

# CCW (Carry Concealed Weapon) Policy

## PURPOSE:

To define the department's policy towards its handling of Carried Concealed Weapons (CCW) on patients during medical treatment, and to address personal that carry concealed weapons in regards to participation in assigned duty, stand-by assignments, training drill sessions, meetings, department events and the on-call program.

## OBJECTIVES:

It is the goal of the policy to provide a safe environment for patients and employees of the fire department. All rules of Act 381 of 2000 apply while on duty, at training, at department meetings or events or while responding on calls. It is also a goal that no employee of the department ever causes an injury to self or others or causes property damage due to the use or handling of weapons. Finally it is a goal of this policy that no employee ever cause harm to the professional image of the fire department in the eyes of the public prior to the performance of any job related duties.

## POLICY:

There are two parts to this policy

**Part 1** – Deals with the Fire Department member that is licensed by the state of Michigan to carry a concealed weapon.

**Part 2** – Deals with the fire department member who encounters a patient that is carrying a concealed weapon.

**Note: Open Carry** – Although in the state of Michigan it is legal to open carry at no time will this be permitted while doing fire department business or on fire department properties

### Part 1 - Fire department employees

1. All members who are licensed to carry a concealed weapon and doing so at the time of a call should make every attempt to secure their weapon either at home or in their personal vehicle prior to entering the station or response equipment or onto a scene.
2. Any time that prior to a response the member is unable to secure their weapon there is a lock box in the ambulance. Privately remove and unload in a safe manor and place the weapon in the

lock box and place the key in their pocket until the weapon has been retrieved after completion of the call.

3. A hospital is a no carry zone, other no carry zones include but not limited to are schools, churches, casinos, tavern, auditoriums
4. Open carry although allowed by Michigan law shall not be permitted at no time when official business of the fire department which includes , meeting, emergency response, training or any other function of the fire department or on the departments properties.
5. For more information visit the Michigan State police website at [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp)
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## **Part 2 encountering a patient with a CCW**

1. The first and most important rule is to never handle a firearm or weapon if not properly trained.
2. Fire arms handling may be provided for employees that wish to have this knowledge.
3. If a patient is encountered either conscious or unconscious a police officer should be summoned to retrieve and secure the weapon prior to transport.
4. If transport is already initiated or if the patients conditions does not permit the time to summoned an officer then either the officer should be met at the hospital.
5. Only if an officer is not available and the fire department member is properly trained and qualified shall the member remove the weapon, unload the weapon and secure the weapon in the ambulance lock box until either an officer arrives or the patient has recovered and retrieved their weapon after showing proof that they hold a valid CCW permit

**Note:** Michigan has agreements with other states so a CCW holder may hold a permit from other states.

**Other**

1. All personal are encouraged to take a firearm safety class. This class may or may not be provided by this department.
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