Policy III.3000.C, Purpose and Mission

Purpose

This policy establishes the purpose of the San Jacinto College Police Department, which is to promote and maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming learning environment that supports the College's educational mission and enhances the quality of life for students, employees, and visitors.

Policy

In accordance with the Texas Education Code, the Board of Trustees established and maintains the San Jacinto College Police Department and authorizes the appointment and commissioning of licensed peace officers to preserve the peace, enforce applicable laws, and protect the College community.

The purpose of the San Jacinto College Police Department is to serve and enrich the quality of life for the College community by promoting and maintaining a safe, secure, and inviting learning environment. The Police Department shall protect life and property; preserve the peace and enforce applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as College policies; provide emergency response, crime prevention, and community policing services; perform all duties with integrity, professionalism, fairness, accountability, and respect for the constitutional and legal rights of all individuals.

Authority

The San Jacinto College Police Department operates in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, Board policies, and College procedures to protect the College community and support the College's educational mission.

Associated Procedures

None

Date of Board Approval	This policy became effective as of August 10, 2026, under the Chancellor's authority granted by the Board under Policy III.2000.A, Policy and Procedure Development, Review, Revision, and Rescission. Permanent affirmation of the change will follow the standard policy review process of two readings at regularly scheduled meetings of the Board with first reading on August 10, 2026, and approval anticipated on September 14, 2026.
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