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Greetings:

On behalf of the A.S.U. Police Department, thank you for accessing the information contained in this month's A.S.U. Campus Safety Bulletin provided in an extended effort to raise awareness to address the question: Who is the Campus Police Officer?

We welcome you to access this Bulletin each month to review the monthly topic provided as a source of information utilized to extend awareness in regard to the University Police responses to college campus safety issues to increase the level of safety and security for the A.S.U. community.

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Rather than traditional police colors, cruisers at some institutions sport the livery colors of the university they serve.

Most university police officers are commissioned through their state **Peace Officer Standards** and **Training** (POST) after completing established training and pre-licensure preparation. This is usually equivalent to that of a municipal or state peace officer. They routinely attend the same police academy as local or state police officers.

Many departments operate some of the same units as municipal agencies such as <u>detective</u> units, special response teams (<u>SWAT</u> or SRT), canine units, bicycle patrol units, motorcycle patrol

units, and community policing units. In some cases, campus police agencies are better equipped and staffed than municipal and county agencies in their area due to the significant amount of funding available in a college environment.

The campus police in many state owned schools have statewide authority and jurisdiction similar to that afforded to state police.

Hawaii, Idaho, and New Hampshire are the only states in the US to not have a statutory provision for the commissioning of sworn campus police officers. They were joined by Oregon until 2009, when that state revised its system of Campus law enforcement in Oregon. In the 2004-05 school year, 74% of college campuses had sworn officers with the power to arrest, and 90% of these departments were armed.

92% of campus police departments are responsible for handling their own dispatching, which means that they are completely self-sufficient agencies. They do not rely on the city police around them to take on their responsibilities.

Also, some public school districts maintain their own police i.e. <u>Los Angeles School Police</u>

<u>Department</u>, <u>Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department</u>, and <u>New York City Police</u>

<u>Department School Safety Division just to name a few.</u>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campus_police