FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING
Concealed Carry Language in the JCCC Weapons Policy
As of July 1, 2017

College administration and the KOPS Advisory committee have compiled this document of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the updated Weapons Policy (effective 7.1.17) in response to questions submitted in various forums. We intend to add to this document as additional questions and/or legislative guidance are received.

Q1: Where can I find the current concealed carry legislation?

A: The Personal and Family Protection Act is found at K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7c01 et. seq. The statute that authorizes concealed carry in state and municipal buildings (including community college buildings) is K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7c20. For JCCC, the provisions of this statute are effective July 1, 2017.

Q2: What weapons are authorized under the concealed carry law?

A: Only handguns are authorized by the Personal and Family Protection Act. A handgun is defined as either: i) a pistol or revolver designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and designed to fire or capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition, or ii) any other weapon which will or is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and which is designed to be fired by the use of a single hand.

Q3: Where will I be able to conceal carry?

A: Beginning July 1, 2017, individuals will be able to conceal carry in public buildings and areas on a JCCC Campus, except where temporary Adequate Security Measures (ASMs) are in place. If temporary ASMs are in place, signs will clearly identify where concealed carry is prohibited.

Q4: What are “Adequate Security Measures”?

A: As defined by Kansas statute, "Adequate Security Measures" means “the use of electronic equipment and armed personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the carrying of any weapons into the state or municipal building, or any public area thereof, including, but not limited to, metal detectors, metal detector wands or any other equipment used for similar purposes to ensure that weapons are not permitted to be carried into such building or public area by members of the public.”

Q5: Will the College use “Adequate Security Measures”?

A: Under the updated Weapons Policy, the JCCC Police Department would be able to temporarily designate a specific location as prohibiting concealed handguns and use temporary ASMs. Temporary ASMs would typically only be in place for the length of an event. Appropriate notice will be given whenever this temporary designation is made.
Q6: What is the definition of “Concealed”?

A: “Concealed” as currently referred to in the updated Weapons Policy means completely hidden from view and does not reveal the handgun in any way, shape or form.

Q7: In the updated Weapons Policy, what is meant by “shall at all times have that handgun in their custody and control, and shall either keep it on their person...” How does this apply to handguns in backpacks, purses, etc.?

A: The intent of the updated Weapons Policy is that a concealed carry handgun is not required to always be attached to the person who lawfully possesses it, but certainly at all times (when not properly stored) to be in that person’s custody and control. Having a concealed carry handgun in a backpack or purse at the lawful possessor’s feet would be considered as in that person’s custody and control; however, leaving the handgun in a backpack or purse on the other side of the room from the lawful possessor or out of that person’s reach would not. In those instances where class safety or educational rules dictate that backpacks have to be left unattended (i.e., for safety reasons, a lab may require backpacks be left at the back of the room), an individual who wants to carry a concealed carry handgun in that class must have it on their person that day, instead of in their bag, before they get to the class (individuals having to transfer a concealed carry handgun from a backpack or purse to their person would be in violation of the Weapons Policy). Prior notice of any such classroom rules will be given.

Q8: Will I be able to carry a handgun in my backpack or purse?

A: Yes - effective July 1, 2017, as long as the handgun is completely hidden from view and the backpack or purse is within your exclusive and uninterrupted control at all times. For safety or other educational reasons, certain courses or activities may have rules that require backpacks or purses to be placed in a location away from your person for part or all of a course/activity – in such situation, you would not be able to conceal carry in a backpack/purse without violating the updated Weapons Policy.

Q9: What do I do if I notice a backpack or some type of belongings left unattended?

A: Notify the JCCC Police Department to retrieve the unattended item(s) at 913-469-2500 or extension 4111 from a campus phone. JCCC Police Department will determine if anything is suspicious with help from information you provide.

Q10: What if someone sees a handgun?

A: Under the updated Weapons Policy, partially or wholly visible handguns do not meet the requirements of concealed carry, and at a minimum would be a Policy violation and should be reported.

Q11: What responsibility do I have to keep my weapon absolutely concealed? Am I violating the Policy if someone gets a glimpse of my handgun?

A: Choosing to lawfully carry a concealed handgun on Campus requires reasonable measures to conceal the weapon. Taking a handgun out of concealment or otherwise displaying/brandishing it, would be in violation of the updated Weapons Policy. Inadvertent brief displays of a concealed handgun will be addressed on a case by case basis; for example, if, one time, a person’s coat opens in the act of raising his/her arm to ask a question
and a gun can be seen, it is likely not a Policy violation. However, if a handgun is visible, even due to an inadvertent brief display, JCCC Police should be notified.

Q12: How will violations of the updated Weapons Policy be addressed?

A: Violations of the updated Weapons Policy will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are subject to disciplinary action.

Q13: Where can I report a handgun violation or emergency?

