

08: SCHOOL BUS INCIDENT RESPONSE

Section 8.01 INTRODUCTION

Responding to reports of criminal conduct on school buses is the responsibility of law enforcement officials. Peace officers shall respond to criminal incidents occurring on school buses reported to this agency. Peace officers shall understand the applicable laws pertaining to the criminal incidents occurring on school buses. (MSS 160-452, 169-458 1, 169-4582)

Section 8.02 GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A. If, during the initial incident report to this agency, the location of the incident can be determined to have occurred outside the City of Albany, the reporter should be referred to the appropriate agency and the peace officer should also notify the appropriate agency of the report.
- B. If the incident report is received and no immediate peace officer response to the scene is required, the peace officer shall conduct a follow up investigation into the incident.
- C. If the incident requires a peace officer respond personally to the school bus or other associated scene, the immediate concern shall be to intervene and prevent the incident from occurring or continuing. The protection of property shall be secondary to the protection of persons involved. Medical assistance should be called for as is necessary.
- D. An initial investigation into the incident shall be conducted to determine where the school bus was at the time the incident began and who the proper investigating agency should be.
- E. If the incident occurred in the City of Albany, peace officers shall conduct a criminal investigation of the incident. If the incident occurred outside the City of Albany, it should be referred to the appropriate agency for further investigation.
- F. Peace officers shall maintain control of the scene until a peace officer of the authorized agency has arrived and is in control of the scene.
- G. Peace officers are encouraged to assist the other agencies peace officer in completing the investigation if they are requested to do so. .
- H. Upon completion of the investigation the officer shall forward copies of the investigation to the proper prosecuting authority.