact in an application.
- ✓ Remember the application fee is not refundable if denied then you must take a new course if you become eligible in the future.

Texas License to Carry Laws

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

- CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME -
30 DAYS \$25 ON-LINE 30 DAY SUSPENSION

- LENGTH OF LICENSE-
ORIGINAL EXPIRES ON FIRST BIRTHDAY AFTER THE FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE
DOB 10/14/51
ISSUANCE 4/17/09
4TH ANNIVERSARY 4/17/13
EXPIRATION NEXT BIRTHDAY 10/14/13
EXPIRATION IS ON FRONT OF LICENSE
RENEWED LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE FOR 5 YEARS.

Texas License to Carry Laws

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

- RENEWAL OF LICENSE ONLINE
No renewal class

- EMPLOYERS
A PRIVATE EMPLOYER MAY PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF A
CONCEALED HANDGUN ON THE PREMISES OR PROPERTY OF A
BUSINESS.
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT OR POLICY MANUAL
SIGN MUST BE POSTED OR NOTICE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PENAL CODE SEC.30.06 IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT NON-EMPLOYEES
CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

Texas License to Carry Laws

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

AUTHORITY TO DISARM

A PEACE OFFICER MAY DISARM IF REASONABLY BELIEVES HE NEEDS TO FOR THE PROTECTION OF OFFICER, CHL HOLDER OR ANYONE ELSE

DISPLAYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE ON P.O. DEMAND

IF OFFICER REQUESTS ANY TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION, THE LICENSE HOLDER MUST SHOW BOTH DRIVER LICENSE AND CHL. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY IF THE HOLDER IS NOT CARRYING HIS HANDGUN ON OR ABOUT HIS PERSON.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

GOVERNOR HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER STATES. RECIPROCITY ALLOWS TEXAS LICENSE HOLDERS TO CARRY IN STATES WITH WHICH WE HAVE A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT, USING A TEXAS LICENSE. THE TEXAS LICENSE HOLDER MUST FOLLOW THE LAWS OF RECIPROCAL STATE WHEN IN THAT STATE.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

DPS SHALL DISCLOSE TO A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY BUT NO ONE ELSE

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

SUSPENSION OF HANDGUN LICENSE

- CAN BE SUPENDED FOR A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD
YOU CAN **NOT** CARRY!!!! UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON IF YOU CARRY

REASON FOR SUSPENSION

1. CHARGED WITH A FELONY, CLASS A OR B MISDEMEANOR OR DISORDERLY CONDUCT
 2. FAIL TO NOTIFY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME (30 DAYS)
 3. CARRIES A DIFFERENT CATEGORY OF HANDGUN (30 DAYS)
 4. FAILS TO RETURN A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LICENSE (30 DAYS)
- IF LICENSE IS SUPENDED A SECOND TIME FOR THE SAME REASON, THE LICENSE IS SUPENDED FOR ONE TO THREE YEARS.**

COURT MAY SUSPEND A LTC WHEN ISSUING A **PROTECTIVE ORDER**
LICENSE HOLDER

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

REVOCATION OF A HANDGUN LICENSE

TAKEN AWAY PERMANENTLY

REASONS FOR REVOCATION

1. NOT ENTITLED TO THE LICENSE AT THE TIME IT WAS ISSUED
2. GAVE FALSE INFORMATION OR FAILED TO DISCLOSE A MATERIAL FACT
3. BECOMES INELIGIBLE FOR THE LICENSE
4. CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE UNDR PENAL CODE SECTION 46.035
(UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON BY A LICENSE HOLDER)
5. HOLDER ENGAGES IN SUPENDABLE CONDUCT AFTER BEING PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED TWICE FOR THE **SAME** REASON
6. HOLDER SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FEE THAT IS DISHONORED OR REVERSED IF THE APPLICANT FAILS TO SUBMIT A CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO DPS IN THE AMOUNT OF THE DISHONORED FEE, PLUS \$25 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF BEING NOTIFIED BY DPS THE FEE WAS DISHONORED

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDGUN STATUTE

A HOLDER MAY BECOME ELIGIBLE AGAIN, HE MAY REAPPLY, AS A NEW APPLICANT ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE THE CAUSE OF THE REVOCATION NO LONGER EXISTS

EXAMPLE: A LICENSE IS REVOKED BECAUSE THE HOLDER WAS CONVICTED WAS CONVICTED OF DWI ON 02/02/07. THE FIVE YEAR INELIGIBILITY PERIOD ENDS ON 02/02/12. THE FORMER HOLDER WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO REAPPLY ON 02/02/14, ASSUMING HE IS NOT INELIGIBLE FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

Texas License to Carry Laws

RELATED WEAPON LAWS

PENAL CODE SECTION 46.02

UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON

A PERSON COMMITS AN OFFENSE IF THE PERSON INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CARRIES ON OR ABOUT HIS/HER PERSON A HANDGUN, ILLEGAL KNIFE OR CLUB **IF THE PERSON IS NOT:**

(1) ON THE PERSON'S OWN PREMISES OR PREMISES UNDER THE PERSON'S CONTROL

(2) INSIDE OF OR DIRECTLY ENROUTE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED BY THE PERSON OR UNDER THE PERSON'S CONTROL

(A-1) A PERSON COMMITS AN OFFENSE IF THE PERSON INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CARRIES ON OR ABOUT HIS/HER PERSON A HANDGUN IN A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED BY THE PERSON OR UNDER THE PERSON'S CONTROL AT ANY TIME IN WHICH:

(1) THE HANDGUN IS IN PLAIN VIEW; OR

(2) THE PERSON IS:

(A) ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, OTHER THAN A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR THAT IS A VIOLATION OF A LAW OR ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC;

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CONTINUED UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON

(B) PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM; OR
© A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG AS DEFINED BY
SECTION 71.01.

FRO PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, “PREMISES” INCLUDES REAL PROPERTY AND A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE THAT IS BEING USED AS LIVING QUARTERS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT USE ID TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT. IN THIS SECTION, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE PRIMARILY DESIGNED AS TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS OR A VEHICLE THAT CONTAINS TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS AND IS DESIGNED TO BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE. THIS TERMS INCLUDES A TRAVEL TRAILER, CAMPING TRAILER, TRUCK CAMPER, MTOR HOME, AND HORSE TRAILER WITH LIVING QUARTERS.

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PENAL CODE SECTION 46.035

(“UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON BY A LICENSE HOLDER”)

THIS SECTION MAKES IT UNLAWFUL FOR A LICENSE HOLDER TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- THE LICENSE HOLDER CARRIES IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:
 1. ON THE PREMISES OF A BUSINESS THAT DERIVES 51% OR MORE OF ITS INCOM FROM THE SALE OR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION.
 2. ON THE PREMISES WHERE A HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGIATE, OR PROFESSIONAL SPORTING OR INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENT IS TAKING PLACE (UNLESS THE LICENSE HOLDER IS PARTICIPANT IN AN EVENT IN WHICH A HANDGUN IS USED).
 3. ON THE PREMISES OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.
 4. ON THE PREMISES OF A HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME (UNLESS WRITTEN PERMISSION)

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(“UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON BY A LICENSE HOLDER”)

5. In an amusement park*
6. On the premises of a church, synagogue, or other place of worship*
7. Federal buildings
8. U.S. Post Office property
- At any meeting of a governmental entity, regardless of whether the handgun is concealed
- While the license holder is intoxicated, regardless of whether the handgun is concealed.

***This section defines “**premises**” to include a building or portion of a building. It does NOT include driveways, streets, sidewalks, parking lots or garages.

An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, unless it is committed in a “51%” business or a correctional facility, in which case it is a third-degree felony.

*** This section provides that in order for the carrying of a concealed handgun to be an offense in a hospital, nursing home, amusement park, church place of worship or meeting of a governmental entity, the license holder must have been given effective notice under Section 30.06 of the Penal Code.**

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PENAL CODE SECTION 46.03 (“PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED”)

THIS SECTION MAKES IT AN OFFENSE TO POSSESS OR CARRY **ANY WEAPON** INTO THE FOLLOWING PLACES, EVEN IF THE PERSON IS LICENSE HOLDER:

1. PHYSICAL PREMISES OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION, GROUNDS WHERE A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED OR PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE OF A SCHOOL, UNLESS PURSUANT TO WRITTEN REGULATIONS OR AUTHORIZATION OF THE INSTITUTION
2. PREMISES OF A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY OR DURING EARLY VOTING
3. PREMISES OF A GOVERNMENT COURT OR OFFICES USED BY THE COURT, UNLESS PURSUANT TO WRITTEN REGULATIONS OR AUTHORIZATION OF THE COURT

Texas License to Carry Laws

CONTINUED – PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED

4. PREMISES OF A RACE TRACK
5. SECURED AREA OF AN AIRPORT
6. WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF PREMISES, THE LOCATION OF WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AS A PLACE OF EXECUTION UNDER ARTICLE 43.19, CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ON A DAY THAT A SENTENCE OF DEATH IS SET TO BE IMPOSED ON THE DESIGNATED PREMISES AND THE PERSON RECEIVED NOTICE THAT:
 - A. GOING WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE PREMISES WITH WEAPON LISTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WAS PROHIBITED; OR
 - B. POSSESSION OF A WEAPON LISTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE PREMISES WAS PROHIBITED.

THIS SECTION DEFINES “PREMISES “ TO INCLUDE A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING. IT DOES INCLUDE DRIVEWAYS , STREETS, SIDEWALKS, WALKWAYS, PARKING LOTS OR GARAGES.

AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IS A THIRD-DEGREE FELONY (2-10 Years).

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PENAL CODE SECTION 46.13 (“MAKING A FIREARM ACCESSIBLE TO A CHILD”)

A PERSON COMMITS AN OFFENSE IF A CHILD GAINS ACCESS TO A READILY DISCHARGEABLE FIREARM AND THE PERSON WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE:

1. FAILED TO SECURE THE FIREARM; OR
2. LEFT THE FIREARM IN A PLACE TO WHICH HE KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE CHILD WOULD GAIN ACCESS.

AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR (UP TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL AND/OR \$4,000 FINE) IF THE CHILD DISCHARGES THE FIREARM AND CAUSES DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO HIMSELF OR ANOTHER PERSON. OTHERWISE IT IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR.

Texas License to Carry Laws

PENAL CODE SECTION 30.06 CRIMINAL TRESPASS BY A LICENSE HOLDER

THIS SECTION CREATES AN OFFENSE FOR A LICENSE HOLDER TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER IF HE HAD NOTICE THAT EITHER:

- ❖ ENTRY ON THE PROPERTY BY A LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN WAS FORBIDDEN AND THE LICENSE HOLDER FAILED TO DEPART.
- ❖ REMAINING ON THE PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN WAS FORBIDDEN AND THE LICENSE HOLDER FAILED TO DEPART.

