UNIVERSITY REGULATION
PART II – ADMINISTRATION
Chapter 02.09 – Public Safety

R02.09.010. Public Safety Department: University of Alaska Police

A. Organizational Structure

1. The University of Alaska Police Department shall have units at the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

2. Each department unit will be organized in accordance with the Operation Procedure Manual in effect for that unit on May 12, 1992, or as it may thereafter be duly amended.

3. The director or chief of each department unit will report to the campus chancellor through the vice chancellor for administration or equivalent.

4. Each chancellor shall designate an appropriate body to serve in an advisory capacity to the local department. This body may be an existing campus safety-related committee or a new body established specifically for this purpose. The advisory committee shall include representation from students, faculty and staff, as well as any additional representation the campus chancellor deems appropriate.

5. Responsibility and authority for the systemwide coordination of the University of Alaska Police Department is vested in the vice president and general counsel.

6. The president, in consultation with the chancellors, will determine whether commissioned officers carry firearms in the course of performing their duties as law enforcement officers on University property. The decision will be made following consultation with representatives of appropriate constituent bodies, the local department director or chief, the office of the general counsel, and such others as the president deems appropriate.

B. Operation Procedure Manuals

1. Each local unit of the department will maintain and function in accordance with official operations procedures manuals.

2. Variations between departmental units' operation procedure manuals may be necessary to allow for local organizational considerations, but in all other respects the operation procedure manuals will be the same for each unit.

3. Existing operation procedure manuals may be amended and new operation procedure manuals may be adopted, subject to the approval of the campus chancellor and the vice president and general counsel of the University.
C. Mutual Aid Agreements

The Department is authorized to enter into written mutual aid agreements with other duly authorized law enforcement entities in the State of Alaska, provided such agreements are in the best interests of the University, and subject to the approval of the campus chancellor and the vice president and general counsel of the University.

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D. Scope and Prioritization of Duties

Campus police officers shall exercise their police authority in accordance with the following priorities:

1. Offenses committed on the property of the University, including both real property and personal property, tangible and intangible, belonging to the University;

2. Responses to requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies, to include both requests pursuant to duly approved Mutual Aid Agreements and requests made in exigent circumstances, to the extent that such requests can be accommodated without compromising the department’s capability to handle matters falling within priority (1);

3. Felony or misdemeanor arrests pursuant a warrant or to Alaska Statute 12.25.030 in situations not falling within priorities (1) or (2) above, on an as-encountered basis, where, in the officer’s judgment, a person’s health, safety, security or property is potentially jeopardized;

4. Violations under Title 28 of the Alaska Statutes not falling within the above priorities, on an as-encountered basis;

5. Other situations falling within police authority under state law, not falling within the above priorities, on an as-encountered basis;

As used in this regulation, “on an as-encountered basis” means that the campus police officer, without affirmatively seeking out or patrolling for the situation, observes a situation, or has a situation brought to his/her attention, calling for law enforcement activity, and, in the officer’s judgment, the situation is not likely to be adequately or timely remedied by other law enforcement agencies, and the situation can be addressed without compromising the officer’s capacity to fulfill responsibilities falling into a higher priority.

These priorities may be varied for a particular campus by written directive from the Chancellor supervising that campus. Further particularization within these priorities, or more specific instructions for implementation of these priorities, may be set forth in the R02.09.010.B Operation Procedure Manual for each unit within the department.

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