

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Policy No. 56

TITLE: DEADLY WEAPONS/DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES

SECTION I. GENERAL

- 1.1 Purpose – The purpose of this policy is to impose the prohibition of and penalty for the possession or storage of deadly weapons, destructive devices, or fireworks in any form on the West Liberty University campus or any University-leased facilities.
- 1.2 Scope – This policy applies to all University faculty, staff, students, and visitors, including those on any satellite campus. It shall also apply to private vehicles parked or operated on University owned or leased property, which openly display firearms. The Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police of West Liberty University may grant exceptions to this policy in writing for the convenience of the University in achieving its mission.
- 1.3 The provisions of this policy shall not apply to the following persons, while acting in their official capacity:
 - Law enforcement officers or law enforcement officials;
 - West Virginia Department of Corrections employees;
 - Members of the armed forces of the United States while on activity duty or serving in an official capacity;
 - 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 academic/research undertakings sanctioned by West Liberty University. This includes the possession of historic weapons/replicas used for educational purposes.

SECTION II. POLICY

- 2.1 Possession or storage of a deadly weapon, destructive device, or fireworks in any form (as defined by West Virginia State Code) is prohibited on the West Liberty University campus in University-leased facilities and in vehicles owned or leased by the University.
- 2.2 Any person carrying or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in violation of this policy who, upon being requested to do so, refuses to temporarily relinquish possession of the firearm or other deadly weapon, and/or refuses to leave University or College premises or grounds as previously defined while in possession of the firearm or deadly weapon, shall be charged with a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or confined in the regional jail not more than six months, or both (§61-7-14 WV Code).

Approved by the WLU Board of Governors on 10/05/2016.