REQUIRES ORAL OR WRITTEN NOTICE
WRITTEN HAS TO BE IN THE FORM OF 30.06 SIGN

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EDUCATION CODE SECTION 37.125

READS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) A PERSON COMMITS AN OFFENSE IF, IN A MANNER INTENDED TO CAUSE ALARM OR PERSONAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON OR TO DAMAGE SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PERSON INTENTIONALLY EXHIBITS, USES, THREATENS TO EXHIBIT OR USE A FIREARM;

(1) IN OR ON ANY PROPERTY, INCLUDING A PARKING LOT, PARKING GARAGE OR OTHER PARKING AREA, THAT IS OWNED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOL; OR

(2) ON A SCHOOL BUS BEING USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN TO OR FROM SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES OF A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the use of force or deadly force in defense of a person removes the requirement to retreat before using force if the other person is entering your home, auto, or workplace.

In most cases, it removes the requirement to retreat before using deadly force. The force used must still be justified.

It provides an affirmative defense against civil suits for justified self-defense and provides that you can recover legal costs if someone sues you and loses.

USE OF FORCE

- 1. MENTAL ALERTNESS/COMMAND PRESENCE/SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**
- 2. VERBALIZATION-COMMAND VOICE**
- 3. PHYSICAL FORCE-NO WEAPON INVOLVED**
- 4. NON-LETHAL WEAPONS-WILL NOT CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUSLY BODILY HARM**
- 5. DEADLY FORCE-USED AS LAST RESORT**

USE OF FORCE IS BASED UPON PERCEPTION

Texas Concealed Handgun Laws

**Grocery stores
Convenience stores
Liquor stores
Most restaurants
Department stores
Walmart
Auto parts stores
Bakeries**

Most everywhere unless they have a 30.06 (concealed) sign posted.

Most everywhere unless they have a 30.07 (open carry) sign posted.

Most everywhere unless they have a 51% sign posted.

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Perception of the Situation

What you reasonably believe, considering all factors, about the conflict situation

Shoot or Don't Shoot?

Motive – A person intends to harm you

Means – A person has a weapon or superior strength

Opportunity – A person can attack you

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ARE YOU REQUIRED TO USE FORCE ?

NO

DO YOU HAVE OTHER OPTIONS?

YES

**NON-LETHAL TOOLS, 911, LEAVE, RUN, HIDE,
OR FIGHT**

**CAN YOU THREATEN THE USE OF FORCE TO
STOP AN INTRUDER OR AGGRESSOR?**

YES

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What to do if you are involved in a shooting

If you are involved in a shooting

Stop the threat!

Call 911. Be the first to call and you are the victim.

Watch what you say on the phone. You are being recorded.

Do not unload or reload gun.

Should you re-conceal your weapon?

Is there still a threat?

Is it safe to holster or put your weapon in your vehicle or purse?

Call your lawyer! You better have a legal service!

An officer has the duty to take control of the scene

Disarm participants even LTCs.

Take offenders into custody.

Preserve evidence.

An officer may have limited information and it could be incorrect.

Could you be mistaken as a bad guy?

Texas Concealed Handgun Laws Consequences of Using Force

Criminal Investigation

Arrest/Jail

Law Enforcement investigation- district attorney

Grand jury-no bill or indicted

Jury trial-not guilty or guilty

Appeal

Civil Lawsuit

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Job

Family

Friends

Media

News

Texas License To Carry Handgun Laws

For other questions please feel free to email me at bjhegemeyer@gmail.com or bj.Hegemeyer@blinn.edu or call me at 979-777-6725.

I also would be glad to provide presentations for faculty, staff, and students.

The more they understand about License to Carry the better.

I want them to feel comfortable knowing what a responsible , law abiding citizen, License holder's responsibility is.

Thanks for allowing me to speak with you today.

I take my responsibility as an Texas LTC Instructor very serious.
You can ask my students. I have talk numerous Blinn personnel.

Have a great day! Be safe out there.

**BLINN COLLEGE
CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE**

December 9, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bryan Campus, Student Center, Room E-105

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- g) an appeal process; and
- h) notification and signage.

These recommendations should be based upon significant input from students, faculty, and staff, and others as appropriate, along with Task Force members' expertise. Recommendations shall be delivered to the District

President/CEO no later than April 30, 2017, to ensure sufficient time for review.

- 1:30 – 1:35 p.m. I. Call to Order
- 1:35 – 1:40 p.m. II. Approval of the October 28, 2016 Minutes
- 1:40 – 1:50 p.m. III. Review of the Committee Charge and Timeline
- 1:50 – 2:30 p.m. IV. Task Force Committee Reports
 Community Engagement Communication
- 2:30 – 2:35 p.m. V. Update on the Attorney General’s Opinion
- 2:35 – 3:15 p.m. VI. Task Force Committee Reports
 - Gun Free Designated Areas
 - Final Report Development
- 3:15 – 3:25 p.m. VII. Open Discussion
- 3:25 – 3:30 p.m. VIII. Next Meeting Date and Other Next Steps
 - Possible Next Meeting Dates
 - January 20, 2017
 - February 17, 2017
 - March 24, 2017
 - April 28, 2017
- 3:30 p.m. IX. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Mel Waxler

Ms. Joyce Langenegger

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Committee Chairs

CL Domel Joyce Langenegger

Mr. Ted Hajovsky

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Todd Quinlan Clinton Hale

All Task Force Members

Mr. Mel Waxler

Campus Carry Website: <http://www.blinn.edu/campus-carry/>

December 9, 2016 Campus Carry Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tasha Burleson, Mike Burke, Lisa Caton, Beverly Clement, Mike Davis, C.L.

Domel, Clinton Hale, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Amanda Kieffer, Joyce Langenegger, Robert

Lovelidge, Todd Quinlan, James Reed, Vandana Sarin, Ross Schroeder, Keegan Simzer, Cynthia Thomas, Larry VanMeter, and Don Whatley

Staff Present: Rich Bray, Cathy Boeker, Jimmy Byrd, Laurie Clark, Dennis Crowson, William Griffith, Jeff Tilley, Mel Waxler, and Chief Craig Wiesepape

Presenters: Amanda Clark, C.L. Domel, Joyce Langenegger, Ted Hajovsky, Todd Quinlan, and Clinton Hale

Item	Action	Next Steps	Responsible Party
	Meeting convened at 1:30 pm		
Minutes	The minutes of the October 28, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved by acclimation.		
Review of committee charge and timeline	The Task Force reviewed its charge and the related timeline. Discussion focused on the high level of activity that will be required in the Spring semester to complete all of the recommendations.		

<p>Community Engagement Committee Report</p>	<p>Chair C.L. Domel reported that he had met with Chris Meyer at TAMU after Meyer’s October presentation to the Task Force. He has also spoken with several Emergency Management groups to get feedback and participation. The committee has worked with Amanda Clark of Blinn’s Institutional Research and Effectiveness department to develop a survey based on the survey TAMU used. Amanda Clark was present and reported that the survey is designed as a 6question survey, and identifies respondents by campus location. Task Force members reviewed the proposed survey and approved it for distribution.</p> <p>Participation by external communities was deemed important because of their expertise and different perspectives</p>	<p>Amanda Clark will send the survey to faculty, staff, and students on Monday, December 12, 2016. The survey will remain open through January 20, 2017. Amanda Clark will provide an analysis to the Task Force by Thursday, January 26, 2017.</p> <p>Amanda Clark will set up a link to the survey for external users. Members of local civic groups, such as Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs, as well as local elected officials and campus</p>	<p>Amanda Clark</p> <p>Amanda Clark</p>
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		<p>advisory committees will be contacted directly and furnished the link for their membership. Jeff Tilley and Laurie Clark will furnish contact information to Amanda Clark.</p> <p>The final report should include a description of all efforts to collect input and to analyze that data. Clint Hale, Chair of the Final Report Development committee, will assure this item is included.</p>	<p>Jeff Tilley Laurie Clark</p> <p>Clint Hale</p>
<p>Communication Committee</p>	<p>Joyce Langenegger reported that an update session will be held in Brenham and Bryan during in-service week to update the faculty on Task Force activities.</p>	<p>Mel Waxler, Committee chairs, and local members of the Communication committee will provide updates to the campuses at the January update sessions.</p> <p>Committee members will create a communication plan to provide information to different constituencies (faculty, students, staff, and the external communities) as the</p>	<p>Mel Waxler, Committee chairs, and local members of the Communication committee</p> <p>Communication Committee</p>

		Task Force work progresses.	
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AG Opinion KP0120	<p>Ted Hajovsky reported on the Attorney General's Opinion regarding whether areas of a campus where minors might or are present can be designated as gunfree zones. The AG opinion states that such general prohibitions are not allowed. For example, having dual credit students in a classroom will not affect the right-to-carry of concealed license holders. For events that are sponsored by a school district, concealed hand guns may be prohibited. Any gun-free zone must include a specific justification. For summer camps attended by minors and sponsored by the college, prohibitions may be allowed and must be reasonable and justified. If rented to a third-party, the property will be under the lessee's control for that event. Any process for</p>		
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	<p>justifications will need to comply with Blinn’s policy and procedure.</p>		
<p>Gun-Free Designated Areas</p>	<p>Todd Quinlan reported the committee had met several times and begun the work of identifying potential gun-free areas, as well as areas in which concealed carry would be permitted. The committee’s initial investigation suggested the following: Allowing concealed weapons in residential facilities, so long as such weapons were stored in a safe. Like TAMU, the committee recommended using a third-party vendor to provide these safes. Allowing occupants of single-occupant offices to appeal to have their offices designated gun-free. Prohibiting concealed weapons on the 2nd floor of the HSC. For sporting venues, placing a permanent sign that designates the types of events from which concealed weapons are banned. Areas still being researched include patient care areas, formal hearing areas, workforce areas, areas of the Post Office campus, and the Tejas Center</p>	<p>The committee will continue to research how other institutions are handling locations such as workforce areas and facilities where financial aid and other services are provided. Once survey results and analyses have been returned, the committee will review and develop final recommendations.</p>	<p>Gun-Free Designated Areas Committee</p>

Final Report Development Committee	Clint Hale reported that the major work of this committee will commence in the Spring.	The Report will follow the TAMU framework and include justifications and an executive summary, along with a description of each committee's processes. Appendices will also be included to cover presentations and other resources. All recommendations will need to be cross-walked with existing policy. Ted Hajovsky will assist with legal citations and Cathy Boeker will assist with the cross-walk. Each committee will include minutes from its meetings.	Final Report Development Committee Ted Hajovsky Cathy Boeker
Next Meeting	A proposed meeting schedule for 2017 was developed.	Meetings will be held on the following dates: January 20, 2017 (Joyce Langenegger will be unavailable so Tasha Burleson will take meeting notes) January 27, 2017 (if needed) February 3, 2017 February 17, 2017 Additional dates will be identified at the next meeting.	Tasha Burleson
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.		

