

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

TYPE: Administrative

POLICY TITLE: Weapons Policy

Philosophy

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is one of the Wisconsin Technical College System's districts which has been created by the legislature of the State of Wisconsin under Chapter 38, of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Unless a person is a peace officer, or authorized by the President of the college, or his/her designee, it is a violation to be armed, concealed or otherwise, in any NWTC building per Wisconsin State Law 943.13(1m).

Policy Statement

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is committed to upholding all local, state, and federal laws concerning the use, concealment, creation, manufacture, and/or possession of weapons and/or potentially dangerous devices, as such weapons and devices are defined by *Wisconsin State Statutes*, as from time to time amended, including but not limited to Chapter 941, Subchapter III of the Wis. State Statutes.

1. General Prohibition:

The use, concealment, creation, manufacture, or possession of weapons, facsimile firearms, and/or potentially dangerous devices, whether functional or not, in the NWTC facilities (owned or leased), in the NWTC buildings (owned or leased), or at NWTC sponsored functions held on public or private property off campus is strictly prohibited, except as expressly permitted hereafter.

2. Exception for Sworn Law Enforcement Personnel:

A weapon or potentially dangerous device may be used or possessed, concealed or otherwise, on the campus, grounds, facilities, or buildings or at NWTC sponsored functions held on public or private property by a certified sworn police officer.

3. Use of Weapons by Students and Employees in Instructional Programs:

A weapon or potentially dangerous device may be used or possessed on the campus, grounds, facilities, or buildings by any person enrolled in an NWTC sponsored Criminal Justice course when such use or possession is authorized by the instructor and is necessary for training purposes.

- a) Possession by a student must be authorized by the instructor.
- b) Possession by the instructor must be authorized by the President of the College, or the Vice President for Learning.
- c) Any firearms so authorized shall be unloaded at all times, except when being used on the firing range under authorized NWTC instruction.

- d) Any firearms so authorized shall be cased at all times except when being used on the firing range or in a classroom demonstration.
- e) The methods of handling such weapons or potentially dangerous devices for training purposes shall be governed and controlled by separate Administrative Policy promulgated in writing, from time to time, by the Office of the President of the College and shall be called "NWTC Public Safety Training Rules."

5. Officer Awareness:

This Administrative Policy and the "NWTC Public Safety Training Rules"

- a) shall be provided to each Criminal Justice student at the time of registration
- b) shall be read by the instructors in every Criminal Justice course in which law enforcement officers are present as students or at which law enforcement officers are attending firearms certification courses.
- c) reading shall occur at the first class session and at the opening of each training session.
- d) shall be sent to the commanding officer of all students who are employed as law enforcement officers or military personnel at the time of their registration.

6. Definitions:

For purposes of this policy and the separate **NWTC Public Safety Training Rules**, "weapons" or "potentially dangerous devices" are defined in Chapter 941, Subchapter III, of the Wisconsin State Statutes, as from time to time amended, and/or in the Administrative Policy promulgated in writing, by the Office of the President of the College.

7. Non-Criminal Justice or Instructional Classes:

- a) Any and all students, employees or guests who are found to have an unauthorized weapon in their possession will be referred to NWTC security and/or local law enforcement authorities.
- b) Security staff will notify the Security Supervisor and or/ Security Manager of the reported incident immediately.
- c) Violators may be banned from all NWTC properties.

8. Any student or employee involved in this type of incident will be subject to NWTC disciplinary procedures up to and including termination of employment or expulsion from the college.

The State of Wisconsin revised or amended statutes may supersede this policy and the current laws shall be adhered to at that time.