

III Corps & FH Reg 190-11

**Military Police
Weapons**

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SUMMARY of CHANGE:

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Military Police Weapons

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- Includes the Commanding Generals Policy Letter (CG-02) guidance to declare firearms at Installation Access Control Points prior to installation entry.
- Clarifies requirements when transporting firearms in pick-up trucks.
- Corrects locations where firearms can be registered on the installation.
- Clarifies applicability to exempt Law Enforcement from these requirements.
- Changes requirements for registration of weapons.
- Clarifies weapon registration must be renewed every 4 years.
- Adds items to the list of prohibited weapons.
- Changes requirements for declaration of weapons and prohibited items.
- Requires all Soldiers to acquire their Commander's signature to register a firearm.

Military Police
Weapons

History. This publication is a rapid action revision. Portions affected by this revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation prescribes requirements for registration, transportation, and possession of weapons on Fort Hood.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all military personnel, government employees, and all civilians, including Family Members, who store, possess, or use a weapon on Fort Hood. This regulation does **not** apply to government owned weapons used in conjunction with official duties in compliance with applicable military regulations.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES).

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the DES. Send comments and suggested improvements to the Directorate of Emergency Services. ATTN: IMHD-ESP, Fort Hood, Texas, 76544-5000.

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OVERVIEW

1

Purpose

This regulation specifies Fort Hood's requirements for:

- Registration.
- Transportation.
- Storage.
- Possession of weapons.

1a

Abbreviations and Terms

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1b

References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1c

Applicability

This regulation applies to all military personnel, government employees, and all civilians, including Family Members, who store, possess, or use a weapon on Fort Hood for an authorized purpose (e.g. hunting, marksmanship or display).

This regulation does **not** apply to government-owned weapons used in conjunction with official duties in compliance with applicable military regulations.

The only exceptions are those specifically set forth in this regulation as follows:

- Law Enforcement Personnel.
 - Uniformed part time or reserve peace officers who may carry their duty firearm and club, concealed or exposed, while traveling to and from their place of employment as a peace officer.
 - Reserve Armed Forces Personnel who are full-time Law Enforcement are **not** authorized to carry a firearm on their person while on Title 10 or 32 orders but are allowed to maintain their weapon in their Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) for a period not to exceed 72 hours. If a Law Enforcement Officer exceeds 72 hours on post, they will store their weapon in a unit arms room in accordance with this regulation.
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**Applicability
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- Commissioned uniformed security officers who may carry their duty firearm and club in plain view in the performance of their duties or traveling to and from their place of employment.
- Persons traveling on or through Fort Hood who do **not** enter an Access Control Point (ACP) (traveling on Maxdale Road, Shell Mountain Road, etc.) and do **not** stop to conduct any activity within installation boundaries.

Full-Time Military Personnel or Family members who are Reserve Peace Officers must register their weapons IAW this regulation and may only carry the weapon when traveling to or returning from their duties as a Peace Officer and in the uniform of that department. Possession of the weapon in any other capacity must be within the guidelines of this regulation.

Persons prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law (Lautenberg Amendment, felony convictions, etc.) may **not** possess nor register a firearm on the installation.

When a firearm is authorized to be worn exposed, the official badge of the employing agency will be conspicuously displayed and visible to the casual observer.

Active Duty Military Personnel who are Reserve Peace Officers must register as such with the Provost Marshal's Office.

1d

Authority

The Federal Assimilative Crimes Act, 18 United States Code (USC) Section 13, makes the Texas Penal Code applicable to persons on Fort Hood.

- Unless specifically stated, this regulation does **not** preempt the Texas Penal Code.

1e

Penalty

Military personnel who fail to comply with chapters 3 through 7 of this regulation are subject to judicial or nonjudicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or appropriate administrative action. Service Members are responsible to ensure Family Members in housing register their weapons in accordance with this regulation. Failure to do so will be an Article 92 violation.

Government employees and civilians who violate blocks 3 through 7 of this regulations may be subject to prosecution in the United States Magistrate Court, barred from post, referred to civilian authorities, or subject to disciplinary and administrative action according to appropriate civilian personnel regulations.

Weapons used, possessed, transported, or stored in violation of this regulation may be permanently confiscated.

