
Educational/Public Safety Objectives

101.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Fresno State Police Department strives towards the prevention of crime, preservation of peace, and dedication of service to the university community. To achieve this goal, we must:

- Develop each employee to the ultimate of his or her potential.
- Develop and apply new and innovative approaches to the solution of age-old problems.
- Apply modern day technology and equipment to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

The Fresno State University Police Department is responsible for the law enforcement, safety, and security of the university community. This responsibility includes the provision of services related to the protection and preservation of life, property, public safety, and constitutional guarantees.

Peace officers are the primary law enforcement agents of Fresno State. A proactive approach rather than a reactive approach shall be taken in fulfilling the goals and objectives of this department. The resources of this department shall be concentrated in the prevention of crime and hazards.

The functions of the Fresno State University Police are; crime suppression, crime prevention through awareness and prevention activities, and criminal investigation by follow-up investigation for property recovery and apprehension of suspects. In addition, the peace officers enforce traffic regulations, provide crowd control, maintain security for university property, and provide emergency assistance to the university community. Communication is maintained with the university community through department participation on advisory boards and the provision of consultative services. Necessary liaisons with city, county, and federal criminal justice agencies are actively pursued.

101.2 ALTERNATIVES TO ARREST

Officers may exercise alternatives to arrest based on the individual circumstances of each situation. Alternatives to a custodial arrest are utilized by the officer with discretion, taking into consideration the severity of the crime or violation and also considering the conduct of the suspect and the suspect's past criminal history.

Types of incidents eligible for alternatives to arrest (i.e., verbal warning, judicial referral, etc.) include, but are not limited to: violations of the student code of conduct; Education Code 89031 violations (i.e., university policies); University housing policy violations; City of Fresno municipal code violations occurring on campus; and traffic safety / public nuisance infractions.

Available alternatives include:

- (a) Verbal warning (provided the violation is minor)
- (b) Referral to California State University, Fresno Judicial Affairs Coordinator for student code of conduct violations

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- (c) Infraction ticket
- (d) Release to parents (if juvenile)
- (e) Referral to social services
- (f) Referral to the judicial affairs authority within residential housing (i.e., the Associate Director of Housing).