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100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Law enforcement officers are granted the authority to perform their function based on established legal authority. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

100.2 PEACE OFFICER POWERS
Sworn members of this department shall be considered peace officers pursuant to Penal Code § 830.32. (a), which specifies a member of a California Community College police department appointed pursuant to Education Code § 72330 (a), if the primary duty of the peace officer is the enforcement of the law on or near the campus of the community college and on or near other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the community college or by the state acting on behalf of the community college. The authority of any such peace officer extends to any place in the State of California, for the purpose of performing their primary duty or when making an arrest pursuant to Penal Code § 836 as to any public offense with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of that offense, or pursuant to Government Code § 8597 or §8598. This peace officer authority extends as follows:

(a) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed within the political subdivision which employs the peace officer; or

(b) Where the peace officer has the prior consent of the chief of police, or person authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a city or of the sheriff, or person authorized by him or her to give such consent, if the place is within a county; or

(c) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed in the peace officer’s presence, and with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of that offense.

100.2.1 JURISDICTION
While this department recognizes the statutory power of peace officers to make arrests throughout the state, officers are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. On-duty arrests will not generally be made outside the jurisdiction of this department except in cases of hot or fresh pursuit, while following up on crimes committed within the District or while assisting another agency. On-duty officers who discover criminal activity outside the jurisdiction of the District should, when circumstances permit, consider contacting the agency having primary jurisdiction before attempting an arrest.
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100.3 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
All employees shall observe and comply with every person’s clearly established rights under the United States and California Constitutions.