

**Policy Number: 2.6.3**

**Title: Explosives, Fireworks, & Weapons**

**Effective Date: January 21, 2011**

**Scope: All Employee Groups**

***Definitions:***

Explosive: Any explosive device or substance, including dynamite, nitroglycerin, black powder, or other similar explosive material including plastic explosives; any breakable container that contains a flammable liquid with a flash point of 150 degrees F or less, and has a wick or similar device capable of being ignited.

Fireworks: Any fireworks, fire crackers, sparklers, rockets, or any propellant-activated device whose intended purpose is illumination.

Weapon: Any object or substance designed to (or which would be reasonably expected to) inflict a wound, cause injury, incapacitate, or cause death, including (without limitation) all firearms (loaded and unloaded, simulated and real), devices designed to expel a projectile (such as BB guns, air guns, pellet guns, and potato guns), electronic control devices (such as Tasers or stun guns), swords, knives with blades four inches or longer in length, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, and chemicals (such as Mace, tear gas, or oleoresin capsicum), but excluding normally available over-the-counter, self-defense chemical repellents. The general public may not possess chemical repellents labeled “for police use only” or “for law enforcement use only.”

**Policy**

This Policy applies to all persons: who attend classes offered by the College; who are employed by the College; who are visiting College or leased premises (whether managed by the College or by any other entity); who are using College vehicles; who are in attendance at any College-sponsored events and activities; or who otherwise have business within the property of Yavapai College.

In an effort to maintain public order and to protect the safety of individuals on all College campuses, Yavapai College fully supports and enforces A.R.S. § 13-2911, A.R.S. Title 13, Chapter 31 (§ 13-3101 through 13-3120), and Title 15 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, which define the right of community colleges to make policy regarding the maintenance of order and the presence of deadly weapons on campus.

The use, possession, display, or storage of any weapon, explosive device, or fireworks is strictly prohibited on all land and buildings owned, leased, or under the control of Yavapai College or its affiliated or related entities, in all residential facilities, in all Yavapai College vehicles, and at all Yavapai College or Yavapai College affiliate-sponsored events and activities, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-781.

This restriction shall not be applicable to

- 1) College employees, students, or visitors who transport legally possessed weapons cased or holstered and safely carried between their mode of transportation and the College Police Office in order to yield custody of the weapon to College Police while on College property (Prescott Campus only).
- 2) College employees or registered students who transport legally possessed weapons cased or holstered and safely carried between their mode of transportation and a College-designated classroom or lab during regularly scheduled sessions of Yavapai College gunsmithing courses, hunter safety courses, or other officially sponsored College firearms training courses when those weapons are specifically required as part of the course curriculum. However:
  - a. Weapons associated with gunsmithing classes will have firing pins removed
  - a. No ammunition is allowed in Yavapai College courses EXCEPT by officially enrolled students of the Police Certification Program (NARTA) participating in the firearms training portion only of NARTA's curriculum.

Yavapai College students and employees are required to report violations and suspected violations of this Policy to the Yavapai College Police Department immediately by telephone. If the incident involves an immediate threat to life or property, 911 should be dialed.

The possession of any weapon on any College campus, whether or not concealed, is prohibited without written permission from the Yavapai College Chief of Police, unless that possession meets one or more criteria as follows:

- 1) A certified peace officer performing his or her official duties. The open display of a firearm by those personnel will be accompanied by the visible display of their duty badge or uniform of the day.
- 2) Officially enrolled Police Certification students (NARTA) who have successfully passed the program requirements for carrying firearms. The open display of a firearm by these personnel will be accompanied by the visible display of their duty badge or uniform of the day.

- 3) Weapons used in authorized academic programs for which prior approval has been obtained from the Chief of Police of the Yavapai College Police Department or an authorized representative.
- 4) Any firearm that is lawfully stored and locked in a personally-owned motor vehicle or compartment of a motorcycle, and which is not visible from outside of the motor vehicle or the motorcycle, in accordance with A.R.S. § 12-781.
- 5) Other activities in accordance with State law and which have been given prior written approval by the Chief of Police of the Yavapai College Police Department or a designated representative.

### **Procedure/Sanctions for Violations**

All weapons transported on campus by any person for any reason are to be cased or holstered.

Unless part of regularly scheduled sessions of Yavapai College gunsmithing courses, hunter safety courses, or other officially-sponsored College firearms training courses, custody of all weapons will be in the authorized, locked and secure weapons area located at the College Police Department (Prescott Campus only). If extenuating circumstances exist, permission for an exception to this Policy can only be granted by the Yavapai College Chief of Police.

All weapons that remain on campus overnight as part of regularly scheduled sessions of Yavapai College gunsmithing courses, hunter safety courses, or other officially-sponsored College firearms training courses will be held in the authorized, locked and secure weapons area.

Failure to comply with this policy, may result in, but is not limited to:

- 1) Sanctions available under applicable laws.
- 2) Sanctions available under the College Student Code of Conduct and/or the College Policies and Procedures, as applicable.
- 3) Removal or ejection from the property of the institution at which the violation occurs by public peace officers and/or authorized representatives of the concerned institution.
- 4) Utilization of the processes of law under A.R.S. § 13-2911 regarding interference with or disruption of an educational institutions.

### **Reference Documents**

See Yavapai College Student Code of Conduct for more information related specifically to students.