

GENERAL INSTITUTION

AP 3520 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

References:

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

The District, on behalf of each campus and center, 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, sexual assaults, including, but not limited to rape, forced sodomy, forced oral copulation, rape by a foreign object, sexual battery, or threat of any of these; and hate crimes as defined by law, occurring at each location. Part I crimes are reported to the Palomar College Police Department, and a joint investigative effort between 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 Palomar College Police personnel work closely with local, state, and federal police agencies.

The written agreements designate which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes, sexual assaults, and hate 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 other District properties within their jurisdiction. If any campus or property is located within a municipality, the city police department has concurrent jurisdiction.

Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. The Palomar College Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department 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 Palomar College Police Department will work closely with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department or the Escondido Police Department as appropriate. There *is a* written memorandum of understanding between the Palomar College Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Escondido Police Department, and the San Diego District Attorney's Office.

The written agreements required by the Board Policy are public records and are made

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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 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

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

In response to a call, the Palomar College Police Department will take the required action, dispatching an officer or asking the victim to file an incident report. The Palomar College Police Department may investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

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

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the Palomar College Police Department in a timely manner. To report a crime or an emergency on the San Marcos Campus or Escondido Educational Center, call the Palomar College Police Department at 760-744-1150 Ext. 2289.

Campus "Pastoral Counselors" and Campus "Professional Counselors," when acting as such, are not considered to be campus security officers and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

A Pastoral Counselor is a person who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

A Professional Counselor is an employee of a District whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the District's community and who is functioning within the scope of their license or certification.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Palomar College Police Department