

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SECRETARY'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM (PPM) NO. 30

SUBJECT: Possession of Weapons

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 1991

INSTRUCTIONS: This memorandum supersedes all other memoranda and manuals.

The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has a policy of maintaining a safe work environment for all its employees and the traveling public. Only those individuals who are both POST-certified by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and actively employed as a sworn law enforcement officer with a law enforcement agency may possess a firearm, ammunition, explosive, or a dangerous weapon on DOTD property.

In the absence of the Secretary's express approval, the possession or use of a firearm, ammunition, explosive, or a dangerous weapon by any DOTD employee is prohibited as follows:

- While on duty.
- While on DOTD property, whether on or off duty.
- While using DOTD equipment or vehicles, whether on or off duty.
- While conducting DOTD business, whether on or off DOTD property.

For purposes of this PPM, a "dangerous weapon" means any gas, liquid, or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

As an exception to while on DOTD property, whether on or off duty and pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 32:292.1, any DOTD employee who lawfully possesses a firearm may transport or store such firearm in a locked, privately-owned motor vehicle in any DOTD parking lot, parking garage, or other designated area. Any such transported or stored firearm shall be hidden from plain view or within a locked case or container within the vehicle.

This policy will be strictly enforced. Any employee determined to be in violation of this prohibition will be immediately subject to dismissal.



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Secretary