

First Amendment, Expressive Speech, Senate Bill 361

Professional Development for Law Enforcement

Part 1: Department of Justice Video

Responding to First Amendment-Protected Events – The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement Officers.
Available at <https://www.ncirc.gov/OnlineTraining/story.aspx>

Part 2: State Law

- Passed in the 2019 Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, effective August 30, 2019.
Available at [Okla. Stat. tit 70 §2120](#).
- In brief, the law requires that on public college and university campuses in Oklahoma the campus community and the public may use **unrestricted accessible outdoor green spaces for non-commercial expressive activities** because this space is now by statute considered a traditional public forum, which can be used unless it **materially and substantially disrupts** the College subject to reasonable **time, place, and manner restrictions**.
- This law is consistent with historical federal guidance regarding 1st Amendment protected events on this issue, but also requires:
 - new website
 - new College or Board policy
 - new training for faculty, specific staff, and students
 - annual report to the Governor and Legislature and
 - notification of lawsuits
- The state law adds new risk by providing new avenues to sue the institution and employees in state court, which is unfortunate.

Part 3: College Policy

- In accordance with the state law, TCC developed a policy, which addresses the bolded key terms above. The policy is available at <https://www.tulsacc.edu/reserve>
- Take some time to review the time, place, and manner restrictions.

Part 4: Expectations

- Guiding outdoor visitors to the right resources on the website <https://www.tulsacc.edu/reserve>
- Greeting outdoor expressive speech visitors with a *Visitor Information Card* and introducing yourself. Assume you are being recorded and interact accordingly.

Part 5: Frequently asked questions

- Fill out the form if you want a place *inside* - <https://www.tulsacc.edu/reserve>
- First come first serve subject to time place and manner restriction on the *outside*. Feel free to provide the following examples, for a full list direct them to the policy.
 - TCC is a non-residential campus so we ask that you limit your stay to when full-time staff are available 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
 - TCC has reasonable decibel restrictions, if you are using voice amplification please direct your megaphone away from the buildings.
 - All free standing structures must be removed daily. Please do not ballast anything to the ground with stakes only water ballasts so you do not pierce irrigation systems.
 - Please do not affix anything including signs to the College's beautiful trees.
 - Please do not enter the ponds this water is a restricted space and not safe to enter.