WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject: Courthouse Firearms Policy		Policy # 5.1.18
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By Authority Of: Chief A. Dale Mabry	Signature:	

5.1.18 COURTHOUSE FIREARMS POLICY

A. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the West Norriton Township Police Department to follow all policies and restrictions of the Montgomery County Courthouse with regard to officers carrying firearms within the courthouse.

B. OFFICERS IN COURTHOUSE ON DUTY:

1. When an officer is on duty, in uniform, and must be in the Montgomery County Courthouse on official business they are permitted to carry their firearm in the courthouse provided that the firearm is secured in a safety holster.

   a. A safety holster must be one that is approved, in terms of design and operation, by the Chief County Detective.

2. When an officer is on duty in plain clothes and must be in the Montgomery County Courthouse of official business they may carry a firearm only under the following conditions:

   a. The firearm is secured in a safety holster
   b. They wear their badge plainly visible on their outer most garment.

3. No officer may carry a firearm during a court proceeding when he/she is a litigant or otherwise not on official police business.

C. VIOLATION OF POLICY:

1. Any breach of this policy may subject the violator to contempt proceedings in addition to any departmental discipline that may be levied.