



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Medical Service



Subject: Concealed Carry Weapons

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline for personnel to follow for carrying a concealed weapon on duty at Seneca County EMS.

Background:

The State of Ohio is one of the many states that has adopted a concealed weapon carry permit program. Due to this many of our volunteer members may see this as an opportunity to carry a weapon on duty. This policy is designed to strictly prohibit the practice of carrying a weapon on duty.

Policy & Procedure

1. It is strictly prohibited for any member of Seneca County EMS to carry a weapon while on duty with Seneca County EMS.
2. If the member is a sworn Peace officer in the State of Ohio and is assisting the squad crew at a scene, he/she may wear their weapon in the performance of their duties, but will NOT wear a weapon while running as an EMT exclusively. For example: If you are working for the Sheriff's office as a deputy and are assisting at a scene, your weapon is with you for your job as a deputy. BUT if you are off duty from the sheriff's office and are ON duty with the squad, you shall NOT carry your weapon.
3. A weapon is defined as a firearm, taser, stun gun, chemical irritant, or any edged weapon other than a folding pocket knife. Trauma Shears/Scissors are not considered a weapon.
4. If a member forgets that he/she is wearing a weapon and arrives on scene. The weapon shall be secured in their personal vehicle and the personal vehicle shall be locked. If the member cannot or is unwilling to secure the weapon in their vehicle, they will leave the scene after explaining the situation to the incident commander/EMS team leader.
5. An incident report shall be completed and forwarded to the Seneca County EMS director anytime this policy is violated.

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