December 9, 2016 Gun-Free Zones Committee Report

Committee members: Todd Quinlan (Chair), Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, James Reed, Don Whatley, and Darren Wilkinson.

Staff support is provided by Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wiesepape.

Our Charge

“This sub-committee is charged with providing the Campus Carry Taskforce with recommendations of areas on Blinn College campuses that should be designated as gun-free zones. Recommended designated areas must comply with existing laws regulating Concealed Campus Carry.”

Campus Residential Facilities

- Students will be permitted to carry in college dormitories
- An approved storage safe must be acquired at student expense
- College may choose to work with third party vendor

Single-Occupant Offices

- No general ban on carrying
- Establishment of an appeal process

Exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas

- Second floor of Health Science Center: recommend a Concealed Carry ban due to presence of high magnetic equipment and hands on simulations.
- No other labs currently identified to ban Conceal Carry

Areas where minor children are present

- AG opinion states that no general Conceal Carry ban can be enacted. Only “reasonable rules, regulations, etc.”
- College does not own/operate child care facilities
- Dual credit classrooms: rules for campus where class is taught will apply
- Star of Republic Museum and Dr. W.W. O’Donnell PAC: no general ban
- Sporting and UIL events: state law bans. Permanent signs for athletic facilities indicating event-specific ban, temporary for UIL
- Other events/programs: taken on case by case basis through appeal process

Patient Care Areas

- Brenham Campus Health Clinic: no ban
- Bryan Campus Health Clinic: no ban
- Post Office Campus: no ban

Formal Hearing areas for staff, faculty, students

- No recommendation at this time.
- Need clarification on college definition of Formal Hearing

Appeal Process

- Permanent signage for single-occupant offices, similar to other 4-year colleges
- Temporary signage for specific events, with 30 day lead time for decision making
- Any appeal must be submitted in writing and be approved through Division/Program leadership as well as Vice President for Instruction before District President makes final decision

Notification and Signage

- All signage be created and posted by Blinn College Police

Work to be completed

- Formal Hearing definition
- Still active in seeking feedback and researching
- Any updates will be reported

QUESTIONS?????????
COMMENTS?????????

-Todd Quinlan (Sub-committee Chair):
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**BLINN COLLEGE
CAMPUS CARRY TASK FORCE**

January 20, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bryan Campus, Student Center, Room F-120

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Committee Chairs: CL Domel
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January 20, 2016 Campus Carry Meeting Minutes

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Staff Present: Cathy Boeker, Jimmy Byrd, John Chancellor, Dennis Crowson, Jeff Tilley, Mel Waxler, and Chief Craig Wiesepape

Presenters: C.L. Domel, Kelly Kissane on behalf of Joyce Langenegger, Todd Quinlan, and Clinton Hale

Item	Action	Next Steps	Responsible Party
Call to order	Meeting convened at 1:30 PM		Mel Waxler
Minutes	The minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved by acclamation.		
Review of committee timeline	Questions and concerns regarding the timeline were invited. The primary question identified the pending Bryan campus student meeting (February 2) and the need of the final report development committee to compile all of the results and produce the document by the end of February. Discussion emphasized the need to continue all efforts simultaneously, subject to a review of the initial community engagement. Close communication throughout February will ensure that all stay on track and the result is a quality product.		
Community Engagement Committee Report	Chair C.L. Domel reported that the initial survey closed on January 18, 2017 with 1938 total responses. The student response rate was 7.5% (1366), employees 25% (485), community members 4.5% (87). Amanda Clark and the staff of Blinn’s Institutional Research and Effectiveness department will evaluate the data and offer the official survey report by January 26, 2017. Discussion focused on respectable rate of return, differentiating between faculty/staff and location of responses, anonymity of responses, and eliciting additional community member responses. Determination was made to encourage additional community member input with targeted invitations. Community leaders to be contacted include mayors, city	Amanda Clark will provide an analysis to the Task Force by Thursday, January 26, 2017. Community leaders of each respective Blinn campus will be contacted personally and invited to respond to the survey.	Amanda Clark Becky Garlick & Lisa Caton (Schulenburg and Sealy) Jeff Tilley & C. L. Domel (Bryan and Brenham)

	managers, elected officials, and law enforcement.		
Communication Committee Report	<p>In Chair Joyce Langenegger’s stead, committee member Kelly Kissane reported on the previous Brenham campus student meeting and the pending Bryan campus student meeting scheduled for February 2, 2017, from noon to 1:30 PM (location student center). It was noted that the Brenham campus student meeting included all of the committee members. Information was provided to attending students regarding the available survey response option. All committee members were encouraged to attend the Bryan campus student meeting scheduled for February 2.</p> <p>The Bryan campus student representative requested faculty assistance in notifying the student body of the upcoming student meeting. It was determined to reach out to the respective student representatives to assess their committee experience thus far and solicit any suggestions they may choose to offer. Becky Garlick and Lisa Caton will contact the Schulenburg and Sealy campus student volunteers. Dennis Crowson will contact the Brenham campus student representative. Jeff Tilley and Richard Bray will provide additional notifications of the Bryan campus student meeting.</p> <p>Discussion also focused on the necessary extension of committee work beyond the final determination of policy. An estimate of a sixmonth extension was considered reasonable to ensure sufficient efficacy during the initial implementation process. Additionally, it was emphasized that the Communication committee bears significant responsibility for the preparation and distribution of policy information and the messaging surrounding it. The success of the TAMU policy was attributed to their sufficient messaging and education</p>	<p>All committee members are encouraged to attend Bryan campus student meeting on February 2, 2017.</p> <p>Student representatives from each campus will be contacted for their additional input regarding process to date and suggestions.</p> <p>The committee members will anticipate a (6+) month extension of the original committee efforts. This extension will contribute to the success of policy implementation.</p>	<p>Becky Garlick & Lisa Caton (Schulenburg, Sealy), Dennis Crowson (Brenham).</p> <p>Jeff Tilley and Richard Bray</p>

	during the implementation process (in addition to other Universities modeled).		
Gun-Free Designated Areas	<p>Todd Quinlan reported on the committee work conducted since the December 9, 2016 meeting. Continued input will be gathered from various stakeholders. Faculty forums conducted January 11 and 12, 2017 produced few questions from those attending, thus indicating general faculty understanding. Feedback referenced included the Brenham campus Kruse center and the softball field in Holt Park. The Kruse center will host athletic events; therefore, the recommendation will be to include permanent signage in that area. Additionally, Chief Wiesepape has consulted with the City of Brenham to confirm the recommendation for temporary signage at this sporting venue. *Clarification was offered distinguishing between temporary and permanent signage requirements. The event must be ongoing for it to be designated as a gun-free zone.</p> <p>Discussion also focused on the safes to be offered in the dormitories and policies that might be perceived as “discriminatory”. The necessity to provide safe options to <i>all</i> dormitory residents will avoid any discriminatory concerns that concealed carry holders be singled out for utilizing a safe. Reference was made to TAMU’s policy to make reasonable accommodations to secure weapons. Discussion also questioned rental versus purchase costs and how to select appropriate third-party vendors to provide these safes.</p> <p>Reported items remaining to be completed by the committee include the analysis of the survey results and additional work with legal to determine the definition and considerations of “formal hearing”. Additionally, current information gathered will be provided to the Final Report committee for compilation.</p>	<p>Procedure for posting temporary signage at the Holt Park softball field will be determined in conjunction with the City of Brenham.</p> <p>Amanda Clark will provide the survey results by January 26, 2017.</p>	<p>Chief Wiesepape</p> <p>Amanda Clark</p>

	<p>The RELLIS campus status was questioned due to its utilization scheduled to begin Fall 2017. Discussion looked to the existing TAMU policy, discovered none was referenced, and determined to be relevant to this committee's charge.</p>	<p>Chris Meyer at TAMU will be consulted regarding the RELLIS campus.</p>	<p>Todd Quinlan</p>
<p>Final Report Development Committee</p>	<p>Clint Hale reported the committee plan to break into four primary sections to compose the report. The <i>Executive Summary</i> will be a 2-3 page summary of process and recommendations. The <i>Process</i> section of the document will be comprised of both the Community Engagement and the Communication committee work. The <i>Recommendation</i> section will include heart of the Gun-Free Designated area suggestions. The reasoning that leads to the final recommendations will be emphasized. <i>Appendices</i> will be included to properly document raw data and minutes from meetings. Finally, the committee will ensure polish and proofreading in order to generate a quality product.</p> <p>Discussion questioned committee priorities for the final report. Consensus reflected the need for accuracy, fluency, clarity, and rationale. Additionally, the question of providing a bilingual version (Spanish) was addressed. Accessibility to the policy was emphasized for all, including visually impaired, etc.</p>	<p>IVC Subcommittee meeting is pending for January 26, 2017 to assign sectional responsibilities.</p> <p>The TAMU report will be consulted with regard to the bilingual consideration.</p>	<p>Clint Hale</p> <p>Cathy Boeker</p>

Next Meeting: February 3, 2017

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM

February 3, 2016 Campus Carry Meeting Agenda
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Subcommittee Meetings

Gun-Free Designated Areas

October 20, 2016 Subcommittee Agenda

-Introductions

-Draft of Subcommittee Charge

This Subcommittee is charged with providing the Campus Carry Taskforce with recommendations of areas on Blinn College campuses that should be designated as gun-free zones. Recommended designated area must comply with existing laws regulating Concealed Carry or License to Carry (LTC).

-How to proceed? Establish small groups to look into each area, as according to the law:

- a) campus residential facilities;
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- d) areas where minor children are present;
- e) patient care areas;
- f) formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;
- g) an appeal process; and
- h) notification and signage.

Each group will research their area and bring ideas for next group discussion.

-Next meeting?

