



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 109.772 Authority of county correctional officer to carry firearms.

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(A) A county correctional officer may carry firearms while on duty in the same manner, to the same extent, and in the same areas as a law enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the place at which the county jail, county workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse is located, if all of the following apply:

(1) The person in charge of the county jail, county workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse has specifically authorized the county correctional officer to carry firearms while on duty.

(2) The county correctional officer has done or received one of the following:

(a) The county correctional officer has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, which certificate attests to satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, or municipal basic training program or a program at the Ohio peace officer training academy that qualifies the county correctional officer to carry firearms while on duty and that conforms to the rules adopted under section 109.773 of the Revised Code.

(b) Prior to or during employment as a county correctional officer and prior to the effective date of this section, the county correctional officer has successfully completed a firearms training program, other than one described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, that was approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission.

(B) A county correctional officer to whom division (A) of this section applies and who is carrying one or more firearms under authority of that division has protection from potential civil or criminal liability for any conduct occurring while carrying the firearm or firearms to the same extent as a law



enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the place at which the county jail, county workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse is located has such protection.