



## **516 POLICY – Weapons, Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives, and Dangerous Chemicals**

### **516.1 Statement of Policy**

The students, faculty, and staff of Redlands Community College can best learn, work, and live in an environment free from the dangers and constraints, both physical and psychological, which can arise from the presence or use of weapons, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, and dangerous chemicals on the campus. It is therefore the policy of Redlands Community College to prohibit or strictly regulate the possession or use of any of these items on campus, in Redlands vehicles, or on Redlands-sponsored trips.

Except as expressly provided in this policy, no person is allowed to possess, display, or use firearms, weapons, ammunition, or fireworks on campus at any time.

### **516.2 Definitions**

The following definitions are applicable to this policy and related procedure:

Campus – shall include any real property, buildings, or other structures or improvements owned or controlled by Redlands Community College.

Firearm – shall mean any device capable of discharging a projectile by gunpowder, gas, or other means of propulsion. By way of example and without limitation, firearms shall include shotguns, rifles, handguns, pellet guns, BB guns, flare guns, and other similar devices.

Weapon – shall mean any object that could potentially inflict injury or harm if used in a threatening, aggressive, or careless manner. By way of example and without limitation, weapons shall include archery equipment, slingshots, martial arts devices, swords, bayonets, clubs, knives other than small pocket or kitchen knives, and other similar devices.

Fireworks – shall mean any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article, prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, or detonation. By way of example and without limitation, fireworks shall include firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, and other similar devices.



Ammunition – shall mean any device which contains gunpowder or any other substance designed to propel a projectile and intended for use in a firearm.

Explosives and dangerous chemicals – shall mean any substance whose chemical properties make them inherently dangerous. By way of example and without limitation, explosives and dangerous chemicals shall include dynamite, blasting caps, plastic explosives, and flammable liquids and solvents such as gasoline, kerosene, and propane. Nothing contained in this policy shall be deemed to prohibit the use of chemicals in the normal conduct of classes or facilities maintenance functions or in the operation of equipment or motor vehicles.

Certified police officer – shall include those persons employed by municipal, county, state, or national agencies who comply with the statutory requirements for certification as a police officer.

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## **516.2 PROCEDURE - Weapons, Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives, and Dangerous Chemicals**

### **516.2:1 Police Officers**

Police who have been called to assist or to perform law enforcement duties on campus may possess or use firearms, ammunition, or weapons in a manner consistent with professional standards which prevail in the State of Oklahoma.

Police officers, who in their official on-duty capacities and in the performance of their duties, find it necessary to come on campus may possess firearms. In all such instances, the officers must coordinate their efforts with the Redlands Community College Security Department.

Police officers who have been invited to demonstrate or lecture to a class may carry a firearm, ammunition, or weapon on campus. Redlands Community College employees responsible for extending these invitations should advise the Redlands Community College Security Department concerning these visits.

Any off-duty, full-time duly appointed peace officer who is certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), enrolled as a student or is a visitor on Redlands Community College grounds shall fall under Oklahoma Statutes Title 21 §21-1289.23. Concealed firearm for off-duty police officer.

### **516.2:2 Firearms, Ammunition, Dangerous Chemicals, or Fireworks**

No person is allowed to possess, display, or use firearms, weapons, ammunition, or fireworks on campus at any time, without the written permission from the President. If certain classes and activities, both on campus and off, involve the use of firearms, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, or fireworks, authorization and conditions for these classes and activities and other appropriate exceptions must be approved in advance and will only be authorized by written permission of the President.

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