

220 CRIMINAL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS

PURPOSE:

To present guidelines for responding to calls of criminal conduct on school buses. This should also serve to promote cooperation among schools, parents, students, transportation providers and the police. The results of this cooperation should help to provide a safer passage for students, drivers and chaperones.

GUIDELINES:

1. Officers are expected to respond in a timely manner to a report of criminal conduct or disturbance on school buses. Officers will handle this type of complaint as they would any other report or call for assistance. Complaints will be thoroughly investigated and, when warranted, they will be referred to the appropriate agency for follow-up investigation or prosecution.
2. Officers are expected to use discretion when handling incidents on school buses. They should take into account as many circumstances as possible when dealing with the situation and act accordingly.
3. Officers should be aware that school districts and transportation providers have disciplinary policies which regulate behavior while students are on buses. In no way should these policies be enforced as if they were law. In situations where citizen arrests are necessary, transportation providers should be made aware of what is required of them to complete this process.
4. In instances where students are questioned by police officers, the standard information requests are required: full name, DOB, parents' names, address, phone number, school attending, and grade.