

## Survey to Chief APOs

### Issue: Requirement to Carry Firearm

#### Question: (from Luzerne County)

Luzerne County is reviewing our Firearms policy. We just have a few questions that we wanted to ask the other Counties.

- 1) Does your County require PO's to carry a firearm?
- 2) Does your County require PO's to conceal their weapon while in the field?

#### Adams County

- 1) No, it is optional
- 2) No, it is optional

#### Allegheny County

- 1) No, it is optional
- 2) Yes

#### Beaver County

- 1) No
- 2) no

#### Berks County

- 1) Yes, however officers hired prior to our mandate in 2004 are considered grandfathered and have the option. Mandatory for all new hires since.
- 2) No

#### Bradford County

- 1) Carry is optional
- 2) Concealed carry is not required in the field

#### Bucks County

- 1) Voluntary arrest/search team that is armed
- 2) They must conceal unless in a search/arrest capacity

#### Cameron County

- 1) no

#### Carbon County

- 1) Yes
- 2) No, open carry

### Centre County

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

### Clearfield County

- 1) Carry is optional
- 2) Concealed carry is not required in the field

### Clinton County

- 1) Officers are required to carry firearms
- 2) No, they are not required to conceal in the field

### Columbia County

- 1) Does not require officers to carry a firearm
- 2) Do not require concealment

### Cumberland County

- 1) Voluntary
- 2) No

### Dauphin County

- 1) Yes, all new hires after 1/1/2017 are required to carry (juvenile and adult)
- 2) Staff have the option to carry concealed or open while working in the field. If they choose to carry open, they must have 360-degree identification. All officers are required to be concealed while in the office and/or court.

### Elk County

- 1) No
- 2) n/a

### Erie County

- 1) No
- 2) Open carry

### Fayette County

- 1) Yes, if doing field work
- 2) no

### Franklin County

- 1) Carry is optional
- 2) Concealed carry is not required in the field

### Huntingdon County

- 1) Required to carry
- 2) Required to openly carry. Must have 360 identification when in the field

### Jefferson County

- 1) Yes
- 2) no

### Juniata County

- 1) Yes, if working in the field
- 2) No, open carry in the field

### Lackawanna County

- 1) No
- 2) No

### Lancaster County

- 1) No, we have a specialized unit that is voluntary to join
- 2) No, we do not

### Lebanon County

- 1) Not required to carry
- 2) Conceal carry except for arrests, searches (currently in discussion with PJ regarding updates to the policy to include: field staff required to carry and carry unconcealed except in office, school, court)

### Lehigh County

- 1) Lehigh County does not require our officers to carry a firearm or Taser, but both are optional
- 2) Those that do carry don't have to conceal the weapon in the field, but most do so in the courthouse

### Lycoming County

- 1) Yes, our officers are required to carry firearms
- 2) No, they are not required to conceal

### Mifflin County

- 1) Yes, required
- 2) No, concealed

### Northampton County

Does not carry firearms

### Philadelphia County

- 1) No, not all officers carry firearm
- 2) No concealed

### Pike County

- 1) Yes, mandatory for all POs by administrative order
- 2) Open carry for all duties other than attending court where officers carry concealed

### Schuylkill County

- 1) Yes
- 2) Yes; planned arrest exception

### Snyder County

- 1) Yes
- 2) We do not carry conceal at all

### Somerset County

- 1) Not required to carry in the field but required to qualify. Must carry on planned arrest, on call, and during transport
- 2) Can carry either way. If carrying must be identifiable 360 degrees

### Susquehanna County

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

### Tioga County

- 1) No
- 2) No

### Venango County

- 1) Carry is optional
- 2) Concealed carry is not required in the field

### Wayne County

- 1) All required to carry
- 2) No, but carry in field is to be done as discretely as possible

### Westmoreland County

- 1) No
- 2) Yes – currently working on a policy to have the option to carry unconcealed

Wyoming & Sullivan County

- 1) Carry is NOT optional, including court
- 2) We are open carry at all times, unless concealed by a jacket or coat with all clothing having clear probation/parole officer identification.

York County

- 1) No, it is optional
- 2) No, it is optional based on the POs preference