-Adjourn

October 20, 2016 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Todd Quinlan, Chair; Travis Bush, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, Sandy Medina, Don Whatley, Darren Wilkinson

Staff Present: Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wieseppa

Members Absent: Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, and Stuart Mica

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Introductions	Meeting participants were asked to introduce themselves to the other members.		
Review of Draft Subcommittee Charge	<p>Members discussed the draft and made one edit. The adopted charge is as follows:</p> <p>This Subcommittee is charged with providing the Campus Carry Taskforce with recommendations of areas on Blinn College campuses that should be designated as gun-free zones. Recommended designated areas must comply with existing laws regulating Concealed Campus Carry.</p>	Report adopted charge to Task Force	Todd Quinlan
How to Proceed? Establish small groups to look into each area, as according to the law.	The committee discussed how to proceed with information gathering. Some members expressed a desire to mirror TAMU's Campus Carry guidelines. It was agreed that the committee would divide into smaller groups to research the areas listed in next steps using TAMU as a baseline, but not the sole focus.	<p>a) campus residential facilities;</p> <p>b) single-occupant offices;</p> <p>c) designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas;</p> <p>d) areas where minor children are present;</p> <p>e) patient care areas;</p>	<p>a) Robert Lovelidge and Don Whatley</p> <p>b) Leslie Janac, Todd Quinlan, and Stuart Mica</p> <p>c) Frank Jaramillo and Sandy Medina</p> <p>d) Todd Quinlan and Travis Bush</p> <p>e) Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, and Sandy Medina</p> <p>f) Nathan Giesenschlag,</p>

		f) formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students;	Mike Davis, and Darren Wilkinson
Next meeting	Each group will research their area and bring ideas for next group discussion.	An email will be sent to schedule the next meeting of the committee.	Todd Quinlan
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.		

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
<p>Task Force Committee Structure</p>	<p>Four committees were identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement: to reach out to and engage stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, and external collaborators (as determined by the Committee) 2. Communication: to work with the media and assure ongoing communication with the stakeholders 3. Gun-free Designated Areas: to establish processes for identifying gun-free zones and recommending designations 4. Final Report Development Committee: to prepare the recommendations for the President’s review and approval, describe Blinn’s process in developing its recommendations, and include the pros and cons of each area for inclusion or exclusion as a gun-free area <p>Committees will consider issues and then bring recommendations to the full Task Force. Committee chairs will work with the Task Force Chair. Staff will review existing policies and procedures to determine what additional policies and procedures might be needed in a given area.</p>	<p>Task Force members are to identify their first and second choice committees and their willingness to serve on more than one committee and as a Committee Chair to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th.</p> <p>Staff will put committees together.</p> <p>Staff members will support each of the Task Force Committees by assisting with research and data collection. Cathy Boeker will be available to support the drafting of policies and procedures for all committees. Legal counsel will provide legal opinions when questions arise within a committee. Requests should be sent to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark.</p>	<p>Task Force members to send an email to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th</p> <p>Staff to put committees together.</p>
<p>Questions for Referral to Task Force Committees</p>	<p>How will we handle violations? Who will develop them? Should parents be included as stakeholders? How do Nevada and Utah colleges and universities handle campus carry?</p>		
<p>Task Force Chair</p>	<p>By acclamation, Mel Waxler was asked to remain as the Task Force facilitator and coordinator. He accepted the role.</p>		

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
Additional Communication	To keep the college community informed, Mel Waxler was invited to provide a Spring Conference session and agreed to do so.	Present Spring Convocation session.	Mel Waxler
	Members of the college community need to be reminded of the Campus Carry website.	Make people aware of the Blinn website through a Blinn announcement.	Richard Bray
Agenda for Next Meeting	Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for the Office of Safety & Security and the co-chair of TAMU's Concealed Carry Task Force: TAMU's development process and policies	Mel Waxler will contact Chris Meyer.	Mel Waxler
	Chief Craig Wiesepape: Safety and Security on Blinn Campuses including active shooter training	Chief Wiesepape agreed to present.	Craig Wiesepape
	B.J. Hegemeyer: concealed carry training and other requirements for CHL.	Kelly Kissane will contact B.J. Hegemeyer.	Kelly Kissane
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Next Meeting	Meetings are scheduled for Bryan because more Task Force members are located there and costs can be kept lower as a result.	Bryan, October 28 th , at 1:30 pm	

November 10, 2016 Subcommittee Agenda

November 10, 2016 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Todd Quinlan, Chair; Mike Davis, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Elizabeth Johnson Lundy, Sandy Medina, Don Whatley, Darren Wilkinson

Staff Present: Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wiesepape

Members Absent: Travis Bush, Nathan Giesenschlag, and Stuart Mica

Agenda Item	Report	Next steps	Responsible Party
<p>Subcommittee Check-in</p> <p>Patient Care Areas</p>	<p>Elizabeth Johnson Lundy – Bryan Campus Health Clinic doesn't necessarily want to designate the clinic as gun-free zone.</p> <p>Sandy Medina – Hands-on labs and areas with x-ray and MRI machines need to be restricted. Lecture classrooms are ok. The question arose regarding what the students are to do with the firearm if they can have it in the classroom but not labs.</p> <p>Frank Jaramillo – Post Office Campus did not necessarily want to be designated Gun-Free Zone</p>	<p>Additional conversation is needed.</p>	<p>Sandy Medina</p>
<p>Subcommittee Check-in</p> <p>Designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas</p>	<p>Frank Jaramillo – Has not identified any lab area that justifies a gun-free zone designation.</p> <p>Sandy Medina – Hands-on labs and areas with x-ray and MRI machines need to be restricted.</p>		
<p>Subcommittee Check-in</p> <p>Areas where minor children are present</p>	<p>Todd Quinlan – Theatre productions where minor children are present may need to be designated as a gun-free zone during the performance;</p> <p>Star of the Republic Museum – particularly school tours – Houston McGaugh, Museum Director, would recommend that the Museum be designated as no-carry.</p> <p>The committee discussed possible justification, if any, for designated areas with minor children. Several committee members felt it</p>	<p>Clarification will be needed regarding signage for specific events.</p> <p>Additional conversation is needed.</p>	<p>Cathy Boeker, Chief Wiesepape, and Todd Quinlan</p> <p>Committee as a whole</p>

UIL	unnecessary to designate areas with minor children as gun-free zones. Temporary signs will be needed for UIL contest rooms and buildings.		
Dual Credit	Discussion whether special exceptions need to be made for dual credit students	Need clarification from legal.	Cathy Boeker and Todd Quinlin
Subcommittee Check-in Other: Sporting Events	State law restricts carry at sporting events. Although it is state law requires it, proper signage must be displayed.		
Subcommittee Check-in Campus Residential Facilities	Bob Lovelidge – most universities do not designate residence halls as gun-free zones. TAMU contracted with a third-party vendor for available gun safes. James Reed, Housing Director, would like for a third-party vendor to handle all gun safe rentals so that he and his staff are not aware of who may be carrying.		
Subcommittee Check-in Single-Occupant Offices	Leslie Janac – Most Universities allow campus carry in single-occupant offices. Some universities are silent on the matter. TAMU – has a request process for faculty who would like an exception. The committee discussed if a faculty appeal process would be appropriate at Blinn. The committee seemed to favor TAMU’s approach.		
Subcommittee Check-in Formal hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students	Mike Davis and Darren Wilkinson – Recommended TAMU’s approach to formal hearing areas which is to designate the areas as gun-free zones. Discussion took place regarding the HR offices.	Need to define what a formal hearing is with legal to determine which are applicable.	Cathy Boeker Todd Quinlin

Next meeting	Discussed need for next meeting prior to December 9 th Taskforce Meeting.	Once the pending questions are answered then an email will be sent to the group and a determination will be made at that time regarding the next meeting.	Todd Quinlin
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 5: 32 p.m.		

Agenda Item	Action	Next steps	Responsible Party
<p>Task Force Committee Structure</p>	<p>Four committees were identified:</p> <p>5. Community Engagement: to reach out to and engage stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, and external collaborators (as determined by the Committee)</p> <p>6. Communication: to work with the media and assure ongoing communication with the stakeholders</p> <p>7. Gun-free Designated Areas: to establish processes for identifying gun-free zones and recommending designations</p> <p>8. Final Report Development Committee: to prepare the recommendations for the President’s review and approval, describe Blinn’s process in developing its recommendations, and include the pros and cons of each area for inclusion or exclusion as a gun-free area</p> <p>Committees will consider issues and then bring recommendations to the full Task Force. Committee chairs will work with the Task Force Chair. Staff will review existing policies and procedures to determine what additional policies and procedures might be needed in a given area.</p>	<p>Task Force members are to identify their first and second choice committees and their willingness to serve on more than one committee and as a Committee Chair to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th.</p> <p>Staff will put committees together.</p> <p>Staff members will support each of the Task Force Committees by assisting with research and data collection. Cathy Boeker will be available to support the drafting of policies and procedures for all committees. Legal counsel will provide legal opinions when questions arise within a committee. Requests should be sent to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark.</p>	<p>Task Force members to send an email to Mel Waxler and Laurie Clark by September 30th</p> <p>Staff to put committees together.</p>
<p>Questions for Referral to Task Force Committees</p>	<p>How will we handle violations? Who will develop them? Should parents be included as stakeholders? How do Nevada and Utah colleges and universities handle campus carry?</p>		
<p>Task Force Chair</p>	<p>By acclamation, Mel Waxler was asked to remain as the Task Force facilitator and coordinator. He accepted the role.</p>		

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Additional Communication	To keep the college community informed, Mel Waxler was invited to provide a Spring Conference session and agreed to do so.	Present Spring Convocation session.	Mel Waxler
	Members of the college community need to be reminded of the Campus Carry website.	Make people aware of the Blinn website through a Blinn announcement.	Richard Bray
Agenda for Next Meeting	Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for the Office of Safety & Security and the co-chair of TAMU's Concealed Carry Task Force: TAMU's development process and policies	Mel Waxler will contact Chris Meyer.	Mel Waxler
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Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force
Gun Free Zones Subcommittee
Report as of 12-9-16

Background

This committee was one of four subcommittees formed out of the larger Campus Carry Task force. After our initial meeting, we determined the following to be our duties:

“This Subcommittee is charged with providing the Campus Carry Taskforce with recommendations of areas on Blinn College campuses that should be designated as gun-free zones. Recommended designated areas must comply with existing laws regulating Concealed Campus Carry.”

The members of this committee are as follows: Todd Quinlan (Chair), Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, James Reed, Don Whatley, and Darren Wilkinson. Staff support is provided by Cathy Boeker and Chief Craig Wiesepape.

Recommendations

After our first few months of work, we feel that we are ready to present the larger task force with the following recommendations as they relate to potential areas where Gun-Free Zones can be lawfully established, as well as some processes for appeal and the usage of temporary signage. These recommendations come as a result of much discussion, research, and input from relevant college stakeholders.

