

The district, on behalf of each campus or center, has a written agreement with local law enforcement agencies as required by Education Code §67381. The agreement clarifies operational responsibilities for investigations of: Part I violent crimes, defined by law as willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; sexual assaults, including, but not limited to rape, forced sodomy, forced oral copulation, rape by a foreign object, sexual battery, or threat of any of these; and hate crimes as defined by law, occurring at each location.

The written agreement designates which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes, sexual assaults, and hate crimes, and delineates the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps, as necessary.

The written agreements required by the board policy are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to MiraCosta College Police Department (MCPD). Written agreements shall be reviewed and updated if necessary every five years.

The MCPD maintains a close working relationship with local law enforcement. The college police occasionally works with other law enforcement agencies, including the Oceanside Police Department, Carlsbad Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Office. Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. The MCPD and local law enforcement agencies communicate regularly on the scene of incidents that occur in and around the campus area. When incidents arise that require joint investigative efforts, resources, crime-related reports, and exchanges of information, the MCPD will work closely with local law enforcement. There is a written memorandum of understanding between the MCPD and local law enforcement agencies.

In response to a call, the MCPD will take the required action, dispatching an officer, or asking the victim to file an incident report. All incident reports received by the MCPD are forwarded to the appropriate vice president for review and potential action. The MCPD may investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

Crimes should be reported to the MCPD to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public-safety-related incidents to the MCPD in a timely manner. To report a crime or an emergency on all campuses dial 6911 from any college phone, contact College Police from any emergency call box located in parking lots and on campus at the Oceanside, San Elijo, and Community Learning Center locations, or dial MCPD at (760) 795-6640. To report a nonemergency security or public-safety-related matter, call the MCPD at (760) 795-6674.

The MCPD has complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus. If minor offenses involving district rules and regulations are committed by a student, the MCPD may also refer the individual to the vice president of student services or designee. Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and auto theft are reported to the local law enforcement and the MCPD, and local law enforcement work together to solve these serious felony crimes. MCPD personnel work closely with local, state, and federal police agencies. Through coordination with local law enforcement agencies, any criminal activity engaged in by students at off-campus locations of student organizations is monitored and recorded. This information is provided to the appropriate vice president or designee for any action or follow-up that may be required.

Campus “professional counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered to be campus security officers and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, professional counselors are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

A professional counselor is an employee of a district whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the district’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.