1f

RESPONSIBILITIES

2

Security and Storage

Commanders:

- Secure weapons and ammunition in unit arms rooms in compliance with storage requirements of Army Regulation (AR) 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives) and Fort Hood Regulation 190-8.
- Provide Department of Defense (DOD) military personnel a place to store privately owned weapons, 24 hours per day in accordance with AR 190-11.
- Use procedures in AR 710-2 (Supply Policy Below National Level) to account for and inventory all weapons and ammunition.
- Post on unit bulletin boards applicable local regulations, state law, and local law regarding weapons and ammunition.
- Comply with AR 190-13 (The Army Physical Security Program), AR 190-11, and Fort Hood (FH) Regulation 190-8 (Administration and Management of Physical Security). .

2a

Unauthorized Weapons

Unauthorized weapons and firearms will be confiscated by the proper authority and returned to the chain of command of the offender, Warrant Officer (WO1) or above, on a Department of the Army (DA) Form 4137, (Evidence/Property Custody Document)..

2b

Procedures

Brief personnel on this regulation and subordinate command guidance when guidance or regulations change, or when personnel are newly assigned.

Establish procedures to require written permission from the commander to withdraw weapons and ammunition from arms rooms. Written permission includes the activity authorized for withdrawing the weapon and/or ammunition and the time and date the item must be returned to the arms room.

2c

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREARMS

3

Procedures and Document- ation

All personnel who live on the installation or will possess, transport, or carry a firearm on the installation will register each firearm that will be physically present on the installation at any time with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). Firearms will be registered under the owner's information. If the owner is a Family member, the weapon will be registered under their information and the sponsor's. Registration is required for firearms only. Firearms are defined as: Any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using energy generated by an explosive or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use. The term includes "handguns." An antique "firearm" is any firearm manufactured prior to 1899 and is subject to the same rules as any other firearm, to include any firearm that is loaded only through the muzzle. All firearms entering Fort Hood must be registered with the DES, except as annotated in paragraph 1c. Firearms can be registered at the Marvin Leath Visitor Welcome Center (MLVWC) or the Military Police Station 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

All Soldiers residing on the installation are required to obtain their unit commander's approval to register privately-owned firearms. Newly assigned Soldiers in possession of assignment orders must receive a temporary weapons registration with the expiration lasting through the in-processing phase prior to traveling onto post with the firearm.

Soldiers that purchase a firearm must receive a temporary weapons registration (not to exceed 5 working days), pending their commander's approval. Once the Commander has signed the weapon registration form the Soldier will return to the Police Station or MLVWC to register their weapon.

. After signature and registration, the weapon will be stored in the Reception Arms Room.

Soldiers residing in housing while in reception will maintain the temporary registration until assigned to their unit. Once assigned to their unit, they will complete the registration process with their Commander's approval.

**Procedures
and
Document-
ation
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Personnel will only carry, transport, or possess a firearm registered to themselves or a Family member present at the time. Exceptions for Chain of Command will be made on a case by case basis with the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Personnel subject to this regulation who purchase firearms from an Army and Air Force Exchange Store (AAFES) retailer must remove the weapon from the installation within 2 hours or immediately register the weapon in compliance with this regulation.

To register a firearm, submit:

- Fort Hood Form 190-19 (Privately Owned Firearms Registration) to the (DES), to either the MLVWC or Police Station.
- Get Fort Hood Form 190-19 from the Phantom Clerk Website at http://www.hood.army.mil/dhr/announcements_page.htm
- Full identification of the firearm described on FH Form 190-19 includes:
 - Make
 - Model
 - Caliber
- Serial number (if any). If none: will be marked as none and reason why (age, curio, filed off, etc.)
- A locally engraved serial number is **not** required; however, it is highly recommended for firearms without serial numbers.
- Copies of Fort Hood Form 190-19 are distributed as follows:
 - Original stays in the DES file.
 - Registrant receives the first copy, which must remain with the firearm at all times.
 - Registrant's commander receives the second copy, if applicable.

Each registrant receives the fact sheet at figure B-1.

Do **not** bring the firearm to the MLVWC or police station unless specifically told to do so.

3a

**Registration
Cancellation**

The registrant will report to the DES, Crime Records Section to cancel the registration upon permanent removal, sale, or transfer of the registered firearm.