A. Campus Residential Facilities: It is our recommendation to allow licensees to conceal carry inside campus residential facilities, provided that a requirement to purchase or rent an approved storage device be observed by the student. A list of approved safes will be created by the Blinn College Police Department. Students will be solely responsible for acquiring an approved safe before moving into on-campus housing. Blinn College, similar to Texas A&M, should use a third party vendor for all transactions.

B. Single-Occupant Offices: It is our recommendation that we do not ban concealed carry in single occupant offices, but that, very similar to Texas A&M, we establish an appeal policy to allow faculty members to appeal for their office to be declared as a gun-free zone. Appeals processes will be defined later in this document

C. Designated exclusion zones for laboratories and other hazardous areas: This Subcommittee recommends that the second floor of the Health Science Center be designated as gun-free due to the presence of hands-on labs, which require physical contact, as well as MRI and x-ray machines, which pose a high safety risk with the presence of firearms. Permanent signage will be used specifically for this floor of the building, as none of the other floors contain labs of this nature. This is the only lab space area where this type of permanent signage is needed.

D. Areas where minor children are present: on November 29th, the Texas Attorney General, Mr. Ken Paxton, released an opinion addressing topics related to this area at the request of State Representative Abel Herrero. The summary of this opinion is below:

“Summary: Pursuant to amendments made to chapter 411 of the Government Code and chapter 46 of the Penal Code by Senate Bill 11 from the Eighty-fourth Legislature, a junior or community college may not categorically prohibit concealed handguns from the locations you identify due to the presence of minors. Under Government Code subsection 411.2031 (d-1), the president or other chief executive officer of the junior or community college may establish reasonable rules, regulations, and other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders that accommodate the unique nature of a particular campus provided that such rules, regulations, or provisions do not generally prohibit or have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on the campus of the institution.”

Therefore, we cannot provide any general restrictions for spaces simply because there may be the presence and congregation of minor children.

However, text in the opinion does state that community colleges have the right to establish reasonable rules that take into account their uniqueness of “nature of student population” and “campus environment.” Full text of this opinion can be found at:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/opinions/opinions/51paxton/op/2016/kp0120.pdf>

With this in mind, our committee examined spaces and situations where the presence of minor children could be a factor.

1. Child Care Facilities: our committee could not determine any facility at Blinn College that was designated solely for this purpose.

2. Dual credit classrooms: It is the committee’s recommendation that Dual Credit classes offered through Blinn College follow the rules where the particular class takes place. Therefore, we do not see that any specific classroom on any Blinn campus needs to prohibit concealed carry because of dual credit classes.

3. The Star of the Republic Museum and the Dr. W.W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center: It is the committee’s recommendation that no general ban of concealed carry be enacted at these facilities.

4. Any UIL Sponsored event or Sporting Event: Because both of these types of events fall under state law as already having a weapon ban, then we must have in place restrictions and signage. For athletic facilities (Brenham Campus Gym and Baseball Field), we recommend a similar permanent signage that exists already at Sam Houston State University (~~picture attached~~). For the academic UIL event hosted in Brenham each year or for any new UIL academic or sporting events that may be hosted at Blinn College facilities in the future, then temporary signage must be requested and then placed outside of the rooms/buildings where those events take place ONLY for the duration of the event. A temporary signage request/approval process will be outlined later in the section labelled “Appeals Processes.”

5. Other events/programs hosted: As it is very difficult for us to determine each possible unique event that Blinn College may host or facilitate, it is our recommendation that programs/divisions that wish to request restrictions on campus carry follow an appeal process that is outlined in the section labelled “Appeal Process.”

E. Patient Care Areas: This Subcommittee does not recommend the banning of concealed carry at the Bryan or Brenham Campus Health Clinics, nor the Post Office Campus in Bryan

F. Formal Hearing areas for staff, faculty, and students: At this time, we cannot make a recommendation in this area until a clear definition of “Formal Hearing” is identified. The committee chair will continue to work with the legal staff of Blinn College.

G. Appeal Process: It is the recommendation of this committee that request/appeal processes be put in place for the temporary or permanent restriction of concealed carry in the following areas:

1. Single Occupant Offices: Many four-year universities, while not outright banning concealed carry in offices, allow for an appeal process that faculty members can follow if a faculty member can show a significant danger to themselves and others with the presence of a concealed firearm. We recommend implementing a similar appeal process that begins with the individual faculty member and has signature approvals through division and administrative leadership before being presented to the District President for final approval.

2. Special Events requesting temporary signage: As 2-year colleges do present very unique events/programs on its campuses throughout any given year, we as a committee felt it difficult to pinpoint each specific instance in order to make a specific recommendation. Therefore, it is our recommendation that a request for temporary signage process be in place for specific events that occur on a Blinn College campus where the nature of that event may warrant the banning of concealed carry. This process, similar to the one outlined above, would work its way through division and administrative leadership before being presented to the District President for final approval. We recommend that anyone making requests of this nature submit them to their Division or Program leadership no less than 30 days prior to an event, allowing ample time for all parties to review the request and make a determination based on its merits and the language of the conceal carry law and all other state laws. This ensures that any temporary signage that is placed on Blinn College campuses has been done so with proper approvals.

H. Notification and Signage: It is our recommendation that all signage to be posted at Blinn College, whether permanent or temporary, be created and posted by the Blinn College Police Department.

Work still to be completed

We, as a committee, are also still actively seeking input from any stakeholder at Blinn College that brings us information. In the event that any new recommendations or changes to existing ones needs to be made, we will inform everyone up until the point when a final report needs to be submitted. We will also amend our recommendations in the area of Formal Hearings for Faculty, Staff, and Students once clarification from our legal team has been given.

Potential List of Approved Safes

Minimum Requirements:

- Electronic lock, min. of 2 (two) 3/4 inch locking bolts.
- Walls composed of at least 10 Gauge steel or thicker

Examples:

Barska AX11618 Digital Keypad Safe
Barska AX11902 Fireproof Digital Keypad Safe
Ivation™ Biometric Fingerprint Home Safe
Mesa Safe Company Model MH101
Mesa Safe Mesa MHRC916E-BLK
Mesa Safe Company Model MHRC916E
Polet Large Hotel Safe
Sentry® Safe X105 Security Safe
Stack-On Personal Safe with Electronic Lock
Stack-On Extra Wide Strong Box Safe with Electronic Lock
Viking Security Safe VS-25BL Biometric Safe Fingerprint Safe

December 9, 2016 Gun-Free Zones Committee Report

Committee members: Todd Quinlan (Chair), Travis Bush, Mike Davis, Nathan Giesenschlag, Leslie Janac, Frank Jaramillo, Robert Lovelidge, Sandy Medina, Stuart Mica, James Reed, Don Whatley, and Darren Wilkinson.

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Community Engagement
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Frequently Asked Questions

What does Campus Carry mean?

Senate Bill 11, also known as the “Campus Carry” law, allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions. The effective date for Texas four-year universities is August 1, 2016. For community colleges such as Blinn College, the effective date is August 1, 2017. [Full text of Senate Bill 11](#).

Are guns currently allowed on Blinn College campuses?

Until the Campus Carry law goes into effect for the Fall 2017 semester, firearms are not permitted to be carried in any Blinn College building regardless of whether they are carried openly or concealed or if the individual has a concealed handgun license.

Blinn College cannot legally restrict licensed holders from carrying a concealed firearm in public spaces such as streets, driveways, sidewalks or parking lots.

What is Blinn College doing to prepare for implementation of the Campus Carry law?

A task force has been formed to gather input from campus constituencies, including faculty, staff, and students. Using this information, the task force will provide input to Dr. Mary Hensley, Blinn College District President/CEO, regarding reasonable rules for restricted zones on campus. Dr. Hensley will then establish the rules and see that they are reviewed by General Counsel. The rules will then go before the Blinn College Board of Trustees for review and possible amendment and will go into effect by August 1, 2017. For an implementation timeline, please see [Timeline](#).

How can I participate in the Campus Carry Task Force?

A survey to identify volunteers for the Campus Carry Task Force was distributed in July 2016. To share information or suggestions with Task Force members, see the Task Force list below.

Where at Blinn College will I be allowed to carry a handgun?

The Blinn College Board of Trustees is expected to adopt a policy regarding campus carry around May 2017 ([see Timeline](#)). The Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force will develop an implementation plan, which will include feedback from faculty, staff, and students. Once adopted, Blinn’s campus carry policies will be distributed to faculty, staff, students, and the community, and will be posted on the Blinn College website. Per state law, Blinn will submit a report to the legislature describing the College’s rules, regulations, and other provisions regarding concealed carry.

What should I do if I see an individual carrying a handgun on campus?

The safest course of action is to call 911 so police can make contact with the individual.

Once the Campus Carry law goes into effect at Blinn College, how will I know where I can and cannot carry my licensed concealed handgun?

In accordance with the law, gun-free areas will be conspicuously marked with signs. Information on these areas and Blinn College procedures will be available at the Blinn College website and the Blinn College [policies website](#).

How do Blinn’s Campus Carry policies and procedures differ from those at Texas A&M University?

While [Senate Bill 11](#) calls for four-year universities such as Texas A&M to have Campus Carry policies and procedures in place by August 1, 2016, the effective date for community colleges such as Blinn is August 1, 2017. Until the Campus Carry law goes into effect at Blinn for the Fall 2017 semester, firearms are not permitted to be carried on any Blinn College campus regardless of whether they are carried openly or concealed or if the individual has a concealed handgun license. Concealed Handgun License holders may store or transport a firearm or ammunition in a locked, private motor vehicle located on a street, driveway, parking lot, or other parking area on campus. To review Texas A&M’s Campus Carry policies and procedures, visit:

www.tamu.edu/statements/campus-carry.html.

Can faculty personally establish rules disallowing individuals from carrying handguns into their offices, classrooms or laboratories?

No. Using input from the representative task force, the District President/CEO will establish district-wide guidelines regarding Blinn College’s campus carry policies and procedures.

What is the “Open Carry” law and will it allow license holders to openly carry a handgun on campus?

House Bill 910, also known as the “Open Carry” law, permits handgun license holders to openly carry a handgun with no duty to conceal it in areas where it is not prohibited by law. This law became effective on January 1, 2016. [Full text of House Bill 910](#).

Will the “Open Carry” law allow license holders to openly carry a handgun on campus?

No. House Bill 910 states that a handgun license holder cannot carry a partially or wholly visible handgun, regardless of whether it is holstered, and intentionally or knowingly display the handgun in plain view of another person on the premises (building) of a college or university, or any driveway, street, or parking area of a college or university. [Full text of House Bill 910](#).

Can faculty discuss campus carry in the classroom?

Yes. Any discussion, though, should align with the course syllabus and objectives, and the faculty member should not convey to students the faculty member’s position in favor or opposition, or evaluate a student’s position in favor or opposition.

