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100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To define the area of jurisdiction and off-campus response procedures for the California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services. The primary responsibility of the Department is the protection of the California State University, Northridge community. The statutory authority for the existence of California State University Police Departments and involved police officers is derived through legislative action pursuant to California Education Code §89560 and California Penal Code §830.2(c).

100.2 AREA OF JURISDICTION

1. As defined by the Education Code, the primary statutory jurisdiction of the Department is one mile from the exterior boundaries of the campus (see campus map at the end of this policy – black lines denote exterior boundary of campus). However under the penal code as affirmed through case law, California State University police officers are considered state police officers with a law enforcement jurisdiction throughout the State of California.

2. In the California State University system, sworn personnel are authorized to respond for both routine assignments and for specific assistance (i.e., Critical Response Unit, local mutual-aid), if requested and authorized by both departments involved.

3. University police officers are authorized and are responsible for the enforcement of State laws, statutes, and ordinances. This includes the responsibility and authority to make physical arrests.

4. On occasion as directed by the Chief of Police or their designee, California State University, Northridge police officers are authorized to make periodic patrols of neighborhoods of nearby fraternities, sororities and independent living groups. Routine patrols will not be made of living groups which fall beyond one mile from the exterior boundary of the campus unless directed by the Chief of Police or their designee.

100.3 OFF-CAMPUS RESPONSE

1. Whenever a request to respond to an off-campus call for service is received, consideration must be given to the nature of the call and conditions on the campus at the time of the request.

2. The police shift supervisor must approve all responses to off-campus calls for service, at a minimum (this includes requests from the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles City Fire Department). The Patrol Operations Commander should be notified as soon as possible. In their absence (i.e. weekends), the on-call command staff member shall be notified. Note This does not include traffic stops immediately adjacent to the campus or calls for help or assistance by allied agencies.

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3. Police officers who respond shall take appropriate law enforcement action for observed violations of the law.

4. In cases in which an arrest and/or crime report is not appropriate, an information report will be prepared detailing the nature of the call and the action taken.

5. When calls are received from locations within the statutory jurisdiction of the Department involving crimes in progress and/or danger to human life, university police officers shall:

a. Be immediately dispatched to the scene. The dispatcher will immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

b. Upon arrival at the scene, university police will take action to save human life, contain the situation, and/or maintain the crime scene.

c. The police shift supervisor will contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to determine their desired course of action. Any reasonable requests that align with University Police guidelines may be accommodated.

d. When calls are received from locations within the adjacent community that do not appear to be of an exigent nature (i.e., crimes in progress, danger to human life), the calling citizen should be, if functionally possible, connected to the appropriate entity or law enforcement agency. If the citizen insists upon response from the University Police, the shift supervisor shall:

• Evaluate the call with regard to the University Police guidelines.

• If assistance can be rendered without impairing the primary mission of the California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services, the requested assistance may be provided.

• If the decision is not to respond, the complainant should be informed about the reason and connected, if functionally possible, to the appropriate entity or law enforcement agency. The incident and the reason shall be entered into the dispatch log.

- 911 calls will be routed to appropriate police departments.
- 6. Other reasons for exercising authority off-campus are:

a. police officer initiated activity such as traffic stops, observed crimes, traffic accidents and observed hazards.

- b. case follow-up, investigations, and service warrants;
- c. mutual aid to police or fire;
- d. response to major regional events.

100.4 AREA OF JURISDICTION MAP

See attachment: P100 - AOJ Map.pdf

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