Registration may **not** be canceled more than ten days before Permanent Change of Station (PCS), Expiration Term of Service (ETS), or retirement.

Registration for Soldiers who will remain in the local Fort Hood area after leaving active military service may be transferred upon verification of information.

- Verification may be accomplished at any time upon presentation of clearing papers for separation (ETS, retirement, or terminal leave).
- Registration must be updated every 4 years.

3b

**STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WEAPONS (CLUBS AND ILLEGAL KNIVES) AND
REGISTERED FIREARMS**

4**Troop Billets
and
Transient
Quarters**

Military personnel who reside in troop billets or transient quarters shall immediately store firearms and weapons in the unit arms room.

Secure weapons according to AR 190-11 or store off the installation. Weapons shall remain secured except when signed out for authorized purposes and must be cleaned only in an area designated by the unit commander.

4a**Quarters**

Firearms can be stored in Family housing, Bachelor Officers' Quarters (BOQ), or Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) by authorized occupants. Commanders may require that firearms belonging to only Service Members residing on the installation be stored in the unit arms room. Commanders cannot require personnel living off post or their spouses to put their weapons in a unit arms room.

Weapons other than firearms may be stored in assigned Family housing, BOQ, or BEQ according to restrictions specified in this regulation.

4b

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- Prohibitions** Do **not** store weapons in:
- Automobiles
 - Troop billets
 - Offices
 - Transient quarters
 - Another's government furnished quarters except by military personnel, Civilians, or Family members visiting assigned personnel, and then only after compliance with registration requirements specified in paragraph 3a.

4c

TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS (FIREARMS, HANDGUNS, CLUBS, ILLEGAL KNIVES)

5

**Documen-
tation** All persons transporting firearms subject to registration requirements will carry Fort Hood Form 190-19.

5a

Age Limits Firearms shall **not** be carried, possessed, transported, or used by any person under 18 years of age unless accompanied by an adult. Hunters will follow age limits according to Fort Hood Regulation 210-25 (Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation).

5b

**Authorized
Activities** Weapons in the custody of a person or in a vehicle (as specified in paragraphs 5d and 5e) may be transported on Fort Hood under the following conditions:

- Permanent or temporary removal from Fort Hood due to transfer, sale, or repair.
- Transportation from on or off-post storage area to on-post location of legal activities such as:
 - Hunting
 - Target shooting

**Authorized Activities
(continued)**

- Performing duties as a member of and related to the Cattlemen's Association. Other authorized sporting events in which the weapon is used in connection with competition or as part of a legitimate display.
- Transportation from place of purchase or acquisition to an authorized storage area.
- Traveling through Fort Hood from an off-post location to another off-post location (example: Killeen to Gatesville via Fort Hood).
- Traveling to Fort Hood for any other lawful or authorized purpose.

5c

**Transportation
by Vehicle**

All personnel bringing a firearm or weapon on Fort Hood who enter through an ACP, must declare that they are bringing a weapon on post and state the reason they are doing so to ACP personnel. Personnel must also declare possession of any weapons to officials upon being directed to an ACP inspection area, being stopped by law enforcement officials, or for any other checkpoint or inspection operation.

When authorized by paragraph 5c, carry all weapons in vehicles by one of the following methods:

- In the trunk compartment of the vehicle.
- In the storage area of cars without trunks, out of immediate reach of the driver and all passengers.
- In a locked box or container designed to secure firearms within the passenger compartment.

Carry weapons transported in pickup trucks:

- Behind the seat, in storage areas, out of the immediate reach of driver and all passengers.
 - In a window-mounted weapons rack (long barrel rifles and shotguns only).
 - In a secured, bed-mounted tool box.
 - In circumstances where there are multiple occupants and multiple firearms being transported in one vehicle, firearms can be transported in the unsecured bed of pick-up trucks, but will not be left unattended.
 - Under no circumstances will firearms be loaded when being transported by vehicle. Ammunition will be removed from the firearm and stored separately at all times.
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**Transportation
by Vehicle
(continued)**

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- Under no circumstances will a firearm, club, or illegal knife be carried within arms reach of any passenger of the vehicle. All weapons, **not** including common pocket knives, multi-tools, or similar, should be carried in the trunk or an immediately inaccessible area of the vehicle.
 - Service Members in violation of this regulation who declare having the item will have the Chain of Command notified and the item will be turned over to the Chain of Command (E7 or higher) on a DA 4137. Civilians who declare a prohibited weapon will be made to leave the installation.
 - Service members in possession of a prohibited weapon or who do not declare having a weapon will be apprehended and titled under Article 92, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order or Regulation. Civilians who do not declare a prohibited weapon will be apprehended and titled under Texas Penal Code Sec. 46.05 or 18 USC, Section 1382, depending on specific offense.