Can faculty include language in their course syllabus regarding campus carry?

To ensure uniformity and compliance with state law, faculty who choose to address campus carry in their course syllabus should use the following statement:

According to Texas Penal Code, Section 46.03, individuals are prohibited from intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly, possessing or going with a firearm on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or in a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or educational institution, whether the school or educational institution is public or private, unless pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution. Concealed weapons permit holders on property owned or controlled by a community college are subject to this prohibition until August 1, 2017. “Premises” means a building or a portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk, or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

How can I suggest a question I would like to see included in this FAQ?

To suggest a question or content for this page, please email campuscarry@blinn.edu.

Campus Carry Implementation Survey for 2017-2020

Executive Summary

In Fall 2016, Blinn College surveyed employees (i.e., faculty and staff), students, and external community members regarding their opinions about the implementation of SB11 (i.e., Campus Carry Bill). A total of 1,938 responses were received. The respondent composition was 70.1% students (1,358 responses), 24.8% employees (481 responses), and 5.1% community members (99 responses). A qualitative analysis was conducted and results are presented based on the main sections of the survey. Overall, very few responses were provided that contributed additional considerations for the Campus Carry Task Force. Many respondents regardless of campus or relationship to the College did not address the questions posed in the survey but rather shared their opinions on the law itself.

Campus and Stakeholder Affiliation

Survey respondents were asked to provide their relationship to Blinn College and to which campus they were most closely located or involved. The “Overall” column in the table below contains the percentage of respondents associated with each campus. The number of respondents by campus is shown in parenthesis following the percentage. For each campus, the percentage of each respondent group is shown. Comments provided on the survey were consistent across campus and respondent group. Therefore, the remaining analysis presented in this summary is not disaggregated by campus group or relationship to the College.

	Overall	Students	Employees	Community Members/Other
Brenham	22% (417)	50%	39%	11%
Bryan-Health Science Center	5% (96)	73%	24%	3%
Bryan-Post Office Campus	1% (27)	59%	41%	-
Bryan-Tejas Center	4% (86)	71%	27%	2%
Bryan-Villa Maria Campus	59% (1,145)	78%	20%	2%
Bryan-Other/Undesignated	3% (61)	80%	16%	3%
Fully Online	1% (22)	73%	27%	-
Schulenburg	2% (41)	59%	29%	12%
Sealy	1% (26)	50%	19%	31%
Other/Undesignated	1% (17)	35%	29%	35%

Unique Campus, Student, or Safety Considerations

Respondents expressed potential concerns with students using drugs or alcohol and having the ability to carry a gun. Additionally, there were responses expressing concerns with students who may have a history of mental illness. The mental state of the students was raised repeatedly in relation to fears that students, parents, or other visitors to campus could be in high stress situations with enrollment services, high stakes testing, exams in classes, or other similar circumstances. Community

members were concerned about the locations and events where concealed carry would be allowed because they live near one of the campus locations. Concerns that appeared most often were related to minors being in the presence of a gun when attending an event, a tour, or taking courses as a dual credit student.

Additional responses with specific considerations listed came from employees. Several statements were made regarding the need for additional police at satellite locations (e.g., Tejas Center, HSC, Post Office Campus, Schulenburg, etc.) and on weekends at all campus locations. Concerns were listed regarding the difficulty in being able to contact police because of existing classroom layouts and phones or that panic buttons should be installed in every classroom to make communication easier and quicker. Furthermore, several suggestions were made to repair broken light fixtures in some parking lots so adequate light would be available when it was dark.

Areas to Prohibit Concealed Carry

Respondents were asked to select areas where they felt concealed carry on campus should be prohibited. The percentage of each group who selected the given option is presented in the table below. Totals for each respondent group or item will total more than 100% because participants could select as many options that applied. The low percentages in each category do not necessarily imply that the respondents favor concealed carry in the designated location.

	Students	Employees	Community Members/Other
Classrooms	31%	42%	30%
Designated Exclusion Zones for Labs or other Hazardous Areas	43%	59%	40%
Athletic Facilities	28%	44%	33%
Food Services Areas	24%	32%	24%
Library Facilities	28%	35%	26%
Campus Residential Facilities	24%	37%	23%
Single-Occupant Offices	22%	37%	23%
Theaters or other performance spaces	30%	37%	30%
Areas where Minor Children are Present	36%	50%	33%
Patient Care Areas	32%	44%	34%
Formal Hearing Areas for Staff, Faculty, and Students	30%	56%	37%

Additionally, respondents were asked if there are any additional areas where campus carry should be prohibited. Specific areas listed included the museum, public restrooms, MRI rooms and rooms for compressed gas cylinder storage, writing and learning centers, classes where dual credit students are present, deans' offices or multiple occupant offices, human resources offices, areas for open hearings, and campus vehicles. Many of these areas are likely accounted for in the multiple choice options listed above, but the responses appeared often enough to warrant listing them as additional considerations.

Events, Activities, or Assemblies to Prohibit Concealed Carry

Respondents were asked to select activities that occur at Blinn College where they felt concealed carry on campus should be prohibited. The percentage of each group who selected the given option is presented in the table below. Totals for each respondent group or item will total more than 100% because participants could select as many options that applied. The low percentages in each category do not necessarily imply that the respondents favor concealed carry in the designated events, activities, or assemblies.

	Students	Employees	Community Members/Other
Activities sponsored by Student Life	27%	33%	22%
Awards Ceremonies	30%	34%	19%
Concerts (by faculty, students, or external groups)	32%	37%	25%
Meetings of Community Organizations	26%	31%	25%
Activities Sponsored by Blinn College approved organizations	26%	33%	22%
Recruiting Events (Campus tours, preview days, student orientation, etc.)	30%	35%	22%

A common response among all respondent groups was ensuring that concealed carry would be prohibited in areas where alcohol is available or at any event where minors could be present. Additional events that were listed included board of trustees meetings, graduation, faculty convocation or other faculty/staff meetings, when circuit court comes to Blinn, and exercise classes. Sporting and other ticketed events were listed numerous times but are already included in existing laws to prohibit concealed carry for those in attendance.

Additional Suggestions

Overall, only a few suggestions were provided on the survey that differed from responses already noted in previous sections of the survey. There were some comments from residents living near the campuses sharing their concerns for managing safety. A suggestion was made that when evaluating areas and events where concealed carry would be allowed, decisions should be made based on the general age group of students in attendance. Suggestions were made to provide training to those who would be carrying and felt that restrictions should occur if an individual violated other campus policies or is involved in a formal hearing.

The Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Strategic Initiatives is not providing any recommendations about the results of this survey. This report is intended to assist the work being completed by the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force.

Campus Carry Implementation Survey

created by Blinn's Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Strategic Initiatives

Class Climate	Campus Carry Implementation Considerations	SCANTRON

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Introduction

The information collected from your responses will be used to inform the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force when providing recommendations to the District President/CEO for implementing policies with respect to Senate Bill 11 (i.e., the Campus Carry Bill). The purpose of this survey is to engage College stakeholders in the implementation of the law at Blinn College and have no effect on the law itself. For more information about Senate Bill 11, please visit Texas Legislature Online-SB11.

Campus and Stakeholder Affiliation

Which of the following most closely describes your relationship to Blinn College?

Community Member Student Faculty

Staff/Administrator

To which campus are you most closely located or attend?

Brenham Bryan (including Tejas Center, PO, and HSC) Schulenburg

Bryan Campus Affiliation

Sealy Fully Online Other
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 Health Science Center TEEX location

Unique Campus, Student, or Safety Considerations

Are there any specific safety concerns, student populations, or other unique features that need to be considered when establishing rules regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus checked above? If so, please list them.

Physical Areas to Consider

Please select any of the following areas where you believe the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders should be prohibited.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Exclusion Zones for Labs or other Hazardous Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Residential Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-Occupant Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Theaters or other performance spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Areas where Minor Children are Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Care Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Hearing Areas for Staff, Faculty, and Students | |



Physical Areas to Consider [Continue]

Other areas, not listed above, where carrying of concealed handguns by license holders should be prohibited:

Please provide reasons for prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders in the areas you checked above.

Events, Activities, or Assemblies

Please select any of the following events, activities, or assemblies where you believe the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders should be prohibited.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities sponsored by Student Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Ceremonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts (by faculty, students, or external groups) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings of Community Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities Sponsored by Blinn College approved organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting Events (Campus tours, preview days, student orientation, etc.) |

Other events, activities, or assemblies, not listed above, where carrying of concealed handguns by license holders should be prohibited:

Please provide reasons for prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders in the events, activities, or assemblies you checked above.

Additional Comments

Is there any other information you would like to provide to the Campus Carry Task Force for consideration?

The questions on this survey were used with permission from the Texas A&M University Office of Safety and Security.



Blinn Announcements Regarding Campus Carry

June 2, 2016

To: Blinn People

Subject: Fall 2016 Faculty Convocation

Dear Faculty and Instructional Staff Members,

As we move into the coming summer months, we would like to point you to the plans for **Convocation** this fall on the **Brenham campus**.

As usual, all full-time faculty will return to their respective campuses on Monday, **August 22, 2016**, which will be an on-campus Faculty Work Day.

The fall semester Convocation will be **Tuesday, August 23**, on the **Brenham campus**. Breakfast will be provided from 7:45 am to 8:45 am in the Student Center Dining Room. This year we are inviting all new faculty and their mentors to gather for breakfast in the Banquet Room for a personal welcome to the College.

Pro forma, registration and materials for the day will be available during the breakfast time. Full-time faculty are required to attend; part-time faculty are invited to attend. Dress for the day is business casual.

Convocation will convene at 9:00 am in the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center with Dr. Hensley giving the opening address. After her remarks, from 10:15 to 11:30 there will be six informational sessions on topics of interest. These sessions will occur in the O'Donnell Center or the Student Center:

- 1) Campus Carry and Blinn College (60 minutes)
- 2) Blinn's Campuses: Future Plans (60 minutes)
- 3) The New Faculty Evaluation Process (30 minutes)
- 4) Faculty Service and Professional Development (30 minutes)
- 5) eCampus: 10.6 and the Cloud (30 minutes)
- 6) CIRT: Improving Classroom/Campus Safety (30 minutes)

(Those faculty who would like to attend additional sessions, and are unable to during Convocation, will be able to do so later during the remainder of In-service week. These informational sessions will be held at various times on the Brenham and Bryan campuses – with specific dates/times to follow.)

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am -1:00 pm. From 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Deans will meet with their respective Divisions.

At 2:30 pm the Faculty Senate and Division Leadership Council will meet.

To keep you apprised of the Fall Convocation, another notice will be sent to you in early August.

