



## ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Administrative Policies and Procedures

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**SECTION: PATIENT CARE**  
**SUBSECTION: OPERATIONAL**  
**SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT WEAPONS**

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
ARMC Chief Executive Officer

### POLICY

To ensure the safety and welfare of patients, visitors, and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) Staff, a method for preventing acts of violence, weapons are not to be carried by any employee of the hospital, nor other person outside of those employed and on duty with law enforcement.

### PROCEDURES

I. Scope

This Policy applies to all law enforcement officers, including federal, state, and local officers, as well as hospital security personnel and all hospital staff members who interact with law enforcement personnel.

II. Behavioral Health Department Process:

- A. Law Enforcement officers may enter the Behavioral Health areas to accompany a patient/prisoner or for other extenuating circumstances. The decision to enter the Behavioral Health Department will be based on the professional judgement of the Behavioral Health Director, Manager, and/or designee.
- B. When patients are ready to come to the Behavioral Health patient care area, law enforcement officers will be asked to leave their firearms in the locked lockers provided.
- C. Holster standards are deferred to individual law enforcement agencies. (Recommendation for Holster Level 3).
- D. Signs are posted in areas where firearms are not permitted.
  - 1. Exceptions would include but not limited to Code Silver, or other emergency situations that could lead to the use of lethal / non-lethal force by law enforcement.

III. Emergency Department / Jail Ward

- A. Holster standards are deferred to individual law enforcement agencies. (Recommendation for Holster Level 3).
- B. On or off duty officers who possess a valid license to carry a firearm/weapon is substantiated by their duty badges.
- C. Jail Ward stores additional weapons in a secure safe. The safe is accessible only to deputies assigned in the jail ward.

**REFERENCES:** The Joint Commission EC.02.01.01**DEFINITIONS:** **Weapons:** Firearms, batons, tasers, pepper spray, and any items classified as a weapon by the law enforcement agency.**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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