

Safety Program College District Police Department

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a College District police department and shall employ and commission peace officers.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of College District peace officers shall include all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the College District.

Police Authority

While within the jurisdiction set out in this policy, peace officers employed and commissioned by the College District shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers. Subject to limitations in law, College District peace officers shall have the authority to:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the College District and protect the property of the College District.
2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, College District police officers may serve search warrants in connection with College District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce College District policies, rules, and regulations on College District property or at College District functions.
6. Investigate violations of College District policies, rules, and regulations as requested by the College President and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.
7. Carry weapons as directed by the chief of police and approved by the College President.

8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the chief of police or College President.

Employment of Peace Officers and Telecommunicators

For additional provisions regarding the employment of peace officers and telecommunicators, see DC.

Limitations on Outside Employment

No officer commissioned under this policy shall provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the chief of police and College President or designee. College District police officers shall enforce all laws, 6/16/2025municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while working off duty or temporarily assigned to the other agency.

Relationship with Outside Agencies

The College District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into memoranda of understanding and other appropriate interlocal agreements that outline reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The chief of police and the College President or designee shall review the memoranda of understanding at least once every year. The memoranda of understanding shall be approved by the Board.

Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid

While operating pursuant to an interlocal agreement for mutual aid or other support for another law enforcement agency, each College District police officer shall perform the duties and have the authorities set out in the agreement, including enforcing all laws within the other agency's jurisdiction.

Use of Force

The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.

By Drone

The College District shall not use force by means of a drone.

High-Speed Pursuit

Officers shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented

by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.

Video Monitoring

Video equipment shall be used on a College District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on a car are in use.

Access to Recordings

Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the chief of police, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law.

Body-Worn Cameras

A College District police officer shall use a body-worn camera only when performing official law enforcement duties for the College District and in accordance with the provisions of the College District police department's body-worn camera program. Each College District police officer shall receive training on the program, including proper use and operation of cameras. Any College District employee who has access to data from body-worn cameras shall receive training on storage, retention, and release of recordings.

Officer Training

All College District officers shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.

Medical and Psychological Examinations

For provisions regarding the fitness-for-duty examination of a peace officer or telecommunicator, see DBB.

Leave

For provisions regarding mental health leave for peace officers and telecommunicators and quarantine leave for peace officers, see DEC.

Complaints

Complaints against a College District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the College District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the College District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint. [See Complaint Against Peace Officer at CGFA(LEGAL)]

Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FLD, or GB, as appropriate.

Misconduct Investigations

For provisions regarding the investigation of allegations of misconduct by peace officers and telecommunicators, see DH.

Personnel Files

For provisions regarding personnel files maintained with respect to peace officers and telecommunicators, see DBA.

Department Regulations Manual

To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The chief of police and the College President or designee shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.

Racial Profiling

The chief of police shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. Peace officers employed by the College District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.