LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The District, on behalf of each college or center, shall have a written memorandum of understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement agencies that share jurisdiction with District Property. The MOU shall designate which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes, sexual assaults and hate crimes as defined by law, and delineate the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary. All MOUs shall be signed by the District Chief of Police, the Chief of Police of the respective jurisdiction, and the Assistant Secretary of the District. All written agreements as required by Board policy, are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to District Chief of Police. The written MOUs shall be reviewed and updated if necessary every five years. There are no written MOUs between District Police Services and state or federal law enforcement agencies.

The District Chief of Police maintains a close working relationship with all relevant local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The District Police Services Department occasionally works with other law enforcement agencies as needed. Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. The District Police Services Department and relevant local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies communicate regularly on the scene of incidents that occur in and around the campus area. When incidents arise that require joint investigative efforts, resources, crime related reports, and exchanges of information, the District Police Services Department works closely with the pertinent law enforcement agencies.

Law enforcement officers within the District Police Services Department have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on and off campus. Criminal offenses shall be reported to and investigated by the District Police Services Department. Minor offenses, involving District rules and regulations committed by a student, may be referred to the Vice President of Student Services.

Non-sworn parking and security personnel have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at the District. Parking and Security personnel do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to District law enforcement officers.

In response to a call, the District Police Services Department will take the required action, dispatching an officer or asking the victim to file an incident report. All incident reports received by the District Police Services Department are forwarded to the District Chief of Police for review and potential action. The District Police Services Department may investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

Crimes should be reported to the District Police Services Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

The District does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential reporting of crime statistics. Violations of the law will be referred to District Police and when appropriate, to the District's Disciplinary Committee for review. When a potentially dangerous threat to the District's community arises, timely reports or warnings will be issued through electronic communications, the posting of flyers at local campuses, in-class announcements, or other appropriate means.

Historical Annotation: Adopted 4/1/03 Revised 6/6/17 Education Code Section 67381

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