

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide assistance to School Board personnel when requested and to vigorously investigate criminal activity on school grounds and the student transfer points.

When conducting investigations on School Board property, officers will be mindful of the school administrator's responsibility for discipline.

As a courtesy (much like notifying a law enforcement agency when investigating a case or making an arrest in their jurisdiction), the administration should be notified whenever possible.

LIMITATIONS

Alarms on School Board property, traffic accidents involving School Board vehicles, and vandalism or theft of School Board property will be treated as any other incident.

Officers will be aware of the provisions of statutes relative to Battery of a School Teacher and Trespass on School Grounds.

PROCEDURES

I. Investigations

- A. Officers may either initiate an investigation that involves School Board property, personnel, or students or they may be dispatched at the request of a student, teacher, or administrator. In either case, the officer should make contact with the administrator of the facility, if possible, prior to entering the grounds.
- B. The response varies according to the urgency of the call. On routine incidents or follow up investigations, the administration will be made aware of the officer's purpose for being on campus upon arrival unless notification would jeopardize the investigation.
- C. On urgent or emergency calls, the officer will inform the administration as soon as practical. If there is any conflict between an officer and the administration, the officer will notify his supervisor who will respond to the scene immediately.
- D. In the event a school official or employee has initiated an investigation and in the course of that investigation determined a crime may have occurred, officers will take custody of any evidence, weapons, or contraband the school official may have seized. The continuing investigation will be conducted jointly. It will be up to the court to determine the admissibility of the evidence. It will be left to the officer's discretion whether to effect an arrest or refer the case to an investigative unit for follow up consistent with departmental policy and law.

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II. Street Crimes Unit

- A. Officers assigned to the Street Crimes Unit will be responsible for initiating narcotics, weapons and explosives investigations.
- B. Any officer who acquires information relative to the above type investigation will communicate that information to a member of the task force.

III. Conflicts with School Officials

- A. If any member of the department encounters problems with an official of the School Board, he will suspend the investigation and contact his supervisor unless this would jeopardize the investigation or create a situation where it is immediately foreseeable that loss of life or great bodily harm would result. In such case, it will be the responsibility of the officer conducting the investigation to document his actions for review.
- B. Officers should be aware there is a policy developed jointly by this department and the School Board that provides for an immediate resolution to this type of incident. If at all possible, this procedure will be followed in affecting a resolution.