

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

XII – SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES

XII – 4.0 FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS POLICY

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Effective:	8/17/07
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Responsible Dept.:	VPFAS

PURPOSE: Piedmont Virginia Community College seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that respects individual freedom, promotes free inquiry and the exchange of ideas, and protects the health, safety, and welfare of all members of the college community. In keeping with these objectives, the college has adopted this policy.

POLICY: The possession, storage, or use of firearms, ammunition, explosive materials, and dangerous weapons of any type is prohibited on the PVCC campus and at all college sponsored activities. Persons who do not comply with this policy will be ordered to leave the campus and employees and students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, termination, or dismissal as provided for in state, Virginia Community College System, and PVCC policies and procedures. Criminal charges may also be lodged when deemed appropriate by the President of the college.

EXCEPTIONS: This policy does not apply to persons who are licensed law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia, or to the possession of non-lethal personal defense weapons such as pepper spray or mace. All other exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the President of the college.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY: An employee or student with a reasonable basis for believing an individual is in possession of or carrying a firearm in violation of this policy has a responsibility to report the suspected offense to PVCC Security (981-6362) if there is no immediate threat to personal safety, or to the Albemarle County Police (911) when an immediate threat to personal safety exists.