

# **WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## **West Virginia State University and the West Virginia State Community & Technical College**

### **BOG Policy #57**

**Title: Deadly Weapons and Destructive Devices**

#### **Section 1. General**

1.1 Purpose: This policy imposes the prohibition and penalties for the possession or storage of deadly weapons, destructive devices, or fireworks in any form on the campus of West Virginia State University or any of its off-campus or leased facilities.

1.2 Authority: The West Virginia State University Board of Governors as granted by the Higher Education Policy Commission.

1.3 Effective Date:

1.4 Scope: This policy applies to all West Virginia State University and West Virginia State Community & Technical College faculty, staff, students, and visitors, including all the off-campus or leased University sites;

1.4.1 It shall also apply to private vehicles in which firearms are openly displayed when they are parked or operated on the campus of West Virginia State University or any of its off-campus or leased facilities;

1.4.2 The Director of Public Safety may grant exceptions to this policy, in writing, in certain circumstances;

1.4.3 The provisions of this policy shall not apply to the following persons while acting in their official capacity:

- law enforcement officers or officials;
- employees of the West Virginia Department of Corrections;

- members of the militia of West Virginia or the armed forces of the United States;  
- any circuit judge, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, or investigator duly appointed by a prosecuting attorney; and  
- individuals required to possess the items prohibited by this policy in order to participate in undertakings sanctioned by West Virginia State which include: research programs, historical productions, Land-Grant programs approved by the Department of Natural Resources, ROTC firearms instructors or criminal justice firearms safety instructors under very limited circumstances.

## **Section 2. Regulations**

2.1 Possession or storage of a deadly weapon, destructive device, or fireworks is prohibited on the campus of West Virginia State, any of its off-campus or leased facilities, and in institution-owned vehicles. The above authorized individuals should notify the Department of Public Safety regarding research, training, or re-enactment productions.

2.2 Any institution faculty member, staff member, or student who has been found in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include termination or expulsion, as well as criminal prosecution;

2.2.1 Individuals not affiliated with West Virginia State University or the West Virginia State Community and Technical College shall be subject to criminal prosecution.