



SURVEY QUESTIONS

ACRP Project 11-01/Topic 07-01

IMPACT OF FIREARMS LAWS ON AIRPORTS

Agency Name: _____

Name of Employee: _____

Job Title: _____

Contact telephone/ cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Educational Background: _____

Legal Training: YES NO (If “yes” describe)

How many years have you been with the agency? _____

Note:

The following questions concern the carrying of firearms in airport terminals or on airport property by private individuals. The questions do not apply to individuals authorized by law to carry firearms in airport terminals and/or on airport property.

The term sterile area means a portion of an airport defined in the airport security program that provides passengers access to boarding aircraft and to which the access generally is controlled by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) through the screening of persons and property (49 C.F.R. § 1540.5), as well as any other secure or restricted area(s) of the airport terminal or airport property where firearms are prohibited. The term non-sterile area refers to that area of an airport other than the sterile area or other secure or restricted area(s) that may include areas for ticketing of passengers, baggage claim, restaurants and shops, and/or parking.

(If insufficient space is allotted for your responses below, please feel free to place your responses on additional sheets of paper and attach them to the survey.)

1. Are private individuals in your state permitted to carry firearms:

(a) in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) on other airport property (*e.g.*, parking areas)? **(please circle) YES NO**

2. Is there a state statute or a municipal or county ordinance that

(a) permits the open carrying of firearms in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) prohibits the open carrying of firearms in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(c) permits the carrying of concealed firearms in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(d) prohibits the carrying of concealed firearms in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “**YES**” to question 2(a), (b), (c), and/or (d), please provide a citation or link to (or a copy of) any such statute or ordinance.

3. Is there a state statute or a municipal or county ordinance that requires a license or permit to carry (anywhere):

(a) a firearm openly in public? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) a concealed firearm? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “**YES**” to question 3(a) or (b), please provide a citation or link to (or a copy of) any such statute or ordinance.

4. Are you aware of any judicial decisions, administrative decisions, or a ruling or opinion by the attorney general stating that firearms in your state:

(a) are allowed in the non-sterile area of airport terminals? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) are not allowed in the non-sterile area of airport terminals? **(please circle) YES NO**

(c) are allowed on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(d) are not allowed on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “**YES**” to question 4(a), (b), (c), and/or (d), please provide a citation or link to (or a copy of) any such decision, ruling, or opinion.

5. Are you aware of any incidents in your jurisdiction and/or with respect to your particular airport of private individuals carrying a firearm openly

(a) in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “**Yes**” to question 5(a) and/or (b), please provide details and/or a link to any article or report on any such incidents.

6. Are you aware of any proposed laws in your jurisdiction that would make it:

(a) lawful for a private individual to carry a firearm in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) unlawful for a private individual to carry a firearm in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “Yes” to question 6(a) or (b), please provide a citation or link to (or a copy of) the proposed legislation.

7. Do airports in your jurisdiction or your particular airport have rules or regulations on the possession of firearms by private individuals in the non-sterile area of an airport terminal or on airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “Yes”, please provide a link to (or a copy of) the rules or regulations.

8. With respect to a private individual carrying (or discharging) a firearm in an airport terminal or on airport property, have there been any legal actions against airports or airport authorities in your state and/or your particular airport by or involving:

(a) the owner or possessor of the firearm? **(please circle) YES NO**

(b) a passenger or other user of the airport terminal or other airport property? **(please circle) YES NO**

(c) an airport employee? **(please circle) YES NO**

(d) any other person? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “Yes” to question 8(a), (b), (c), and/or (d), please provide details and/or a citation to any case or cases.

9. Do airports or airport authorities in your jurisdiction that are government-owned have immunity under state law (*e.g.*, because of sovereign immunity, a tort claims or governmental immunity act, or other legislation that is specific to airports or airport authorities) from claims of the kind described in question 8(a), (b), (c) and/or (d)? **(please circle) YES NO**

If your answer is “YES”, please provide details and/or citations or links to (or copies of) applicable statutes and/or judicial decisions.

10. Please include any additional information that you would like to provide that is relevant to the study topic and/or to the survey.

Please return your completed survey to:

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