Have a great upcoming summer!

The Convocation Committee

July 14, 2016

To: Blinn Faculty, Staff and Students

Subject: Texas Concealed Carry Law (Senate Bill 11)

Dear Members of the Blinn College Community,

As many of you are aware, the 84th Texas Legislature passed **Senate Bill 11**, commonly known as the “campus carry” bill. While this law is effective August 1, 2016 for universities, **it does not go into effect for community colleges until August 1, 2017**. At that time, individuals holding a concealed handgun license (CHL) will have the legal right to carry a concealed handgun onto community college campuses; however, they cannot openly carry the handgun. (It is important to note that the “campus carry” law is separate and apart from the law governing “open carry.” With “open carry,” it is illegal to display a firearm on the premises of any college campus.)

The concealed carry law requires the president of each institution, after consulting with students, staff, and faculty, to establish reasonable rules and regulations regarding concealed handguns. Based on such input, the president is to recommend to the college’s Board of Trustees specific areas of their campus that are to be “gun-free zones” that would fit the uniqueness of each college and the people it serves.

Beginning in August 2016, Blinn will convene a task force to gather input from students, staff, and faculty on the reasonable rules that would work for the college. Although Blinn is more than a year away from responding to the requirements of SB 11, a preliminary **timeline** delineates the development of guidelines and rules.

In addition to this website, please be aware of other official College communications, such as Twitter, Facebook, emails, etc., that will provide important information on rules and procedures.

Some have inquired about rules that will be applicable to students who are age 21 years and older and take classes on both the Blinn and Texas A&M or other 4-year university campuses. For the 2016-17 instructional year, these students must follow two sets of rules that will allow concealed carry on the 4-year university campuses, but **not** on the Blinn campus. Notifications will be provided to students and signs will be posted to help ensure that they are sufficiently informed of these rules.

As we work toward compliance with **Senate Bill 11** and the best plan for Blinn College, you will have the opportunity to provide input to the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force once it begins its work this fall. While community colleges must follow the state law, it is important to collaborate on this topic to ensure that Blinn College remains a safe place to work and learn. Your safety is our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Hensley, District President/CEO
Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President/General Counsel
Craig Wiesepape, Blinn College Chief of Police

During the 84th Texas Legislature, lawmakers passed **Senate Bill 11** (also known as “Campus Carry”), which allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions.

For community colleges such as Blinn College, the effective date is August 1, 2017. The effective date for Texas four-year universities is August 1, 2016. **[The full text of Texas Senate Bill 11 is available here.](#)**

Per the law, Texas colleges are allowed to fashion rules regarding campus carry to fit the specific safety considerations and uniqueness of the campus environment. In considering such an important change, Blinn College will seek input from its key stakeholders, including faculty, staff and students, to identify an implementation plan that follows state work while ensuring the safety of everyone Blinn serves on its campuses.

To: Co-Enrolled Blinn College and Texas A&M University Students
Subject: Campus Carry at Blinn College and Texas A&M University

Dear Co-Enrolled Blinn College Student,

As many of you are aware, the 84th Texas Legislature passed **Senate Bill 11**, commonly known as the “campus carry” bill. While this law is effective August 1, 2016 for universities such as Texas A&M, it does not go into effect for Blinn and other community colleges until August 1, 2017.

On that date, individuals holding a concealed handgun license (CHL) will have the legal right to carry a concealed handgun onto community college campuses where permitted; however, they cannot openly carry the handgun. (It is important to note that the “campus carry” law is separate and apart from the law governing “open carry.” With “open carry,” it is illegal to display a firearm on the premises of any college campus.)

Some have inquired about rules that will be applicable to students who are age 21 years and older and take classes on both the Blinn and Texas A&M or other 4-year university campuses. For the 2016-17 instructional year, these students must follow two sets of rules that will allow concealed carry on the 4-year university campuses, but **not** on the Blinn campus.

Information related to campus carry at Blinn College is available at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry.

Texas A&M’s campus carry policies and procedures are available at

www.tamu.edu/statements/campus-carry.html.

Sincerely,

Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President/General Counsel

Craig Wiesepape, Blinn College Chief of Police

July 14, 2016
 To: Blinn People
 Subject: Concealed Carry Law (Senate Bill 11)

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Beginning in August 2016, Blinn will convene a Task Force to gather input from students, staff, and faculty on the reasonable rules that would work for the college. The Task Force will be a representative group selected pursuant to a survey to identify interested participants. Although Blinn is more than a year away from responding to the requirements of Senate Bill 11, the following preliminary schedule delineates the development of guidelines and rules:

Activity	Timeline
Survey to identify interested Task Force participants.	By July 20, 2016
Task Force formed to gather input from campus constituencies.	By August 2016
Distribute notifications and post signage regarding campus carry on Blinn campuses.	By August 22, 2016
Informational presentation at Fall Faculty Convocation	August 23, 2016
Input gathering via focus groups, surveys, and town hall meetings.	September to December 2016
Task force provides input to District President/CEO regarding reasonable rules.	By February 2017
District President/CEO establishes reasonable rules.	By March 2017
Rules submitted to Board of Trustees for review and approval.	By May 2017
Rules go into effect.	By August 1, 2017

Information related to campus carry is available at the College's campus carry website at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry. In addition to the website, please be aware of other official College communications, such as Twitter, Facebook, emails, etc., that will provide important information on rules and procedures.

Some have inquired about rules that will be applicable to students who are age 21 years and older and take classes on both the Blinn and Texas A&M or other 4-year university campuses. For the 2016-17 instructional year, these students must follow two sets of rules that will allow concealed carry on the 4-year university campuses, but **not** on the Blinn campus. Notifications will be provided to students and signs will be posted to help ensure that they are sufficiently informed of these rules.

As we work toward compliance with Senate Bill 11 and the best plan for Blinn College, you will have the opportunity to provide input to the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force once it begins its work this fall. While community colleges must follow the state law, it is important to collaborate on this topic to ensure that Blinn College remains a safe place to work and learn. Your safety is our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Hensley, District President/CEO
Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President/General Counsel
Craig Wiesepape, Blinn College Chief of Police

July 27, 2016

Press Release

Blinn to students, campus visitors: no guns on campus this year

Campus Carry law does not take effect for community colleges until August 1, 2017

July 27, 2016

Blinn College is reminding students and campus visitors that Senate Bill 11 – commonly known as the “Campus Carry” law – applies only to public, four-year universities and that firearms will not be allowed at any Blinn College location until August 1, 2017.

Until **Senate Bill 11** goes into effect for community colleges on that date, firearms are not permitted at any Blinn College location regardless of whether they are carried openly or concealed, or whether the individual has a concealed handgun license.

Anyone who sees an individual carrying a firearm at Blinn is advised to call 911 so police can make contact with the individual.

“We want all students and campus visitors to be aware that while four-year universities such as Texas A&M will allow concealed handgun license holders to carry firearms beginning this August, no firearms will be allowed at Blinn College until August 2017,” said Craig Wiesepape, Blinn College Chief of Police.

Blinn has already begun planning its campus carry implementation process. To gather input from campus constituencies, including faculty, staff and students, Blinn is developing a Campus Carry Task Force that will provide input regarding reasonable rules for restricted zones on campus. Dr. Mary Hensley, District President/CEO, will then establish rules and present them to the Board of Trustees for review and adoption.

Per Senate Bill 11, Blinn will submit a report to the legislature describing its rules, regulations and other provisions regarding concealed carry in advance of the August 1, 2017 implementation deadline.

For more information regarding campus carry at Blinn College, including an implementation timeline and list of frequently asked questions, visit www.blinn.edu/campus-carry.

August 22, 2016

To: Blinn People

Subject: Campus Carry Task Force

Dear Blinn College Community,

As many of you are aware, the 84th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11, commonly known as the “campus carry” bill. While this law was effective August 1, 2016 for universities, it does not go into effect for community colleges until August 1, 2017. At that time, individuals holding a License To Carry (LTC), formerly known as a Concealed Handgun License, will have the legal right to carry a concealed handgun into community college buildings except in areas specifically designated.

A Campus Carry Task Force has been established to provide recommendations for the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. The Task Force’s recommendations will be based largely upon significant input from students, faculty, and staff.

We would like to thank the more than 115 individuals who expressed an interest in serving on the Campus Carry Task Force. As comprised, the Task Force will include participants from across Blinn’s campuses. The largest task force we had seen for four-year universities was 25 members – Blinn’s task force will include 34. The criteria used to make selections from such a large pool were as follows:

- representation from the College district’s campuses, divisions, and departments;
- any training and experience as shared by those volunteering;
- and a stated willingness to participate.

As we work toward compliance with Senate Bill 11, the entire College community will have the opportunity to participate in the process. Throughout the Fall, the Task Force will gather input from campus constituents via focus groups, surveys and town hall meetings, and we welcome your input through those channels.

Below are the members of the Campus Carry Task Force:

Name	Role	Division	Department	“Campus”
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Valerie Jackson	Student			BY
Chelsea Phallan	Student			BN
TBD	Student			SB
TBD	Student			SY
Tasha Burluson	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Beverly Clement	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
James (Mike) Davis	Faculty	MBET	Business	BY
C.L. Domel	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	HSC
Nathan Giesenschlag	Faculty	SS	Social Sciences	BY
Clinton Hale	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BN
Kathryn Kelly	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Amanda Kieffer	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	PO
Kelly C. Kissane	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BN
Holton (David) Lewis	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BN
Sandy Medina	Faculty	AH	Health Sciences	HSC
Vandana Sarin	Faculty	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
Keith Sylvester	Faculty	VPAK	VPAK	BY
Charles (Pat) Tomlin	Faculty	MBET	Business	BY
Larry VanMeter	Faculty	HUM	Humanities	BY
Don Whatley	Faculty	SS	Social Science	BN
Darren Wilkinson	Faculty	MBET	Math	BY
Todd Quinlan	Division Leadership Council	VPAK	VPAK	BN
Leslie Janac	Faculty Senate	AA	Library	BY
John Beaver	Staff/Admin	AA	Academic Affairs	BY
Mike Burke	Staff	StudSvcs	Financial Aid	TC

Lisa Caton	Staff/Admin	EVP	Sealy Campus	SY
Becky Garlick	Staff/Admin	EVP	Schulenburg Campus	SB
Frank Jaramillo	Staff/Admin	ANS	Natural Sciences	BY
Elizabeth Johnson Lundy	Staff	StudSvcs	Disability Services	BY
Joyce Langenegger	Faculty/Staff	SS/AA	Social Sciences & Professional Development	BY
Robert Lovelidge	Staff	StudSvcs	Staff Council/Student Services/Advising & Counseling Services	BN
James Reed	Staff/Admin	StudSvcs	Student Housing	BN
Ross Schroeder	Staff/Admin	AdminSvcs	Purchasing / Transportation	BN
Cynthia Thomas	Staff	AdminSvcs	Business Office	TC

In preparation for the Fall 2016 semester, staff already have begun work to design and install campus signage that meets all state regulations and clearly communicates that campus carry is not in effect at Blinn College for the 2016-17 instructional year. There will not be drop boxes or lockers for students to store firearms, so students who arrive on campus with a firearm will be asked to secure it in their personal vehicle. If they arrived by bus, students will be instructed that they may not enter any Blinn College building with the firearm.