5d

**Transportation
by Person**

When authorized according to paragraph 5c, firearms transported by person must be carried in a closed case or container, and must be unloaded when **not** engaged in authorized hunting, target practice, or other activity which permits the use of weapons. When engaged in an activity that permits carrying a loaded firearm, the firearm will be carried openly, in a holster, or case as appropriate for the type of firearm.

At **no** time will a person carry on or about their person any weapon which includes but is not limited to: a club , illegal knife, or criminal instrument unless involved in a proper activity necessitating the use of the weapon (hunting, fishing, etc.). Any person who violates this will be apprehended.

5e

TEXAS CONCEALED HANDGUN LAW

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Restrictions Military personnel, government employees, and civilians authorized and licensed by the State of Texas or any other state to carry a concealed handgun according to the Texas Concealed Handgun Law (CHL) **cannot** carry a concealed handgun on Fort Hood, unless otherwise specified in this regulation. According to AR 190-14 (Carrying of Firearms and the Use of Force for Law Enforcement and Security Duties), the Director, Emergency Services is authorized to establish a separate CHL/Firearms policy for DES and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) personnel.

6a

Violations by Military Personnel Violations of the restriction in paragraph 6a by military personnel is a violation of Article 92, UCMJ (Failure to Obey Order or Regulation), to wit: Fort Hood Regulation 190-11.

6b

Violations by Government Employees and Other Civilians Violations of paragraph 6 by government employees and Civilians is a violation of 18 USC, Section 1382, Criminal Trespass with the Intent to Violate Fort Hood Regulation 190-11.

6c

PROHIBITIONS

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Prohibited Weapons Military personnel, government employees, or Civilians shall **not** possess or use the following weapons on Fort Hood:

- Any fully automatic weapon

**Prohibited
Weapons
(continued)**

- Any rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a shotgun or rifle, if, as altered, it has an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- A silencer for any weapon
- Explosive weapons
- Knuckles
- Armor-piercing ammunition
- Club/Baton
- Tire deflation device
- Zip Gun
- Hoax bomb

7a

**Discharging
Firearms and
other Weapons
(Air Guns,
Bow and
Arrows,
Cross Bows)**

- Military personnel, government employees, or Civilians, unless at a designated area, will **not** fire or discharge any firearm, or other weapon
- In housing and troop areas
 - On, along, across, or at any roadway or street
 - Highway
 - Other vehicle route
 - Installation boundaries
 - In the direction of, in, or at any portion of:
 - Youth camps
 - Boy or Girl Scout camps
 - Recreational areas
 - Any area where troops or other personnel are present.
 - From a vehicle, moving or stationary, except when in compliance with the hunting and fishing guidelines.
 - Persons with disabilities will be allowed to fire from a vehicle if the requirements of Fort Hood Regulation 210-25 are met.
 - Inside, into, or at any training area without prior clearance from Range Control or Hunt Control Office.
 - Into, across, or at water surface except during legal waterfowl hunting or bow fishing.
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**Discharging
firearms and
other
weapons
(air guns,
bow and
arrows,
cross bows)
(continued)**

- Within 330 yards (300 meters) of:
 - The landing strips at airfields.
 - Maintained roads, reservation boundaries, and Camp Arrowhead, except as authorized on the guided rifle hunt.
 - Areas where troops are bivouacked, training, or maneuvering on Fort Hood (within 110 yards [110 meters]) if hunting with a shotgun.
- At any:
 - Sign
 - Structure
 - Vehicle
 - Edifice
 - Barrier
 - Light fixture or pole
 - Any other man-made object
 - Targets, except on authorized ranges.

