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Firearms Qualification Range Policy

North Carolina law (GS 14-269.2) prohibits the possession and concealment of firearms on College property but provides stipulations for educational purposes. Handguns are not subject to this prohibition if the person has a valid permit under North Carolina law for the handgun, and the handgun is kept in a locked container or compartment within the person's locked vehicle.

The following information is provided to ensure that students and all other members of the campus community have a clear understanding of how to proceed upon enrolling in a course of instruction that requires possessing a firearm for utilization on this range or any other area on campus property.

The Firearms Qualification Range (FQR) is for instructional or college sanctioned purposes only. A certified firearms instructor designated by Beaufort County Community College must be on site at the range at all times during firearms instruction. The FQR will not be open at any time for unsupervised/Non-College sanctioned public use. Students enrolled in firearms instruction will only use the FQR during hours designated by the instructor. Unsupervised/afterhours shooting by students enrolled in a course of instruction is prohibited.

Students enrolled in firearms instruction will park their personal vehicles in the designated parking area adjacent to Building 10 or 10B during their range time and the entire time their personal weapon is on campus. Students will leave their personal firearm secured in their locked vehicle when it is not being used on the Firearms Qualification Range. This requirement does not apply to duty/sworn law enforcement officers receiving instruction.

Students will only bring the firearms to campus that they will be utilizing during their instruction. Additional firearms or lethal weapons are prohibited.

Displaying weapons openly on campus in areas not designated by the instructor or the course of instruction is prohibited.

The firearms instructor/range master is in charge on the range at all times. He/she has the authority to dismiss any student during firearms instruction who displays a wanton or willful disregard for the safety of others or who violates any particular of school policy or North Carolina law during instruction.

Any violation or breach of the above stipulations could result in criminal prosecution and college sanctions being placed on the student or employee. All individuals carrying a concealed handgun must comply with all other applicable state and federal regulations, including carrying proof of identification and providing same to law enforcement upon request.

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References

Legal References: Enter legal references here

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