

Criminal Conduct on School Buses

429.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers guidance in responding to and investigating reports of alleged criminal conduct on school buses. This department, in cooperation with any other law enforcement agency that may have concurrent jurisdiction, is responsible for responding to all reports of criminal misconduct on school buses in this jurisdiction.

This policy is not intended to interfere with or replace school disciplinary policies that relate to student misconduct on school buses (Minn. Stat. § 169.4581).

429.2 COMMUNITY COOPERATION

When responding to these incidents, the Rochester Police Department shall work and consult with school officials, transportation personnel, parents, and students while focusing on student safety and enforcement of the law (Minn. Stat. § 169.4581).

429.3 PROCEDURE

This department shall respond to and investigate all allegations of criminal misconduct on school buses within the jurisdiction of this department regardless of the source of the report. Officers should take reasonable actions to complete the following:

- (a) Provide for the safety of any person involved in the incident or present at the incident.
- (b) Coordinate any appropriate care.
- (c) Investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses using procedures like those followed in other criminal investigations as appropriate for juveniles and/or adults.
- (d) Issue citations, release suspects pending further investigation, or apprehend and transport individuals committing crimes on school buses to the extent authorized by law.
- (e) Submit reports regarding the incident for review, approval, and consideration for prosecution.
- (f) Complete follow-up and additional investigation when requested by someone with proper authority within the Department or prosecutor's office.
- (g) Provide information to the relevant school regarding the incident as required or authorized by law.