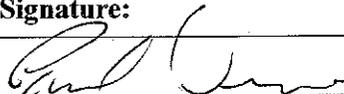


<b>Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy</b>	
<b>Law Enforcement Personnel in the Hospital</b>	
Revised: X	Date:

- I. Law enforcement personnel who enter the patient care area of the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) on official business (e.g., to serve a subpoena) shall not bring firearms onto the unit (*see VPCH Weapons Policy*).
- II. Law enforcement personnel who enter the Admissions area of the hospital, but who do not enter the locked patient care area (e.g., to provide patient transportation), shall be asked by an Admissions Specialist to place their firearms in their vehicle.
- III. If a dangerous crime is being committed at VPCH that staff cannot safely handle, law enforcement personnel may be called to the hospital.
- IV. Law enforcement personnel who are called to the hospital to respond to a dangerous crime may use their professional judgment to determine what equipment is necessary, other than a firearm, to bring onto the locked patient care unit.
- V. In emergency circumstances, the VPCH Chief Executive Officer or designee may waive the firearm restrictions for law enforcement personnel.

See also *Restricted Items and Search Policy and Procedure*

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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