7b

Appendix A

References

Section 1

Required References

AR 190-11 cited in para 2a and 4a
Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives

AR 190-13 cited in para 2a
The Army Physical Security Program

AR 190-14 cited in para 6a
Carrying of Firearms and the Use of Force for Law Enforcement and Security Duties

AR 710-2 cited in para 2a
Supply Policy Below National Level

Article 92, UCMJ cited in para 6b
Failure to obey order or regulation

CG-02 cited in Summary of Change
Commanding Generals Policy Letter

DA 4137 cited in para 2b and para 5d
Evidence/Property Custody Document

Fort Hood Regulation 190-8 cited in para 2a
Administration and Management of Physical Security

Fort Hood Regulation 210-25 cited in para 5b and 7b
Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation

Federal Assimilative Crimes Act, 18 USC Section 13 cited in para 1e

Lautenberg Amendment cited in para 1d, fig. B-1

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) cited in Glossary

Texas Concealed Handgun Law cited in para 6a

Section 76.0051, Texas Government Code cited in the glossary

18 USC, Section 1382 cited in para 5d and para 6c

Texas Penal Code cited in para 1e

**Section II.
Related References**

AR 195-5
Evidence Procedures

**Section III.
Prescribed Forms**

FH Form 190-19 (prescribed in paras 3a and 5a)
Privately Owned Firearms Registration

**Section IIII.
Referenced Forms**

FH Form 1853
Fort Hood Distribution Scheme

Appendix B Fact Sheet

This fact sheet does **not** cover all requirements and exceptions. For more details, refer to Fort Hood Regulation 190-11.

1. Registration: Personnel that live or travel onto on the installation are required to register firearms that will be transported, carried, or used on the installation with the Directorate of Emergency Services. Firearms can be registered at the MP Station located at building 23020 (58th Street between 761st Tank Battalion Avenue and Battalion Avenue) or at the Marvin Leath Visitor Welcome Center (MLVWC).
2. Soldiers (living in barracks or troop billets) will store firearms in the unit arms room. Soldiers residing in housing will register all weapons in their residence or possession.
3. Soldiers will register firearms they own under their information. Family Members will register weapons they own under their information and their sponsor's.
4. Firearms, handguns, clubs, and illegal knives will **not** be carried on or about the person anywhere on Fort Hood unless engaged in activities identified in FH REG 190-11.
5. The Texas Concealed Handgun Law does **not** apply on Fort Hood. Concealed handguns are generally prohibited on Fort Hood.
6. Persons prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law (Lautenberg Amendment, felony convictions, etc.) may **not** possess nor register a firearm on the installation.
7. Firearms may be transported in vehicles for the following reasons and by the most direct route:
 - a. Permanent or temporary removal from Fort Hood due to transfer, sale or repair.
 - b. Transportation from on and/or off- post storage location to on-post location for legal activities, such as, hunting or target shooting.
 - c. Performing duties as a member of the Cattlemen's Association.
 - d. Transportation from place of purchase or acquisition to an authorized storage location.
 - e. Traveling through Fort Hood from an off-post location to another off-post location (example: Killeen to Gatesville via Fort Hood).
8. When transporting firearms under the conditions described above, firearms will be transported by the following methods:
 - a. In the trunk compartment of the vehicle.
 - b. In the storage area of cars without trunks, out of immediate reach of the driver and all passengers.

Fact Sheet (continued)

c. In a locked box or container designed to secure firearms within the passenger compartment.

9. Carry weapons transported in pickup trucks:

a. Behind the seat. In storage areas, out of the immediate reach of driver and all passengers.

b. In a window-mounted weapons rack (long barrel rifles and shotguns only).

c. In a secured, bed-mounted tool box.

d. In circumstances where there are multiple occupants and multiple firearms being transported in one vehicle, firearms can be transported in the unsecured bed of pickup trucks. Weapons will not be left unattended.

10. Under no circumstances will firearms be loaded when being transported by vehicle. Ammunition will be removed from the weapon and stored separately at all times.

11. Persons traveling on or through Fort Hood who do **not** enter an ACP (traveling on Maxdale Road, Shell Mountain Road, etc.) and do **not** stop to conduct any activity within installation boundaries, may carry weapons in accordance with Texas State Law.

12. Law Enforcement Personnel are exempted from the requirements in this regulation when traveling onto the installation. Reserve Service Members who are Full time Law Enforcement Personnel are not authorized to carry a weapon on their person but may retain it in their vehicle with proper documentation of being a Full-time Law Enforcement Officer for a period not to exceed 72 hours.