For more information regarding campus carry, please visit Blinn's campus carry website at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry. In addition to the website, Blinn will communicate via email and social media to provide important information on rules and procedures.

Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure that Blinn College remains a safe place to work and learn. Your safety remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Mel Waxler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

August 22, 2016

Press Release

Subject: Federal Court Rejects Request to Block Enforcement of Campus Carry Law

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 22, 2016

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Federal Court Rejects Request to Block Enforcement of Campus Carry Law

AUSTIN – The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas today agreed with Attorney General Ken Paxton and denied a request by three University of Texas professors to block enforcement of Texas’ new campus carry law. The Court concluded that the professors were unlikely to prevail in their lawsuit and thus were not entitled to a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the law.

Attorney General Paxton released the following statement in response to the Court’s ruling:

“I am pleased, but not surprised, that the Court denied the request to block Texas’ campus carry law. There is simply no legal justification to deny licensed, law-abiding citizens on campus the same measure of personal protection they are entitled to elsewhere in Texas. The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed for all Americans, including college students, and I will always stand ready to protect that right.”

To view a copy of the opinion, click here: [Order Denying MPI](#)

October 25, 2016

To: Brenham Students

Subject: Campus Carry Forum and Survey

The Blinn College-Brenham Campus chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society will host a Campus Carry Forum on Thursday, October 27, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Brenham Campus Student Center Janis Sneed Banquet Room. Blinn College officials will be on hand to gather student opinions regarding the implementation and guidelines for campus carry at Blinn College.

In advance of the forum, PTK is asking students to complete a Campus Carry Forum Survey that takes approximately one minute to complete. This survey is available at <http://bit.ly/BlinnCCF>.

For more information regarding Senate Bill 11 and Campus Carry at community colleges, please visit www.blinn.edu/campus-carry. We look forward to seeing you at Thursday's Campus Carry Forum.

January 12, 2017
Press Release

Blinn seeks community input regarding campus carry implementation

Online survey will inform Campus Carry Task Force as it provides recommendations to the District President/CEO

Blinn College seeks the community's input regarding reasonable rules for the implementation of campus carry at Blinn College.

Blinn invites interested community members to complete a brief survey at <http://bit.ly/Campus-Carry-Survey>. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete, and responses will be used to inform Blinn's Campus Carry Task Force when providing recommendations to the District President/CEO regarding the implementation of policies related to Senate Bill 11, also known as the "campus carry" law. The survey is designed to engage Blinn stakeholders in the implementation of the law at Blinn College, and will have no effect on the law itself. The survey closes at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Blinn's Campus Carry Task Force was created in response to **Senate Bill 11**, which allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions. The law went into effect for Texas four-year universities on August 1, 2016, and will go into effect for Texas community colleges on August 1, 2017.

The law requires the president of each institution, after consulting with students, staff, and faculty, to establish reasonable rules and regulations regarding concealed handguns. In August, Blinn established its 34-member Campus Carry Task Force, comprised of faculty, staff, administrators, and students from across the College district, to provide District President/CEO Dr. Mary Hensley with recommendations regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College.

Using feedback collected from faculty, staff, students, and members of the community, the Task Force plans to provide Hensley with its recommendations in February. In March, Hensley will establish reasonable rules, which will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for review and approval by May in advance of the law going into effect on August 1, 2017.

In preparation for its own recommendations, Blinn's Campus Carry Task Force has studied the implementation plans developed by various Texas four-year universities. In October, the Task Force met with Chris Meyer, Assistant Vice President for Safety and Security at Texas A&M University and TAMU's Campus Carry Task Force co-chair, to discuss Texas A&M's implementation process and learn from its experience.

Based upon its research, Blinn's Campus Carry Task Force has noted that its report will need to address areas on campus where:

- minors may be present;
- that may be put to a public use, such as voting sites and courtrooms from which guns are banned;
- where students reside;

- that are used for special events;
- that are used for multiple purposes from which concealed handguns are sometimes banned;
- where chemicals and other hazardous materials may be stored;
- where counseling and mental health services are offered;
- offices in which disciplinary actions occur; and
- offices which are used by more than one employee.

Blinn’s Campus Carry Task Force has divided into four Subcommittees, each with specific areas of responsibility:

- Community Engagement, which engages faculty, staff, administrators, students and external collaborators in the process;
- Communication, which works with the media to ensure ongoing communication with stakeholders;
- Gun-Free Designated Areas, which establishes process for identifying gun-free zones and recommending designations;
- and Final Report Development, which prepares the recommendations for the District President/CEO’s review and approval, describes Blinn’s process in developing its recommendations, and includes the pros and cons of each area for inclusion or exclusion as a gun-free area.

The Task Force has developed an informational web page at www.blinn.edu/campus-carry, which includes links to more information regarding Senate Bill 11 and campus carry, frequently asked questions, information regarding the Task Force, meeting agendas and minutes, and Blinn’s campus carry implementation timeline.

For more information regarding Senate Bill 11, campus carry, and Blinn’s Campus Carry Task Force, visit www.blinn.edu/campus-carry.

About Blinn College

With an enrollment of 19,422 students, Blinn ranks among the nation’s leaders in transferring students to leading four-year universities and has received national recognition for affordable educational excellence. For more information, visit www.blinn.edu.

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January 30, 2017

To: Bryan Students

Subject: Campus Carry Student Forum

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Blinn College – Bryan Campus Student Government Association will host a Campus Carry Forum featuring members of the Blinn College Campus Carry Task Force from noon – 1:30 p.m. in Bryan Campus Student Center Room F-120.

The panelists will discuss Senate Bill 11, also known as the “Campus Carry Law,” and will provide an update regarding the Task Force’s progress. The event will allow members of the Task Force to gather student input regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College.

Senate Bill 11 allows concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns on the campus of Texas higher education institutions. This law went into effect for universities on August 1, 2016, and will become effective at community colleges such as Blinn on August 1, 2017. The law allows the president or CEO of each college to establish reasonable rules for restricted zones on campus.

Blinn has established a 34-member Campus Carry Task Force, comprised of faculty, staff, administrators, and students from across the Blinn College District to provide recommendations to the District President/CEO regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 11 at Blinn College. This Task Force will present its recommendations to the District President/CEO in February, who will then establish reasonable rules and submit them to the Blinn College Board of Trustees by May.

For more information regarding campus carry at Blinn College, including the text of Senate Bill 11, a complete list of Task Force members, an implementation timeline, and a frequently asked questions page, please visit www.blinn.edu/campus-carry.

February 7, 2017
To: Blinn Staff
Subject: Staff Convocation – Feb. 10, 2017

Blinn College will host all staff members for the Spring 2017 at the Brenham’s Fireman Training Center located at 1101 U.S. 290 in Brenham on Friday, February 10, from noon to 3:30 p.m. To allow all staff to attend, College offices will close at the following times:

Brenham Campus 11:30 a.m.
Bryan Campus 10:45 a.m.
Sealy Campus 10:30 a.m.
Schulenburg Campus 10:30 a.m.

Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, February 13.

In an effort to minimize the amount paperwork required for traveling to Staff Convocation, a mileage reimbursement form has been created specifically for the convocation. All staff employees traveling from Bryan, Sealy, or Schulenburg can access the form on the Travel Forms and Guidelines webpage. The form will need to be filled out completely, signed by their supervisor, and returned to the Brenham Accounting office no later than March 10, 2017. All checks will be mailed at the end of the following week.

Employees are encouraged to carpool. Blinn College will only reimburse mileage from the employee’s home campus to Brenham and back to your home campus. No other mileage expense incurred while in Brenham will be reimbursed. Those employees requesting to be reimbursed DO NOT need to fill out a Travel Authorization prior to convocation. This is a “ONE TIME ONLY” exception. All other travel will continue to need a pre-approved Travel Authorization form. **Should employees have any questions concerning reimbursement, please contact the Purchasing or Accounting offices.**

2017 Staff Convocation

Fireman’s Training Center
1101 US-290, Brenham

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Mary Hensley 12-12:20pm

Mr. David Sommer 12:20-12:40pm

Lunch

12:40-1:40pm

Banner Finance and Purchasing Updates

Mr. Ross Schroeder: 1:40-1:55pm

MyBlinn Portal

Ms. Andi Liner: 1:55-2:10pm

Staff Counsel Updates

Mr. Frank Jaramillo: 2:10-2:20pm

Campus Carry

Mr. Mel Waxler/panel 2:20-3:20pm

Door Prize Drawing/Closing Remarks

3:20-3:30pm

Brenham Campus Student Forum -- October 27, 2016

Video URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Fns9UzAJvE&feature=player_embedded

Faculty Update -- January 12, 2017

Video URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7INmLyoNkUQ&feature=player_embedded

Bryan Campus Student Forum -- February 2, 2017

Video URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=U2fhHXHLiCE

Campus Carry Website

<http://www.blinn.edu/campus-carry/>

Links (as of 3/02/17)

[Texas License to Carry Laws and Training](#)
[Crime Prevention Awareness](#)
[Waco Tribune Editorial](#)
[Campus Carry Task Force Q&A](#)
[College and University Comparison Presentation](#)
[Where Can I Take My Gun?](#)
[Open Carry Overview](#)
[TAMUS Campus Carry Rules](#)
[Texas A&M's Campus Carry Final Report](#)
[Texas License to Carry a Handgun Law](#)
[McLennan CC seeks input on campus carry](#)
[For two-year colleges, campus carry raises special risks](#)
[Texas A&M community reacts to new campus carry law in effect](#)
[Fall Faculty Convocation Presentation](#)
[With Texas now a campus carry state, here's what you need to know](#)
[Dallas Morning News Campus Carry Tracker](#)
[Judge: Academic freedom doesn't bar campus carry](#)
[For two-year colleges, campus carry raises special risks](#)
[What you need to know about campus carry at Texas A&M](#)
[Texas AG opinion sought regarding campus carry at junior and community colleges](#)
[Texas A&M approves campus carry rules](#)