



Administrative Regulation
Chapter 3 – General Institution

AR 3520 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The District has a written agreement with local law enforcement agencies that 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 shall have operational responsibility for violent crimes and delineates the special geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary.

Law Enforcement Certificate Program

The Santa Monica Community College District participates in the Law Enforcement Certificate Program for the purpose of maintaining and improving high standards for the selection and training of peace officers employed by the Santa Monica Community College District in accordance with the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.

That the Commission and its representatives may make such inquiries as deemed appropriate by the Commission to ascertain that the Santa Monica Community College District maintains selection and training standards for its peace officers that conform with Chapter I, Title 4, Part 4, of the California Penal Code.

Weapons/Equipment

The Board of Trustees has enacted a board policy for the use of weapons by the Santa Monica College Police Department. (See BP/AR 3530 Weapons on District Property.)

The sole purpose for arming the officers is to provide them with the necessary equipment to assist in preventing the death or serious injury of innocent persons or themselves while carrying out their responsibilities in protecting lives and property. There is no other purpose for the presence and use of weapons by members of the department. Each officer constantly shall bear in mind that a decision to use his/her weapon must be justified by sufficient evidence to show that he/she did in fact by such use prevent the probable death of or serious injury to another person or himself/herself.

Nonlethal force (without firearms) normally will suffice in cases where a suspect is armed only with a knife or bludgeon. A firearm seen in the hands of a suspect, coupled with some positive action on his part showing that he/she intends to use it, normally will be the only justification for the drawing of and/or use of a weapon by the college police officers. Each officer must realize that he/she is subject to penal sanctions as provided by the California Penal Code (homicide, manslaughter, assault with a deadly weapon, etc.) if he/she misuses his/ ~~or~~ her weapon.

References:

- Education Code Sections 67381 and 67381.1;
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668.46

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