VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD POLICIES

Police Department Safety & Security

Police Department

Within the requirements of state and federal laws, the Board of Trustees of the Victor Valley Community College District has established the Victor Valley College Police Department in order to ensure a safe and secure environment for students, staff and campus visitors. The department shall have jurisdiction to enforce the law on or near the Bear Valley Campus and other grounds or properties owned, controlled, operated, controlled or administered by the District.

The police department shall be supervised by one Chief of Police, who shall report to the Superintendent/President or his/her designee. The Superintendent/President shall establish minimum qualifications of employment for the Chief of Police including, but not limited to, prior employment as a peace officer and certified by California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) commission.

The District is authorized to employ state-certified peace officers to protect the persons, property, and facilities of the Victor Valley Community College District in accordance with state and federal laws. College police officers shall comply with all applicable state of California peace officer certification and training requirements as established per the POST and have successfully completed an accredited academy training program. The district is further authorized to employ public safety officers who meet the requirements set out in Education Code Section 72330.5. District police officers and safety officers shall be employed as members of the classified service but shall when duly sworn be peace officers as defined by law. Prior to employment, police officers shall satisfy the POST training requirements set forth in Penal Code Section 830, et seq.

The Superintendent/President or her/his designee shall ensure that every peace officer of the Police Department first employed by the district before July 1, 1999, satisfies the requirements of state law regarding qualifications for continued employment.

Every member of the Police Department shall be issued a suitable identification card and badge bearing the words "Victor Valley College Police..."

The Victor Valley Community College Police Chief in coordination with the Victor Valley Community College Vice President for Human Resources will provide appropriate staff training to carry out the emergency disaster plan. An overview of the plan shall be available to district employees upon request.

The chief of police shall be responsible for maintaining compliance with all federal and state mandated crime statistics reporting procedures. He/she shall also ensure that, as required by Education Code, police department staff prepare and update annual reports of all criminal and crime-related incidents reported to campus police and security personnel.

The Superintendent/President shall issue such other regulations as may be necessary for the administration of the Police Department.

References: California Penal Code 830.32, 11160 Education Codes 72330, 72330.5, 67380, 67381 Chapter 8