



## Texas Military Department

# DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Privately Owned Firearms

References. See Enclosure 1.

1. PURPOSE. To ensure the safety of all personnel and members of the public, who work at, or use Texas Military Department (TMD) facilities and establish policy with regard to Personally Owned Firearms (POFs). This directive supersedes TMD Directive 5210.01, Privately Owned Firearms, dated 17 January 2018.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE. This issuance applies to all TMD employees, civilian visitors, contractors, and service members of all other military service components while on any TMD installation or facility.

3. DEFINITIONS. N/A.

4. POLICY.

a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 411.171, Subchapter H, anyone issued a license to carry recognized and valid in the State of Texas may possess a handgun on their person or in a properly secured vehicle while on TMD installations or facilities. This authorization encompasses all buildings and property under the control of TMD.

b. Pursuant to Texas Penal Code 30.07 and Army Regulation 190-13, open carry by a licensed to carry individual recognized and valid in the State of Texas is prohibited in designated and identified restricted areas.

c. This directive does not, under any circumstance, grant further authority to handgun license holders beyond the conditions contained within state law. This directive does not apply or authorize the carry of POFs on federally owned, operated, or controlled property including Armed Forces Readiness Centers controlled by the U.S. Army Reserves.

d. Recognized law enforcement authorities who routinely carry an authorized job related weapon as part of their assigned duties are permitted to carry their weapons onto TMD installations and facilities when in the execution of their official duties. Off-duty law enforcement authorities are allowed to carry their weapon consistent with their departmental policies.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. For safety and security purposes, the following are responsibilities regarding POFs on all TMD installations and facilities:

a. The handgun must remain on your person or properly secured at all times. All requirements stipulated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 411.171, Subchapter H must be followed.

b. TMD members are not permitted to carry a POF when they are also carrying a military issue weapon or while on field training exercises.

c. Military service members will adhere to uniform standards which prohibit the open carry of POFs while in uniform.

d. Individuals who carry POFs will be held personally liable for any negligent and wrongful acts including bodily injury, property damage, and other losses, liabilities, costs and expenses.

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. Supports state and federal law.

7. RELEASABILITY. Unlimited.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective until rescinded or superseded.

9. POINT OF CONTACT. J34 Force Protection Branch at (512) 782-5533.

Encl  
References

  
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**Enclosure**

**References:**

Texas Government Code, Chapter 411.171, Subchapter H

Texas Government Code, Section 437.054

Texas Penal Code, Section 30.06

Texas Penal Code, Section 30.07

Texas Penal Code, Section 46.035

DoD Directive 5210.56, Arming and the Use of Force, dated 18 November 2016

AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives, dated 17 January 2019

AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, 27 June 2019

AR 190-56, The Army Civilian Police and Security Guard Program, 15 March 2013

AR 525-13, Antiterrorism, dated 17 February 2017

AFGM to AFI 10-245, Antiterrorism, dated 17 July 2017

AFI 31-117, Arming and Use of Force by Air Force Personnel, dated 01 February 2016