

Maryland Handgun Roster Board
Eighth Annual Report on the
Status of Personalized Handgun Technology

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The Maryland Handgun Roster Board is legislatively mandated to report annually on the status of personalized handgun technology. This requirement was part of the Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000, and is now in the Public Safety Article, §5-132(d,) Annotated Code of Maryland.

In the past, the Board heard a presentation from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), which had worked with MetalStorm Inc. to develop personalized handgun technology. However, MetalStorm is no longer actively working on an electronic weapon. Even though NJIT has received multiple grant awards from the State of New Jersey and the National Institute of Justice to develop this technology, the latest press release from NJIT regarding the personalized handgun technology project was dated January, 2006.

Accordingly, the Handgun Roster Board continues to note that although the technology to produce personalized handguns does exist, at least for demonstration purposes, it is still not available in a commercially available 'handgun package'.

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