



## CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

**TITLE:** CARRYING WEAPONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT

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### PURPOSE

To ensure that only authorized and properly identified personnel are permitted to carry weapons aboard aircraft, and that operators are advised sufficiently in advance to properly notify crew members and other armed personnel who may be on board the flight.

### PROCEDURES

Before an officer may carry a weapon on a commercial aircraft, the officer must receive FAA training regarding carrying a weapon on an aircraft.

This department will strictly limit requests for carrying of weapons by an officer on his/her person to those situations which require an officer to be armed in flight to ensure the safe completion of an assignment. Firearms may not be stowed in carry-on luggage and must be carried on the officer's person.

This department will provide the Police Officer with official orders, travel orders, or other appropriate documents which state the general nature of the assignment (escort, surveillance, travel, etc.) and the need for the Police Officer to be armed on the particular flight.

Notice may be given to the airline in advance, however, in-person notification must be made at the time of check-in at the ticket counter. The officer should discretely ask to speak with the Ground Security Coordinator (GSC) for the airline. The GSC will assist in making contact with the flight crew.

A badge, shield, or similar device shall not be used as the sole means of identification. In addition, the Police Officer's identification card, which includes a clear, full face picture, officer's name and title and the signature of the Chief of Police.