



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE, LARRY R. MUNCEY

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Dear

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I received your letter dated August 12, 2011, requesting information about "open carry" in the City of Madison. My responses to your inquiries are as follows:

1. Is open carry legal in the City of Madison?

Yes, open carry is legal in the State of Alabama and the City of Madison. Open carry does not, however, exempt an individual from the application of all other laws, including, but not limited to, those addressing transportation of a weapon, carrying where otherwise prohibited, refusing to leave when asked, carrying concealed, creating a disturbance or breach of peace, etc.

2. How will calls be dispatched?

In the same manner and according to the same protocols as other calls received by and dispatched from the Madison County Communications District Call Center.

3. Will officers be educated to the legality of open carry?

Yes.

4. How will officers interact with you if you are found to be openly armed in the City of Madison?

Clearly there are too many variables to address every possible encounter, but any encounter involving an individual with a weapon will be treated with an elevated situational awareness

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and officer response and interaction will depend on the situation and the officer's perceptions at that time.

I hope this information helps answer your questions, and I do appreciate you taking the time to investigate before acting. I would encourage you to obtain a concealed weapons permit, but if you choose to forgo the permit and carry openly, please bear in mind that you are still responsible for obeying all applicable laws.

Professionally,



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