



### 13.00 INTRODUCTION

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<b>Responsible Office:</b>	Systemwide Community Safety
<b>Issuance Date:</b>	[The date of issuance by the President]
<b>Effective Date:</b>	[The date that the Policy is first enforceable]
<b>Scope:</b>	The policies and procedures contained within constitute a directive for members of the University of California Police Department (UCPD). They were created to provide direction and guidance to the members of the UCPD and provide the framework of coordination for the protection of the population and resources of the University of California.

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### I. POLICY SUMMARY

The Systemwide UCPD Introduction Policy establishes the authority of UC police officers, explains how systemwide coordination works, and ensures that policies remain current and responsive to both safety and community expectations. The University of California Police Department (UCPD) operates under authority granted by the State of California and is overseen by the Regents of the University. Each campus has its own police department that is responsible for protecting students, faculty, staff, and the public on UC property. The Office of the President provides systemwide coordination through the Office of Systemwide Community Safety. This includes setting standards for officer hiring, training, and performance, as well as

organizing mutual aid between campuses, coordinating crime prevention efforts, and maintaining consistent policies across the UC system. While each Chancellor is responsible for their own campus police department, the Systemwide Policies Applying to UC Police Department policies are reviewed regularly to ensure that it reflects current laws, community values, and safety needs.

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## II. POLICY TEXT

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The University of California Police Department is constituted under statutory authority granted by the State of California to The Regents of the University of California. Under this authority, the University appoints Peace Officers with full peace officer status for the enforcement of law and the maintenance of security in and about areas controlled or administered by The Regents.

The Office of the President is responsible for the Systemwide coordination of certain University police services functions. This responsibility is executed through the Office of Systemwide Community Safety (OSCS) and includes coordination of the development of employee selection, training and performance standards, collection and dissemination of crime prevention information, liaison with other agencies in the Criminal Justice System, organization planning for inter-campus mutual assistance and development of police services policies and standards. Responsibility for security and law enforcement at each campus is assigned to the Chancellors who are responsible for campus organization, operation, internal administration and discipline. The Chancellor, at each campus, has established a police department with responsibility for law enforcement and the protection of the lives and property of the general public, students, faculty, and staff.

The Systemwide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures, formerly Universitywide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures underwent a full review in 2025. The effective date of this version of the Systemwide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures is, 2026. The Systemwide Council of Chiefs, in coordination with the OSCS, shall review the policy annually for update purposes and shall conduct a full review at least every three years.

Emergency additions, deletions, or changes to the Systemwide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures may be required to address time sensitive or special occurrences or events. Emergency changes will be submitted to University of California Office of the President through the OSCS for review and approval. Any emergency changes that are approved shall be reviewed as part of the Systemwide Council of Chiefs annual review process prior to incorporation into the Systemwide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures.

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## III. RELATED INFORMATION

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Not applicable

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#### **IV. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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Not applicable

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#### **V. REVISION HISTORY**

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**January 2, 2026:** Updated to reflect the Office of Systemwide Community Safety and name change from Universitywide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures. This Policy is also reformatted to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0

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