

Recommendation by the Firearms Safety Committee to the Board of County Commissioners in support of voluntary community education on firearms safety.

Adopted unanimously by the Committee on October 25, 2016

The Firearms Safety Committee recommends that the County coordinate efforts across Departments, and partner with external individuals and organizations, to advance community awareness, understanding, and voluntary adoption of firearms safety practices. In particular, we envision:

- The Department of Social Services and/or the Health Department developing and distributing educational materials in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office (which already distributes information on gun safety to persons issued a pistol purchase permit or conceal carry permit):
 - For adults regarding how to securely store guns if there are children in the home.
 - For home child day care providers on their obligations with respect to firearms, including how to securely store guns on those premises.
- The County collaborating with the NC Wildlife Commission to expand from what is currently available the opportunities for residents to take firearms safety classes. This could include the establishment of a facility at which gun safety instruction would be more readily available to the public than it is now, including young people.
- Collaboration across local Scouting chapters, Parent-Teacher Associations, faith congregations, and other civic organizations, to advance adults' awareness, understanding, and voluntary adoption of firearms safety practices, perhaps with the involvement of safety instructors from retailers such as the Bass Pro Shops.
- The distribution, similar to the County's efforts at educating about deer dog hunting and about the prohibition of smoking in public places, of printed brochures and the availability of on-line information explaining the new firearms safety ordinance.