A: The updated Weapons Policy states that suspected violations of concealed carry restrictions can be reported to JCCC Police Department:
- Dial 913-469-2500 (direct line)
- Dial 913-469-8500, Extension 4111 (alternate method)
- Dial 913-339-6699, TDD/TTY
- Text JCCC Police via JCCC Guardian App
- OR, dial 911 to contact local law enforcement

Q14: What type of safety training does the College offer in light of this change?

A: The College coordinates many safety training sessions. The below list is not intended to be all-inclusive.

The College currently offers employees and students:

- **Emergency Preparedness Basic Training**
  This course outlines response strategies so you know who to call in an emergency, who’s in charge, where to go, and what actions to take.

- **Emergency Preparedness Video, “Keeping Our People Safe”**
  This video discusses the College’s emergency preparedness program, KOPS, which stands for “Keeping Our People Safe.” The video explains everyone’s responsibilities—staff, faculty, & students—in crisis situations.

- **KOPS Watch Reporting Training**
  This initiative promotes personal safety, threat awareness training, and threat reporting strategies.

- **Handling Difficult Students**
  This course and its related resources discuss ways faculty and staff can effectively navigate dealing with difficult students.

- **Theft Mitigation**
  This employee training program is designed for College departments that handle cash and/or inventory. The training focuses on theft and robbery prevention.

- **ALICE I**
  This training provides response guidance and principally-based options to members of the College community who may be caught in an armed intruder/active threat situation, and describes what to expect from responding police officers. The course provides information to help decide which course of action for survival might be the best option based on the threat situation. There is also a training video available for student viewing:  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMcT4-nWSq0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMcT4-nWSq0)
• ALICE II
  In this advanced threat situation course, trainers conduct practical scenarios in a work setting or classroom environment. Trainers demonstrate the use of infrastructure, communications and ALICE principles and the options to react in given situations.

• AHA HeartSaver CPR/AED Training
  This classroom course designed by the American Heart Association teaches basic CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) skills.

• AHA HeartSaver First Aid
  This course designed by the American Heart Association is designed to help participants handle an emergency in the first few minutes before Emergency Medical Services arrive. The course covers a variety of common medical, trauma, and environmental emergencies.

• Self-Defense Class
  This course teaches practical safety and self-defense for most ages.

• Verbal Conflict Resolution
  This course, customized specifically for the higher education professional, presents key concepts that are successful within multiple, real-world crisis de-escalation scenarios. The training provides the JCCC faculty and staff with personal tools that further assist with effectively interacting with people experiencing escalated emotions.

• Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class
  This training covers a realistic, citizen-training approach to emergency and disaster situation management.

Q15: Will the College provide gun storage?

A: No. Under the updated Weapons policy, the College does not intend to provide any gun storage.

Q16: Where will I be able to store my handgun?

A: Under the updated Weapons Policy, a handgun may only be stored in a private vehicle, when the vehicle is locked and the handgun is secured in a location within the vehicle that is not visible from outside the vehicle. A handgun may not be stored in an office, a work area or any College lockers.

Q17: Will I be able to bring a handgun to Campus in my car?

A: Yes. You may store a handgun in your car while on a JCCC Campus, as long as it is hidden from view and the vehicle is locked.

Q18: What about concealed carry practices at the Olathe Health Education Center (OHEC) and WestPark Campus locations?

A: Both OHEC and WestPark are considered a “Campus” for purposes of the updated Weapons Policy and therefore, concealed carry is permissible in the buildings if in accordance with the updated Weapons Policy.
Q19: Can I conceal carry off-campus at a JCCC club event/fieldtrip/service learning, etc.?

A: Under the updated Weapons Policy all weapons are prohibited at all off-campus JCCC sponsored or supervised classes, practices, programs or activities, except that, as required by law, JCCC will not prohibit employees who are legally qualified from carrying a concealed handgun while engaged in the duties of their employment outside of JCCC’s place of business, including while in a vehicle.

Q20: Can instructors set rules against concealed carry in their classrooms, labs or offices?

A: Effective July 1, 2017, concealed carry is permissible on a JCCC Campus, except where temporary Adequate Security Measures (ASMs) are in place or as otherwise prohibited pursuant to the updated Weapons Policy. An instructor will not be able to prohibit concealed carry in the instructor’s classroom, lab, or office.

Q21: What if an individual discloses that they are carrying a concealed weapon? Will that be a violation of the updated Weapons Policy?

A: Individuals should report all safety and security concerns to the JCCC Police Department or a local Police Department. An individual simply disclosing that they are carrying is not necessarily a violation of the Weapons Policy, but could result in a need to investigate.

Q22: What if an accidental discharge occurs on campus?

A: All reported incidents involving weapons are investigated on a case-by-case basis.

Q23: What are the legal implications if an individual carrying a gun discharges and harms another individual?

A: The decision to carry a concealed handgun is a personal choice. Along with that choice comes a responsibility. Individuals are strongly encouraged to complete appropriate gun safety training: http://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/police-safety/files/pdfs/gun-safety-training-options.pdf.