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This procedure applies to all students, staff, faculty, administration, employees and invitees to St. Petersburg College property/campuses.

I. INTRODUCTION

St. Petersburg College is committed to maintaining an educational and workplace environment that is free of violence. The College further recognizes the existence of extensive legislative acts and constitutional provisions pertaining to the rights and obligations of those who own or possess firearms, especially those addressing the right to carry, store, and transport firearms on one's person and within motor vehicles.

II. AUTHORITY

A. While on College grounds or facilities or at College-sponsored activities and events, students, staff, faculty, administration, employees and invitees, hereinafter referred as "person," are prohibited from introducing, exhibiting, possessing, using, storing, buying or selling weapons, firearms, destructive devices, or explosives.

B. Exceptions: The following circumstances shall not be a violation of this policy/procedure:

1. It is lawful and is not a violation of Florida Statutes or St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures for a person 18 years of age or older to possess a concealed firearm or other weapon for self-defense or other lawful purpose within the interior of a private vehicle (conveyance), without a license, if the firearm or other weapon is securely encased or is otherwise not readily accessible for immediate use. Nothing in this policy prohibits the carrying of a legal firearm other than a handgun anywhere in a private conveyance when such firearm is being carried for lawful use.

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2. A firearm in the possession of a law enforcement officer who is authorized to possess the firearm whether on or off duty, by the employing law enforcement agency. Law enforcement officers not on duty or not in official uniform must conceal their weapons. When carrying concealed weapons on St. Petersburg College property, law enforcement officers must be ready to display officially issued badge, shield or law enforcement identification upon request.
3. A firearm in the possession of a student or instructor while actively involved as a student or instructor at the Allstate Campus or persons actively utilizing the Allstate Campus' indoor firing range, but only while actively involved in these two activities or directly and immediately going to or coming from those activities. All such firearms (except those in the possession of a law enforcement officer) must be completely unloaded, with any magazine removed, until the student or instructor arrives at the Allstate Campus, and before leaving the Allstate Campus to go to a parked automobile or to leave campus.
4. It is lawful and is not a violation of Florida Statutes or St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures for a person who is licensed to carry a concealed weapon and who is also a registered student, employee or member of St. Petersburg College's faculty to have a stun gun or nonlethal electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes if the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile.
5. Any other possession of a firearm specifically authorized pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes.

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