

District Board of Trustees Policy (BOT)



Policy Title: Establishment of Florida Southwestern State College Campus Police Department

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Specific Authority:

Florida Statute 1012.88, 943, 1001.64
Florida Administrative Code

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Policy:

The mission of the Florida SouthWestern State College Campus Police Department is to provide for the safety and security of the employees of the College, the students enrolled at the College, and the general public while on or in any property or facility of the College. To accomplish this, the officers of the Department have authority, as law enforcement officers, to protect the College's population, buildings, grounds and equipment, preserve the peace, provide general police services to the College community, and enforce the laws of the State of Florida, the ordinances of the municipalities and counties of each campus, and the policies and traffic regulations of Florida SouthWestern State College.

Florida SouthWestern State College Campus Police Department officers shall, before entering into the performance of his or her duties, take the oath of office established by the College, in accordance with Chapter 943 and 1012, Florida Statutes. Sworn officers shall meet the minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and Chapter 943, Florida Statutes. Sworn officers shall be provided with a uniform set of identification credentials.

Florida SouthWestern State College Campus Police Department shall provide each officer with Campus Police Department General Orders. As required by Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes, this manual has been developed to familiarize the sworn officer with the policies and procedures of the Florida SouthWestern State College and to guide the sworn officer in the execution of his or her official duties. It is mandatory that all officers sign the General Orders electronically.

All operations of the Department shall be governed by the general rules and procedures of the College, except as otherwise provided by statute. Sworn officers shall be employed and trained, and records maintained, as required by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and Chapter 943, Florida Statutes.

Personnel matters shall be carried out as provided in the General Orders and the personnel rules of the College, in consonance with Chapter 110, Florida Statutes, Part II as required by Section 1012.88(6), Florida Statutes.

Internal investigations and discipline shall be carried out as described in the General Orders in consonance with the requirements of Part VI of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

College police officers are authorized and empowered to:

- (1) Bear arms in the performance of their duties;
- (2) Enforce these regulations and to provide for the safety of all persons on College property;
- (3) Make arrests, issue citations, and seek the assistance of, and cooperate with, other law enforcement agencies in carrying out their police functions;
- (4) Pursue violators off campus to make arrests;
- (5) Enforce all State of Florida laws and the applicable County traffic and parking ordinances which are not in conflict or inconsistent with these regulations; and perform any other act authorized by law; and
- (6) Employ civilian personnel as Community Service Technicians (CST) who have been trained in the enforcement of this Chapter and are authorized by such training to enforce the provisions thereof.