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SUBJECT: WEAPON POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Cass County Weapon Policy is to ensure the safety and security of county employees and the general public in all county facilities. This policy is in addition to N.D.C.C. 62.1-02-09 which states, "A person, except for a law enforcement officer while on official business, is guilty of a class C felony if the person possesses an explosive or destructive device in a government building without the written consent of the government agency or person responsible for the management of the building."

For the purpose of this section, a weapon is defined as any gun, loaded or unloaded; stun gun; BB gun; CO2 gun; air gun; machete; sword; knives with a blade of five (5) inches or more; bow & arrow; spear; any martial arts weapon; or any other device intended to cause bodily harm to another person, but is not included in this list.

POLICY

Any employee carrying a weapon shall be a peace officer licensed by the State of North Dakota who has met all of the requirements for continuing education as mandated by the peace officers board.

All employees must also be "qualified" with the weapon that is carried on duty and must "qualify" with the same ammunition that is carried for duty. The Cass County qualification procedures are to be the same standards that are established by the State of North Dakota. The County Sheriff, or his designee, is hereby assigned by the County Board of Commissioners as the qualifications administrator.

Each department head must give approval to any employee who carries a weapon on duty and must provide the name of the employee and the type of weapon to the County Sheriff. The department head should consider the position and duties of the employee when deciding whether a firearm is appropriate.