

Local Law Enforcement

References: *Education Code Section 67381;*
 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668.46

Southwestern Community College District, on behalf of each campus or center, has a written agreement with local law enforcement agencies. The agreement clarifies 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.

The written agreement designates 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.

The written agreements required by Policy No. 3520 BP–Local Law Enforcement are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to the office of the Vice President for Employee Services.

The Campus Police Department maintains a close working relationship with the Chula Vista Police Department. The Campus Police Department occasionally works with other law enforcement agencies, including San Diego Police, National City Police and Coronado Police Departments. Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. The Campus Police Department and local 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 Campus Police Department will work closely with other local law enforcement agencies. There are written memorandum of understanding between the Campus Police Department and the local law enforcement agencies.

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

Crimes should be reported to the Campus 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 Campus Police Department in a timely manner. Use the following telephone numbers to report a crime or an emergency:

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- Chula Vista Campus: 619-216-6691
- Higher Education Center at National City:
- Higher Education Center at San Ysidro:
- Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa:
- Crown Cove Aquatic Center:

To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, call the Campus Police Department at 619-482-6380.

The Southwestern Community College District Campus Police have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus. If minor offenses involving College District rules and regulations are committed by a student, the campus police may also refer the individual to the Dean of Student Services. Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and auto theft are reported to the local law enforcement and the Campus Police Department and local law enforcement work together to solve these serious felony crimes. Campus Police personnel work closely with local, state, and federal police agencies. The Campus Police Department is also a part of the local 911 Emergency System. Through coordination with local law enforcement agencies, any criminal activity engaged in by students at off-campus locations of student organizations, is monitored and recorded. This information is provided to the Dean of Student Services for any action or follow-up that may be required.

Security officers have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at the College District's facilities. Safety and Security officers do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to the Campus Police Department and/or local law enforcement officers who have jurisdiction on the campus. The College District maintains a highly professional working relationship with the local law enforcement agencies. All crime victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report the crime to campus Security Services Office and the appropriate police agency. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on-campus and timely disclosure of crime statistics.

College District "Pastoral Counselors" and "Professional Counselors," when acting as such, are not considered to be a 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

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counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

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

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