**Cheyney University Policy Number FA 2013-1001**

**Policy Title: Firearms, Weapons Policy and Explosives Policy**

**Approved by**: FA Council

President’s Cabinet

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**Related Policies**:

**Additional References**:

1. **Purpose:** A safe and secure environment is a fundamental prerequisite for fulfilling the university mission of teaching, research, and public service. CU is committed to maintaining a workplace and educational learning facility that is free of violence. This obligation includes eliminating recognized hazards from campus communities that contribute to violence or serious harm.

**B. Scope:** This policy applies to all Students, Staff, Faculty and Visitors

**C. Definition (s):**

1. An ***unauthorized firearm*** is any firearm, regardless of whether the owner has a valid state permit to carry the firearm. The following firearms are excluded from this definition:

a. A firearm in the possession of a law enforcement officer who is authorized to possess the firearm, either on or off duty, by the employing law enforcement agency.

b. A firearm in the possession of a person who has received prior written authorization from the university police chief to possess a firearm on campus.

1. ***University premises*** refers to all Cheyney University properties.
2. A ***university-directed activity*** is an event intended solely for CU faculty, employees, students, or invited guests of the university; These activities include, but are not
   1. limited to, graduation events, receptions, meetings, social functions and conferences.
3. A ***campus director of public safety/ police chief*** is one who has been assigned administrative responsibility for campus law enforcement or security activities.
4. ***Weapons* are defined as**:

• Knives, firearms, ammunition, hunting arrows, potentially injurious war souvenirs, explosives, fireworks, firecrackers, highly flammable materials, and dangerous chemicals.

• Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare or any other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO2. This includes but is not limited to rifles, shotguns, handguns or other firearm, BB/pellet gun, flare gun, stun gun or dart gun and any ammunition for any such device.

• Any replica of the foregoing is also prohibited.

• Any explosive device including firecrackers and black powder.

• Any device that is designed or traditionally used to inflict harm including but not limited to any knife with a blade longer than three inches, hunting knife, fixed blade knife, throwing knives, dagger, razor, or other cutting instrument the blade of which is exposed.

• Weapons are not permitted to be stored on campus or in vehicles.

• Any weapon on campus in violation of this policy will be confiscated.

• Possession or use of such explosives or weapons will result in confiscation, disciplinary act ion and/or arrest.

**D. Policy and Procedures(s):**

**Policy Statement**

While on university-controlled sites and at university-directed activities, persons are prohibited from introducing, possessing, using, buying, or selling unauthorized weapons, firearms, ammunition, explosives, or items deemed by Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice to be dangerous. This policy applies to employees, students and individuals visiting or conducting business on university property.

**E. Reason for Policy**

A safe and secure environment is a fundamental prerequisite for fulfilling the university mission of teaching, research, and public service. CU is committed to maintaining a workplace and educational learning facility that is free of violence. This obligation

includes eliminating recognized hazards from campus communities that contribute to violence or serious harm.

**F. Procedures**

Any employee who becomes aware of a violation of this policy is required to

immediately notify the Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice. Any student who becomes aware of a violation of this policy is required to immediately notify the Cheyney Police Department.

**G. Sanctions**

• Violation of this policy is considered a serious offense that endangers the safety of the university communities. Therefore, this offense may result in immediate termination of employment, expulsion from school and/or arrest.

• Violation of this policy by employees constitutes misconduct and may subject the offender to discipline including immediate termination.

• Violation of this policy by students will be adjudicated in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Depending on the circumstances violation of this policy may subject the offender to discipline up to and including dismissal from the University.

• Violation of this policy by individuals visiting or conducting business on university property will result in the individual being required to leave the University property or event as the case may be and may also result in the individual receiving a written directive to remain off of University property.

The University may refer any violation of this policy to the Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice for investigation and/or arrest.

**H. Exceptions to this policy include:**

* Members of the Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice Department who are regularly employed by the University and are required to carry a weapon in accordance with departmental policy.
* Delaware and Chester County Municipal Police and Pennsylvania State Police officers who assist Cheyney Police.
* Private security firms must obtain prior written approval from the Director of Public Safety/Chief of the Cheyney
* Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice Department before bringing any weapon on University property.
* A weapon, real or replica, used in connect ion with drill, public ceremony or a theatrical performance with prior approval of the Chief of Police.
* Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her official duty.

**I. Notification of Use of Replica or Prop Weapons**

Due to the risk of being identified as a real weapon, any item which looks like a weapon and is used for any purpose on university property must be reported to and approved by the Public Safety/Cheyney Po lice Department prior to use in any activity. Examples of such activities include official ROTC military exercises, color guard, intercollegiate athletics, class instruction or presentations, dramatic plays, and similar artistic events.

**J. Web Address for this Policy**

https://cheyney.edu/resources/cu-campus-public-safety/policies/