

The Board of Trustees has established the MiraCosta College Police under the supervision of a chief of police, who shall report directly to the vice president of Administrative Services. The purpose of the department is to enforce the law on or near the campuses, centers, and other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the district or by the state acting on behalf of the district.

District police officers shall be employed as members of the classified staff, but shall, when duly sworn, be peace officers as defined by law. Prior to employment, they shall satisfy the training requirements set out in Government Code §1031 and Penal Code §§830.32 (a), et seq.

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 or completion of a peace-officer-training course approved by the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST).

The superintendent/president shall ensure that every member of the College 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 College Police Department shall be issued a suitable identification card and badge bearing the words "MiraCosta College Police."

The superintendent/president, in cooperation with the chief of police, shall issue such other regulations as may be necessary for the administration of the College Police. Sworn police officers and dispatchers of the College Police shall comply with all POST requirements.

### **Use of Military Equipment**

The chief of police shall obtain approval from the Board of Trustees to adopt a military equipment use policy prior to purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. The superintendent/president shall submit the proposed military equipment policy to the Board of Trustees and make those documents available on the College Police Department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue. The Board of Trustees shall consider the proposed military equipment policy as an agenda item for an open session meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

## **Use of Force**

The board directs the chief of police to establish operational guidelines regarding reasonable use of force for district police officers. The board expects every district police officer to carry out their duties, including the use of force, in a fair and unbiased manner and to use reasonable force in any situation and make decisions in a professional, impartial, and reasonable manner and to use of de-escalation techniques whenever possible.

## **Report Regarding Complaints**

The chief(s) of police shall regularly provide the board with a report regarding complaints against the College Police Department and police officers. This report must disaggregate the complainants by race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic identified by the board.

See Administrative Procedures 7600.