

# HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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### RESPONSE TO SCHOOL VIOLENCE

#### POLICY

Handling disturbances at educational facilities is primarily the responsibility of the State of Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) and the superintendents of the various private facilities. The Honolulu Police Department will provide assistance when requested to do so.

#### PROCEDURE

##### I. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. District patrol commands shall establish and maintain plans to provide preliminary response to incidents involving violence at schools within their boundaries.
- B. District patrol personnel should be familiar with and able to implement these plans.
- C. When summoned by the district patrol command, the Specialized Services Division (SSD) shall direct police assistance at the school.

##### II. POLICE RESPONSE

- A. The Communications Division shall notify the appropriate district patrol command when a request for police assistance in a school violence incident is received.
- B. District patrol personnel shall respond to the scene, take appropriate action, establish a temporary command post, and make perimeter assignments. Active threat situations shall be handled in accordance with Policy 4.66, ACTIVE THREAT INCIDENTS.

- C. The district commander or designee shall respond to the scene and determine whether the SSD's assistance is needed.
- D. When the district command requests assistance, the Communications Division shall immediately notify the SSD.
- E. When they arrive at the scene, SSD personnel shall confer with the patrol officer in charge and then assume command of police activities.
- F. If the incident occurs at a public facility, the Communications Division shall also notify the HIDEOE in accordance with established procedures.



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