



# *San Diego Community College District Police Department Policy and Procedures*

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1.02 POLICE AUTHORITY

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## **I. PURPOSE**

This Department procedure establishes guidelines outlining the authority of sworn police personnel of the San Diego Community College Police.

## **II. SCOPE**

This procedure applies to all members of the Department.

## **III. BACKGROUND**

San Diego Community College Police Officers are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the State for the purpose of performing their primary duty or when making certain arrests pursuant to Penal Code section 836, provided that their primary duty is to enforce the law on or near the campuses of the San Diego Community College District and on or near other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled or administered by the San Diego Community College District.

In addition, San Diego Community College Police have a responsibility to safeguard the college community and protect the proprietary interests of the San Diego Community College District.

San Diego Community College Police Officers are authorized to carry firearms and other weapons as provided for in these procedures.

The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) has concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction with the San Diego Community College District Police.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

A. The “Primary Duty” and “Primary Jurisdiction” of the San Diego Community College Police relates to:

1. Crimes committed against District students on or near District property, or while
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attending school sponsored events, traveling to and from school and school sponsored events.

2. Crimes committed against District employees and the general public on or near District properties.
  3. Crimes committed against District property.
  4. Crimes committed by District students, district employees and the general public on or near District property.
- B. The “College Community” refers to the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District, all officers and employees of the District, students, and all other persons on District property or at District functions.

## V. **PROCEDURES**

### A. General Duties

Officers on duty shall, with respect to their primary jurisdiction, lawfully protect life and property and the college community, detect and arrest violators of the law, prevent crime, preserve the public peace and enforce the laws of the State of California.

When away from the geographic area of the Department’s primary jurisdiction, but within the State of California, officers shall assist any law enforcement officer who appears to be in need of immediate assistance and shall assist in the prevention of the commission of any felony or in the apprehension of any felon. Officers shall also take appropriate action where a serious threat to life or property exists. (Traffic infractions are not a serious threat to life or property. Officers should, therefore, generally refrain from taking routine enforcement action on traffic infractions when away from District property.)

When off duty and on or near the campuses of the San Diego Community College District or other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled or administered by the San Diego Community College District, officers shall take appropriate action to protect life and property and the college community, preserve the public peace, prevent crime and cause the apprehension of violators of criminal laws.

Officers outside the boundaries of California do not have peace officer status and therefore have only the rights and obligations of private citizens.

### B. Proprietary Interests

Officers are responsible for detecting and preventing the unauthorized use, destruction, willful damage, theft or embezzlement of District property, funds, supplies and equipment. Officers are authorized to act as agents of the District for purpose of enforcing laws against trespassing on District properties. Officers shall document and report violations of District policy, procedures, rules or regulations relating to campus or District security or proprietary interests by District students or employees.

### C. Concurrent Jurisdiction

The relationship between the San Diego Community College District Police and the San Diego Police Department shall be viewed as a law enforcement partnership dedicated to providing a high level of service to the college community. Within the area of its jurisdiction, San Diego Community College Police will assist, cooperate with and coordinate law enforcement activities with the San Diego Police Department.

Refer to SDPD Police 6.21, San Diego Community College Police and Harbor Police Arrest Procedures.