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REPORT ON WAIVERS APPROVED
TO BOARD STATUTE 2.41.01.140

BACKGROUND

One research project required a petition to waive Statute 2.41.01.140 because of review restrictions on publishing the research results. This waiver has been approved by the Vice President for Research to allow acceptance of the relevant grant or contract, acting in accordance with the University's research policy on restricted and proprietary research.

OVERVIEW

This project required a waiver to Board Statute 2.41.01.140 because the sponsor requires that all resulting publication submissions and presentations seek their prior approval. The waiver allowed acceptance of the study, "Body Armor Fit of Law Enforcement Personnel," funded by the Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office of the Navy Engineering Logistics Office to Cynthia Bir, Ph.D., chair of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering. The Vice President for Research's concurrence allows any publications resulting from this project to first obtain approval from the prime sponsor. The project is a collaboration with the University of Southern California.

The project aims to perform a systematic, large-scale study to fully understand the issues with armor coverage and fit, and develop solutions problems discovered. The long-term goal of the project is to lead to developing properly fitted body armor for officers with as much coverage as possible, while ensuring maximum range of motion and mobility. Additionally, results stemming from this study will provide Department of Defense services and law enforcement a further understanding of the root causes of improperly fitting armor and insufficient coverage.

Due to the nature of this particular effort, permission to publish data must be obtained by the contracting officer within the CTTSO first. The CTTSO's intent is that the Wayne State University principal investigator may publish the data in various works at any time as long as they first seek the contracting officer's approval. The program does not want to jeopardize the aggregate data analysis from all sites or stray from CTTSO objectives.