

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY  
Section 803**

**SUBJECT: FIREARMS**

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**PURPOSE: To regulate the possession on M CCS property**

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**A. Rationale**

The Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of law enforcement that ready access to firearms by a person in distress contributes significantly to the likelihood of violence. The trustees also recognize the dangers posed by the accidental or careless discharge of a firearm on property owned, operated or occupied by the M CCS. This policy shall be enforced in good faith for the purpose of furthering safety on each campus.

**B. Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. “Firearm” means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and includes any such weapon commonly referred to as a pistol, revolver, rifle, gun, semi-automatic gun, machine gun, shotgun or any other weapon that can be made into a firearm by inserting a firing pin, or other similar thing, or by repair;
2. “Possession” means ownership, care, custody or control whether concealed or in plain view; and
3. “Property” means all colleges, campuses, off-campus centers, buildings, parking lots and all other grounds owned, operated or occupied by an entity of the M CCS.

**C. Regulation**

Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. §10009, no person other than those specified below may possess a firearm on property owned, operated or occupied by a college and/or the System. This prohibition includes residence halls and motor vehicles parked on such property. This prohibition also includes any concealed weapon because a concealed carry permit does not authorize firearm possession in a location where, as under §10009, possession has been lawfully prohibited pursuant to express statutory authority. Persons who violate this policy may be subject to removal, discipline and/or other lawful remedies.

This regulation shall not apply to:

1. Law enforcement officials in their official capacity;
2. Supervised educational program personnel expressly approved in advance by a college president; and
3. Persons otherwise approved by the System president.

**D. Use of Storage at Local Police Stations**

A college or other M CCS location may not store firearms other than as a temporary or interim safety precaution. Each college should determine whether firearm storage for persons attending or visiting an M CCS property is available at a local police station and/or place of business, and advise accordingly those persons who seek such storage.

**E. Notice**

Each M CCS location shall provide at each location notice of this policy by publications, website and/or signage.

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REFERENCES: §12706 (1) and (13); 20-A M.R.S.A. §10009 (superseding P.L. 2007, ch. 67 which amended 20-A M.R.S.A. §6552); 17-A M.R.S.A. §2 (12-A)

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