



**WESTERN
RESERVE**
PUBLIC MEDIA

1750 Campus Center Drive · PO Box 5191 · Kent, Ohio 44240-5191
330.677.4549 · programs@WesternReservePublicMedia.org

news release

Contact: Diane Steinert, Communications Coordinator
330-677-4549 or dsteinert@WesternReservePublicMedia.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Western Reserve Public Media Production to Explore Concealed Carry Permit Process

Guns N' Pubs: CCW and Ohio SB 17 also discusses aspects of new laws that go into effect Sept. 30

KENT, OHIO — Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 — Western Reserve Public Media's production **Guns N' Pubs: CCW and Ohio SB 17** will premiere on Friday, Sept. 30, at 10 p.m., the day that changes to Ohio's concealed carry laws go into effect. The program explores how concealed carry permits work in the State of Ohio and what the new changes from Ohio Senate Bill 17 may mean. It also describes the process for acquiring and using a concealed carry permit. **Guns N' Pubs** will premiere on Western Reserve PBS on Friday, Sept. 30, at 10 p.m. and repeat on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

From the classroom to the gun range to the sheriff's office, follow **NewsNite** journalist Jody Miller as she goes through the steps required to acquire a concealed carry permit. In the process, Miller explores how concealed carry laws work in the state and what the new changes in the law — including carrying a weapon into an establishment serving alcohol — could mean.

The program explores the divergent perspectives of gun rights advocates and those working to end gun violence. Additionally, **Guns N' Pubs** explores the reality of dealing with concealed carry practices from the point of view of law enforcement officials. Those interviewed for the program include Summit County Sheriff Drew Alexander, Geauga County Sheriff Daniel McClelland and Akron Fraternal Order of Police President Paul Hylinsky.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational

-more-



Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

##