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Inter-Departmental Memorandum

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TO: All Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Employees

FROM: Brigadier General James D. Campbell, Commissioner/Adjutant General

SUBJECT: DVEM Policy 13-01, Possession of Personal Weapons While on Duty or on DVEM Property.

1. This memorandum is a new policy and is effective immediately and remains in effect until renewed or revoked.
2. References.
 - a. AR 190-14, Carrying of Firearms, dated 12 MAR 93
 - b. AFI 31-101, Integrated Defense, ANG Sup
 - c. 26 MRSA §600, Concealed Firearms in Vehicles
 - d. 37-B MRSA §3(1)D, Duties and Powers of Adjutant General
3. Applicability. This policy applies to all people under the control or supervision of Department Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (DVEM). This includes civilian employees of the State of Maine and federal technicians, Soldiers or Airmen in Title 32 training status, Title 10 federal service under DVEM control, or state status, Active Guard Reserve (“AGR”) program Soldiers, contractors, vendors and visitors on DVEM property.
4. Regulation of Possession of Personal Firearms. This policy governs possession of personally owned firearms by anyone on DVEM property and/or by DVEM personnel while on duty.
 - a. Two Types of DVEM Property: DVEM property means any buildings, land, cemeteries, and/or vehicles controlled by DVEM, whether owned, leased or licensed. Some DVEM property is state-owned. Some DVEM property is federally-owned or leased. This policy differs for each type of property because state and federal law differ.
 - b. State-Owned DVEM Property. This includes state-owned armories, aviation facilities, training sites, office buildings, cemeteries, vehicles and land. Personal firearms may be kept in locked personal vehicles on state-owned DVEM property in accordance with state law. However, personal firearms may not be removed from personal vehicles or carried on or in

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State-owned DVEM property without prior written permission from the DVEM Commissioner. These restrictions apply even if the firearm owner possesses a valid State of Maine concealed carry permit.

c. Federally-Owned or Leased Property. This includes federally-owned reserve centers, aviation facilities, training sites, buildings, vehicles and land as well as any such property not federally-owned, but leased by the federal government for DVEM use. Personal firearms may not be carried anywhere on federally-owned or leased property without prior written permission from the DVEM Commissioner. This means that personal firearms are not permitted in personal vehicles on federally-owned or leased DVEM property, even if the firearm owner possesses a valid State of Maine concealed carry permit.

d. DVEM duty status. DVEM personnel may only possess government-owned and government-issued weapons and ammunition while performing official DVEM duties. Any possession of personal firearms while in uniform or in DVEM duty status without prior written permission from the DVEM Commissioner is prohibited.

e. Vehicle Searches. The driver of any vehicle selected for search while on DVEM property that has a firearm inside will ensure that the security forces patrol or sentry is aware of any personal firearm prior to the search.

f. Reporting. It is the responsibility of all personnel assigned to report infractions involving privately owned weapons to the respective chain of command, resident security manager, or security detail. For Maine Air National Guard facilities, the Security Forces Base Defense Operations Center telephone number for reporting is (207) 404-7311.

5. Exclusions. These restrictions do not apply to law enforcement officers performing official duties on DVEM property. These restrictions do not apply to personal firearms, loaned or stored at the Museum or displayed at events held by armory renters such as gun shows. Restrictions on firearms displayed at events held by armory renters will be described in the armory rental agreement.

6. Enforcement. This policy is enforceable by state and federal civilian and military law. Violators will be reported to the security detail and/or law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. DVEM may seek all available legal remedies and will pursue military and/or civilian disciplinary measures as appropriate to the violator's status and infraction.

7. A list of DVEM facilities and whether the state-restrictions from paragraph 4(b) above or federal-restrictions from 4(c) above apply is Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 will be updated from time to time as the status of property changes.

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8. Point of Contact for this policy for Army Guard is COL John Mosher, Chief of Staff Army, (207) 430-5939 or john.r.mosher.mil@mail.mil. Point of Contact for this policy for Air Guard is Col Eric W. Lind, Chief of Staff Air, (207) 430-6124 or eric.w.lind.mil@mail.com. Point of Contact for the State of Maine is Daniel P. Goodheart, Deputy Commissioner, (207) 430-5161, daniel.goodheart@maine.gov.

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