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DISTRICT POLICE

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It shall be the policy of the Sonoma County Junior College District to maintain a District Police Department, under the direction of the Vice-President of Business Services, to manage police and parking services on or about District properties and to act as a liaison between the College and other law enforcement agencies.

In meeting this responsibility, the Board of Trustees has created a District Police Department with sworn police officers who adhere to the State California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) requirements.

The mission of the District Police Department is to serve and protect persons and property on or about the campuses and property of the Sonoma County Junior College District. The responsibilities associated with this mission are many. They include enforcement of District Policy and Procedures, city ordinances, federal and state law; maintaining the peace and order of the District; protecting property and personal safety, training of District employees and students in areas such as crime prevention and personal safety, and generally assisting in all service situations in a polite and courteous manner. The District Police Department adheres to the philosophy of standard community oriented policing techniques and problem solving. The District Police Department also adheres to all Federal and State mandates, such as the Kristen Smart Act and the Student Right to Know Act.

The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the District Police Department. Under the direction of the Chief of Police, Police Officers will: enforce traffic and parking regulations, Federal, State and local laws; patrol District properties to maintain security and order; perform investigative work; perform crime and fire prevention inspections; provide District employees with training in areas such as crime prevention and personal safety; provide supervision and training to the Department's police cadets, and perform related work as required.

The District Police Department is responsible for patrolling the District properties, responding to calls for service, investigating crimes, apprehending and aiding in the prosecution of those who commit crimes on District properties. The District Police Department shall maintain a working relationship with other law enforcement agencies in the county and also with the District Attorney's Office.

The Board of Trustees has also established a uniformed student patrol under the supervision of the District Police Chief to provide additional campus security as part of an educational program.

The District Police Department shall recruit, hire, and train students from the Administration of Justice Program to work as uniformed student police cadets. Their primary function shall be to provide visible uniformed coverage on District properties.

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