Unlawful Carrying of Firearms or Other Weapons

According to North Carolina General Statute #14-269.2, persons carrying, either openly or concealed, any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind on educational property or to a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by the college shall be convicted of a Class I felony. (Policy 8.03)

Persons carrying, either openly or concealed, any dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, or powerful explosive on educational property or to a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by the college may be convicted of a Class G felony.

Also, persons carrying, either openly or concealed, any BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, air pistol, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack or metallic knuckles, razor and razor blades (except solely for personal shaving), fireworks, or any sharp-pointed or edged instrument except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for the preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance on the educational property may be convicted of a Class I misdemeanor.

Exceptions to the above are described in North Carolina General Statues G.S. 14-269(g) (including weapons used in school-approved programming, see Policy 3.10). It is the individual's responsibility to know and understand the law and Southeastern Community College's policies and procedures prior to bringing any weapon onto campus. Failure to follow the law and SCC's policies and procedures, regardless of the person's intent, will result in appropriate disciplinary action and a referral to local law enforcement.

A firearm is permissible on a community college campus only under the following limited circumstances:

- 1. The firearm is a handgun; and
- 2. The individual has a valid concealed handgun permit or is exempt from the law requiring a permit; and
- 3. The handgun remains in either; a closed compartment or container within the permit holder's locked vehicle; or a locked container securely affixed to the permit holder's locked vehicle; and
- 4. The vehicle is only unlocked when the permit holder is entering or exiting the vehicle; and 5. The firearm remains in the closed compartment at all times

No person is guilty of a criminal violation of this section as long as both of the following apply:

- 1. The person comes into possession of a weapon by taking or receiving the weapon from another person or by finding the weapon.
- 2. The person delivers the weapon, directly or indirectly, as soon as practical to law enforcement authorities.