

To: Regional Assistant Directors of Security
Chief Court Officers
Assistant Chief Court Officers
Court Officers
Associate Court Officers

From: Jeffrey P. Morrow, Director of Security

Date: October 9, 2013

Re: Security Directive; Weapons Policy

Effective October 14, 2013, the Massachusetts Trial Court policy concerning weapons in courthouses is updated to reflect the following:

“No person shall carry any weapon or firearm while in a court facility or other Trial Court building with the following exceptions:

Any law enforcement officer, in the course of official business, shall be permitted to carry such weapons as are authorized by his appointing authority while in any state or county courthouse. Law enforcement officer shall mean any police officer authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make arrests, to include officers of the Environmental Police and college and university police. Firearms shall be prohibited from the prisoner lockup and when said officer is at the court as a personal party to pending litigation or other legal matter before the court.”

The Associate Court Officer manual will be updated to reflect this change in policy.