**Section VI WEAPONS**

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No member of the Will-Cook-Grundy County Origin and Cause Fire Investigation Task Force shall carry or conceal a firearm on his or her person unless he or she is a (full-time law enforcement officer authorized by their law enforcement agency as a sworn police officer, or as a sworn peace officer/arson investigator within their jurisdiction).

1. The above authorized task force member in accordance with the 20 ILCS 2910/1 Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act may carry a firearm in an official capacity enroute to a Task Force investigation scene, on the scene of a Task Force fire investigation, returning from a Task Force fire investigation, and in accordance with their agency assigned/sworn jurisdictions rules / policies. No Task Force sworn peace officer/arson investigator is granted or authorized under any circumstances and strictly prohibited from carrying any firearm in view or concealed firearm as a Task force member off duty in any capacity in accordance with this policy and procedure.

(b) No non-sworn peace officer/arson investigator or task force team member is to carry or possess, on the Task Force investigation scene, any weapons of any type. This includes members that may have a valid Illinois State having valid FOID and concealed carry permit.

(c) All Will-Cook-Grundy Origin and Cause Task Force members sworn peace officer/arson investigator having the authority to carry a weapon (firearm) must be in compliance and current with all Federal, State, and local law enforcement requirements annual including weapons qualifications, annual use of force policies, constitutional law up-dates and crises intervention training that apply to the carrying of a firearm / weapon as specified by the Illinois Governmental law Enforcement Training Standard Board.

All training, weapons qualification records as required by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board are to be kept within their respective departments/jurisdiction(s). It is the responsibility of the sworn peace officer, law enforcement officer, sworn peace officer/arson investigator, and their perspective jurisdictions to maintain individual training, records, liability, worker compensation insurance, and any other training or authorization requirements associated with the lawful carrying of a firearm under this policy.

The Will-Cook-Grundy County Origin and Cause Fire Investigation Task Force Executive Board Officers, or the Board of Trustees assumes no liability under this policy. All liability for the peace officer/arson investigator is assumed by the agency having lawful jurisdictional authority for all members who are assigned, sworn as peace officer/arson investigators under their auspice.

(d) **Use of force:** The use of force will be restricted to that amount

of force in accordance with the approved use of force continuum that is reasonable and necessary to affect and arrest, prevent great bodily harm to any member of the Task Force or general public present in the performance of their duties.

1. Whenever a Task Force member in the performance of his duties is required to use force in accordance with the Use of Force Continuum against another person to affect an arrest, in self-defense to prevent great bodily harm to himself, or another Task Force member or for the safety and protection of the public as a whole.

(2) In the event a Task Force member or person is injured as a result of the use of force, whether caused by the Task Force member or not, the Task Force member shall immediately upon securing the situation. Immediate notification to the following agencies and personnel; the law enforcement agency having jurisdictional authority where the incident occurred, and the member perspective department immediate supervisor.

In addition, notification of the incident shall be made within a reasonable period to the Executive Board President, Task Force Commander, and or Deputy Commander.

1. Any complaints of abuse of force, malicious assaults, or claims of abuse of office committed by members will constitute gross misconduct. Immediate notification shall be made to the following agencies and personnel; law enforcement agency having jurisdictional authority where the incident occurred, and the member involved perspective department immediate supervisor.

The Task Force Commander or Deputy Commander will immediate advised the agency having jurisdictional authority participating members department and local jurisdiction having authority of the incident.

In addition, notification of the incident shall be made within a reasonable period to the Executive Board President, Task Force Commander, and or Deputy Commander.

1. The member involved shall be placed on administrative leave from the Task Force until the incident has been investigated by the law enforcement agency having jurisdictional authority. In addition, a formal investigation shall be implemented by the assigned task force internal affairs investigator assigned by the Task Force Internal Affair Division, and the members participating departmental internal affairs division .