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Tobacco Use Policy for Texas A&M Task Force 1 Members

1.01.0 On TEEEX and or System Property: The following is the Agency rule for tobacco use on TEEEX and or A&M System property. As such, all members of the task force will adhere to this rule.

The Texas A&M University System
The Texas Engineering Extension Service
Agency Rules

34.05.99. N1 Tobacco Free Environment

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Rule Statement

The Texas Engineering Extension Service has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its customers, employees and visitors, while respecting individual choice.

Reason for Rule

This rule is required by [System Policy 34.05 Smoking](#)

Procedures and Responsibilities

This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of tobacco users and non-tobacco users for its success. It is the responsibility of all employees to observe the provisions of this rule. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of delivering training to inform students

of the requirements of this rule while participating in training at facilities owned, leased or provided to TEEEX.

All TEEEX buildings, entrances to TEEEX buildings and vehicles owned or leased by TEEEX shall be smoke free and tobacco free, “Smoke free and tobacco free” means no smoking or use of tobacco products in any form, and no use of devices designed to simulate tobacco use even if no tobacco is present. This applies to all vehicles and to all indoor air space including foyers, entryways, elevators, hallways, restrooms, conference and meeting rooms, classrooms and individual offices.

Task Force Leaders, Managers and Squad Officers will direct task force members to those areas that the Division Directors have designated as smoking/tobacco use areas outside buildings and away from entryways sufficient to accommodate needs in their area of responsibility. Smoking/tobacco breaks during training and working hours shall be designated by the Task Force Manager and or Squad Officers.

Division directors will be responsible for communicating this rule to everyone who occupies space and facilities and uses vehicles owned or leased by TEEEX.

1.02 Off TEEEX or System Property during training or deployments:

The use of tobacco during off site training or deployments will be consistent with the System 34.05.99.N1 Tobacco Free Environment Policy to include the prohibition of tobacco (smoking or smokeless) use in the operational areas which include the Hot Zone, Warm Zone and entry or exit areas. Tobacco use areas will be designated by the Task Force Safety officer(s). The use of tobacco is also prohibited in the BoO area in close proximity to any sleeping, eating or meeting areas. Tobacco use areas will be designated in the BoO by the Logistics Manager(s) or Base Camp Manager.

Related Statutes, Policies or Requirements

[System Policy 34.05 Smoking](#)

[Texas Penal Code 48.01 Smoking Tobacco](#)

[Texas Labor Code 411.103 Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace](#)

[Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 34 State Fire Marshal, 34.303 Adopted Standards \(Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the national Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Life Safety Code 101 \(2006 Edition\)\)](#)

Definitions

Devices designed to simulate tobacco use – devices such as e-cigarettes that give the appearance of tobacco use.

Smoking – the use or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, tobacco or any other type of smoking substance.

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