

## **FIREARMS AND WEAPONS PROHIBITIONS**

A safe and secure environment is a priority for fulfilling the mission of North Florida Community College. North Florida Community College is committed to maintaining a campus that is free of violence. This obligation includes eliminating recognized hazards from the campus community that contribute to violence or serious harm.

Florida State Statute 790.115 prohibits the possession of weapons or firearms on college campuses and states, in part, ***“A person shall not possess any firearm, electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon as defined in Florida State Statute 790.001”.***

Weapons are described in Florida State Statute 790.001, in part, as ***“any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slung shot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device or other deadly weapon “except “a common pocket knife, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife”.***

Additionally, Florida State Statute 790.115 states, in part, ***“For the purposes of this section, “school” means any preschool, elementary school, middle school, junior high school, secondary school, career center, or postsecondary school, whether public or nonpublic.”***

**It should be noted that these statutes are not superseded by the possession of a concealed weapons permit.**

North Florida Community College will work closely with law enforcement to prosecute those who violate these statutes and administrative action will be taken.