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AP 3520 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

References:

- Education Code Section 67381;
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations 668.46(b)(4)(i)

The District has written agreements with local law enforcement agencies. The agreements clarify operational responsibilities for investigations of Part I violent crimes, defined by law as willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, occurring at each location. Part I crimes are reported to the jurisdictional law enforcement authority for that area and a joint investigative effort between the Palomar College Police Department and the adjacent law enforcement agency such as the San Diego County Sheriff's Department or Escondido Police Department is conducted to solve these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted through the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

The written agreements designate which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes and delineates the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary.

Jurisdiction is shared with local law enforcement agencies. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has concurrent jurisdiction on all campuses and upon all properties owned and controlled by the District. If any campus or property is located within a municipality, the city police department has concurrent jurisdiction.

The written agreements required by the Board Policy are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to the District.

The Palomar College Police Department has complete police authority pursuant to Penal Code Section 830.32 to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on campus and in areas immediately adjacent to the campus. Officers are responsible for reporting and investigating crimes and traffic accidents, responding to medical emergencies, enforcing state laws and local ordinances, and handling all other incidents requiring police assistance. Palomar College Police Department officers undergo continued training to upgrade skills and are certified in the administration of first aid, including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

Minor offenses involving District rules and regulations committed by a Palomar College student may also be referred to the Student Affairs Office.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Palomar College Police Department