Panel Discussion

Preparing for Guns on Camps





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Senate Bill 11



- Effective date August 1, 2016.
- Institution may establish rules for storage in residence facilities.
- President or CEO <u>shall</u> establish rules regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus.
- President or CEO <u>may not</u> establish rules that generally prohibit license holders from carrying concealed handguns.
- Institution must give effective notice of a premise which license holders may not carry.



Effective Notice

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."



- Within 90 days after rules are established, Board of Regents shall review provisions.
- Board may vote to amend rules.
- Institution must publish rules on website.
- On September 1 of even numbered years, institution must submit report to legislature describing rules and explain the reasons for the rules.
- Must intentionally and knowingly display the handgun in plain view of another person.



Texas DPS

- 2014 Around 3% of population had a CHL.
 - 86% of CHLs issued to individuals over 30.
 - o 67% of CHLs issued to individuals over 40.
- 2013 CHL holders made up less than one-third of one percent of the total convictions in Texas.



2013 Texas Convictions

		<u>Total Convictions</u>	CHL Convictions
•	Murder	364	3
•	Aggravated Assault	3182	10
•	Kidnapping	152	0
•	Robbery	3191	0
•	Burglary	7730	1
•	Terroristic Threat	1078	0



UNT Student Breakdown

- Spring 2015 Enrollment 36,164
 - 15,870 under the age of 30

• 23,108 eligible for a CHL

3% equals approximately 693



UNT Student Breakdown

- Around 500 students over 21 live in residence halls.
 - Applying the 3% factor, you could estimate around 15 student residents have a handgun license.
 - Considering that most license holders in the state are over the age of 40, then this number is probably much smaller.
- Since the CHL law passed almost 20 years ago, UNT Police records indicate only a couple arrests for Unlawful Carrying of Handgun by License Holder.



Moving Ahead - Things to Consider

- Do you have any locations that should be permanently posted to prohibit carrying a handgun (e.g., stadium, coliseum, health center, etc.)? Must post signs.
- Do you need a process to temporarily prohibit handguns at a location based upon a function (e.g., parties, alcohol, past issues, etc.)? You will need temporary signs to post. Who do you designate the authority to make this decision?



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- Are you going to provide a location in each residence hall to store handguns or a central location? Consider the cost, staffing and training requirements this would require.
- Can you assign CHL holders to single occupancy rooms and provide a hotel safe? Cost around \$100. At UNT, residents over 21 living on campus primarily occupy single occupancy rooms.
- Given the fire safety concerns, you may want to consider adding hotel safes to each room at some point.



