



Subject: Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Policy

Responsible Office: Protective Services Office, Center Operations Directorate

1. POLICY

No firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind, concealed or otherwise, are permitted on Langley Research Center (LaRC) property, except as noted in paragraph 1.a., Exceptions, below, and for authorized law enforcement purposes. For the purpose of this policy, the term “firearms or other dangerous weapons” is defined as set forth in Title 18, Section 930 of the U.S. Code (USC). Violations, as noted in paragraph 1.b., Violations, below, of the firearms and other dangerous weapons policy may be processed as judicial or administrative matters.

- a. Exceptions: Exceptions to the general prohibition against possessing firearms and dangerous weapons on LaRC will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for exceptions must be prepared in the form of a written memorandum, for the review and approval of the Center Chief of Protective Services (CCPS). Approval of exceptions may be granted subject to compliance with applicable local, State, or Federal laws. As appropriate, the receipt of an exception permit from the Hampton Chief of Police for events within areas of the Center over which the State of Virginia also has jurisdiction may be considered in granting exceptions.
- b. Violations: Title 18, Section 930 of the U.S. Code (USC) makes it a crime to possess firearms or other dangerous weapons in a Federal facility except in very limited circumstances such as in the lawful performance of official duties by a law enforcement officer or a NASA security official. Further, Title 18, Section 930 USC states: “whoever knowingly possesses or causes to be present a firearm or other dangerous weapons in a Federal facility ... or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this Title or imprisoned for not more than one year or both.” Title 18, Section 799 of the USC also makes it a crime to violate NASA Security regulations.

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. LaRC policy and the Federal law are applicable to all persons, including civil service, contract personnel, and visitors to LaRC.
- b. Virginia law, VA Code Ann. Section 18.2-308, allows a citizen to apply for and, upon approval, receive a permit allowing the applicant to carry a concealed firearm. The possession of a permit, however, does not release the permit holder from complying with any other Federal, State or Local law, ordinance or regulation. Specifically, a concealed weapon permit does not supersede the LaRC prohibition against the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on LaRC. A weapons permit does not constitute approval for or permission to bring a firearm onto Federal government property.

- c. All document citations in this directive are assumed to be the latest version unless otherwise noted.

3. AUTHORITY

- a. Title 18, Section 930, U.S. Code, Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Federal Facilities
- b. Title 18, Section 799, U.S. Code, Violation of Regulations of National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- c. NPD 1600.2, NASA Security Policy

4. REFERENCES

- a. NPR 1600.1, NASA Security Program Procedural Requirements

5. RESPONSIBILITY

The Center Chief of Protective Services (CCPS) has the responsibility for ensuring appropriate security and access control measures are established and managed in order to safeguard LaRC personnel, property, and information. All questions concerning this Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Policy should be directed to the CCPS or to the Lead Special Agent.

6. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

None

7. MEASUREMENTS

None

8. CANCELLATION

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/s/ Lisa Ziehmman May 2, 2022
Center Associate Director

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