Glossary

Abbreviations and Terms

Section I

Abbreviations

AA&E

Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives

AAFES

Army and Air Force Exchange Store

ACP

Access Control Point

AR

Army Regulation

BEQ

Bachelor Enlisted Quarters

BOQ

Bachelor Officers' Quarters

CHL

Concealed Handgun Law

CID

Criminal Investigative Division

DA

Department of the Army

DES

Directorate of Emergency Services

DFMWR

Directorate, Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

DOD

Department of Defense

ETS

Expiration Term of Service

FH

Fort Hood

IAW

In Accordance With

MLVWC

Marvin Leath Visitor Welcome Center

PCS

Permanent Change of Station

POV

Privately Owned Vehicle

REG

Regulation

SSG

Staff Sergeant

USC

United States Code

UCMJ

Uniform Code of Military Justice

Section II**Terms****Air Gun**

A weapon consisting of a tube from which a projectile is expelled by the force of compressed air.

Armor-Piercing Ammunition

Ammunition is designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

Club

An instrument specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with the instrument, and includes, but is **not** limited to, a blackjack, mace, nightstick, or tomahawk. Note: "club" does **not** include clubs attached to displays and used for display purposes only.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department Officers

Appointed or employed under Section 76.004, Texas Government Code, while engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's duties while carrying the weapon and is authorized to carry a weapon under Section 76.0051, Texas Government Code.

Concealed

Not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.

Cross Bow

A weapon consisting of a bow fixed transversely on a stock having a trigger mechanism to release the bowstring causing a projectile (arrow or bolt) to be expelled.

Explosive Weapon

Any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage.

Firearm

Any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using energy generated by an explosive or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use. The term includes "handguns." An antique "firearm" is any firearm manufactured prior to 1899 and is subject to the same rules as any other firearm, to include any firearm that is loaded only through the muzzle.

Handgun

Any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.

Hoax Bomb

A device that reasonably appears to be an explosive or incendiary device, or, by its design causes alarm or reaction of any type by an official of a public safety agency or a volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies.

Illegal Knife

Knife with blade over five and one-half inches and/or double edged. A hand instrument designed to cut, stab, or throw, such as, dagger, dirk, stiletto, poniard, bowie knife, sword, or spear. This definition does not apply to household utensils such as kitchen knives, ice picks, scissors, meat cleavers, carpet knives, pocket knives with blades less than five and one half inches in length, wood working tools, and other similar items when they are used for their intended purpose. Tomahawks, swords, or other similar items are also exempt from this definition when used exclusively for ornamental, ceremonial, or sporting purposes.

Knuckles

Any instrument that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

Law Enforcement Officer

Any Federal, State, or Local fully sworn Law Enforcement official as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, United States Code, or Texas Law. Magistrates and Judges are normally considered under this category.

Most Direct Route

Means the most direct route between the place of possession of the weapon to the authorized destination. The most direct route does **not** include bringing a firearm on to Fort Hood at 0730, storing the firearm in the trunk of the vehicle parked in a unit parking lot, and then taking the firearm to the range at 1630.

On or About

Means carried on the person or within immediate reach.

Other Weapons

Air guns (air rifles, "BB" guns, pellet guns, paintball guns), bows and arrows, and cross bows.

Parole Officer

A peace officer engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's duties while carrying the weapon and is in compliance with policies and procedures adopted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice regarding the possession of a weapon by an officer while on duty.

Peace Officer

Any *public-sector* person charged with upholding the *peace*, mainly *police officers*, *customs officers*, *correctional officers*, *probation officers*, *parole officers*, *sheriffs* or *marshals* and their deputies and constables and deputy constables; of an incorporated city, town, or village and all others as designated by Texas State Law.

Security Officer

A person who holds a security officer commission issued by the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

Silencer

Any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

Tire Deflation Device

A device, including a caltrip or spike strip, that, when driven over, impedes or stops the movement of a wheeled vehicle by puncturing one or more of the vehicle's tires.

Weapon

Any firearm, handgun, club, or illegal knife.

Zip Gun

A device or combination of devices that was not originally a firearm and is adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.