



**APPROVAL TO GRANT LIMITED AUTHORITY FOR SELECT OFF-DUTY LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY**

Resolution No. 2018-138

Synopsis: Authorization to allow off-duty, sworn law enforcement officials employed full time by The Ohio State University Police Division, the City of Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio State Highway Patrol ("permitted officers"), who are in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, to carry a concealed firearm on university property located within the jurisdiction of their home agency and to be admitted into buildings, events and venues with a firearm, is proposed.

WHEREAS Ohio Law prohibits carrying of concealed firearms on any premises owned or leased by a public or private college, university or institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.126 provides an exception to the general prohibition against concealed carry of firearms on university property only if approved by the institution's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS the proposed exception is for off-duty, sworn law enforcement officials employed full time by The Ohio State University Police Division, the City of Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio State Highway Patrol, who are in compliance with all applicable legal requirements and are on university property located within their home jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS permitted officers are required to follow all protocols and check-in procedures established by the university; and

WHEREAS permitted officers are subject to all applicable laws as well as university and facility rules and policies; and

WHEREAS failure to comply with laws, rules, policies, protocols or procedures, or possession or use of a firearm in an unsafe manner, is grounds for removal or denial of entry to buildings, events or venues; and

WHEREAS part-time, reserve, special or auxiliary employees or retirees of any agency, including The Ohio State University Police Division, the City of Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio State Highway Patrol may not carry concealed firearms on campus; and

WHEREAS off-duty, sworn law enforcement officials from agencies other than those specified are subject to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and may not carry concealed firearms on university property; and

WHEREAS sworn law enforcement officials from agencies that do not have jurisdiction on university property, but who have reason to be on university property during the course of their duties, are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on university property during the course of performing those duties:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that off-duty, sworn law enforcement officials employed full time by The Ohio State University Police Division, the City of Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio State Highway Patrol, who are in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on university property located within the jurisdiction of their home agency.

CERTIFIED

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held June 8, 2018.


Blake Thompson, Secretary