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SUBJECT: Campus Carry Update

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents reviewed all member rules associated with concealed carry at its April 27, 2016 meeting. The Board made no revisions to the rules for the 4 agencies, meaning they will become effective as written on August 1, 2016.

As a reminder, the concealed carry law allows limited exceptions where concealed carry of weapons will NOT be allowed. These exceptions are summarized below:

**Forest Service**

- None

**AgriLife Research**

- High hazard research areas and laboratories where the presence of high hazard materials or operations creates a significant risk of catastrophic harm due to a negligent discharge, including, but not limited to, BioSafety Level 3 laboratories and areas having high magnetic fields, such as MRI research facilities. Other prohibited laboratories must be approved by the Agency Director.
- 4H/youth events being conducted on an AgriLife premise.

**AgriLife Extension**

- 4H/youth events being conducted on an AgriLife premise.

**Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory**

- Any laboratory space designated for the purpose of necropsy.
- High hazard research areas and laboratories where the presence of high hazard materials or operations creates a significant risk of catastrophic harm due to a negligent discharge, including but not limited to BioSafety Level 3 laboratories and areas having high magnetic fields, such as MRI research facilities. Other prohibited laboratories must be approved by the Agency Director.

If you believe an area under your administrative purview qualifies for an exception as identified above, please submit your brief written requests to Mike McCasland for coordination with the relevant CEO(s). Please include the city, building, room number, and a brief justification. Once an exception is approved, the AgriLife Risk and Compliance Office will provide appropriate signage to your unit to post in any restricted areas.

Please also note that the Open Carry Law, which went into effect on January 1, 2016, is a separate issue. Open Carry is NOT allowed on any of our property or premises.

Questions should be addressed to Mike McCasland at [m-mccasland@tamu.edu](mailto:m-mccasland@tamu.edu) or 979-845-4789.

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