1.0 Purpose

1.1 The primary function of the Los Rios Police Department (LRPD) is to protect the safety of Los Rios Community College District students and staff, control and monitor parking, and secure the facilities of the District.

1.2 The LRPD shall enforce the law on or near the campuses of the District and on grounds or properties owned, operated, or administered by the District (Ed. Code, § 72330). This includes any location a District student or staff member may park or attend for a District function.

2.0 Status

2.1 LRPD is established under Education Code, section 72330. District police officers are peace officers as defined in section 830.32 of the California Penal Code and members of the classified service as described in Education Code, section 88000. College safety officers are not peace officers.

3.0 Eligibility for Police Officer Status

3.1 In order to qualify as a police officer of the LRPD, a candidate shall complete the Regular Basic Course as prescribed by California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and in accordance with Penal Code 832.3 prior to exercising the powers of a peace officer.

3.1.1 Selection – Police officer selection will be conducted in accordance with District Policy and Administrative Regulation P/R-6122.

3.1.2 Background Investigation – Prior to employment each candidate must undergo a thorough background investigation in accordance with Government Code, section 1031.

3.1.3 Psychological Examination – Prior to employment, each candidate must pass a psychological examination.

3.1.4 Physical Examination – Prior to employment, each candidate must pass a complete physical examination.

3.1.5 Continued Professional Training (CPT) is required for the purpose of maintaining, updating, expanding, and/or enhancing an individual’s knowledge and/or skills. CPT exceeds the training required to meet or requalify entry-level minimum standard. Every officer must satisfactorily complete CPT every two years.

4.0 Eligibility for College Safety Officer Status

4.1 College safety officers are not required to meet all the standards set forth in section 3.1.
4.2 College safety officers shall not exercise peace officer powers such as arrest power.

4.3 College safety officer selection will be conducted in accordance with District Policy and Administrative Regulation P/R-6122.

4.4 Background Investigation – Prior to employment each candidate must undergo a thorough background investigation along with a physical and psychological examination to assure the District that no condition exists that may adversely affect the performance of his/her assigned duties.

4.5 Continued Professional Training (CPT) is required for the purpose of maintaining, updating, and expanding the individual’s knowledge and/or skills. Every College safety officer must satisfactorily complete the required CPT.

5.0 Uniforms

5.1 The District will determine the type of uniform to be worn by and issued to police officers, College safety officers, and police communications dispatchers.

6.0 Jurisdiction

6.1 District police officers have jurisdiction on or adjacent to each campus or other property owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the District, to include anywhere a District student or staff member may park or attend for a District function, or to conduct follow-up investigation pertaining to incidents initiated on District property.

6.2 District police officers must develop and maintain a professional service-oriented image while on duty. All District police personnel shall continue to work in close harmony and cooperation with local law enforcement agencies. In addition, local law enforcement agencies shall continue to be notified immediately of all felonies occurring on campus and other crimes, incidents, and events as outlined in a memorandum of understanding between that agency and the District.

7.0 Safety Equipment

7.1 After successful completion of required training and examination, District police officers shall be provided with Board of Trustees sanctioned (P-6711) weapons, including batons, chemical agents, and firearms. College safety officers shall not carry firearms.

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7.3 District offices shall comply with the use of force general order and all other general orders related to the use of firearms, batons, and chemical agents.

8.0 Chief of Police

8.1 The Chief of Police has the authority to direct the duties and responsibilities of the District police officers, College safety officers, and classified staff assigned to the police departments at each respective campus. The Chief of Police and the Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration shall consult with the college Vice Presidents of Administration regarding College interests and needs.