The Board of Trustees has established the MiraCosta College Police, under the supervision of a Chief of Police, shall report directly to the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services. The purpose of the department is to enforce the law on or near the campuses, centers, and other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the district or by the state acting on behalf of the district.

District police officers shall be employed as members of the classified staff but shall, when duly sworn, be peace officers as defined by law. Prior to employment, they shall satisfy the training requirements set out in Government Code §1031 and Penal Code §§830.32 (a), et seq.

Public safety services must adhere to principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. Public safety services must advance access to education, educational equity, and opportunities for student success by creating safe, secure, peaceful, and inclusive campus environments in which all persons may fully develop their individual potential without fear or undue risk of physical or emotional harm.

The superintendent/president shall establish minimum qualifications of employment for the chief of police, including, but not limited to, prior employment as a peace officer or completion of a peace-officer-training course approved by the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST).

The superintendent/president shall ensure that every member of the College Police Department first employed by the district before July 1, 1999, satisfies the requirements of state law regarding qualifications for continued employment.

Every member of the College Police Department shall be issued a suitable identification card and badge bearing the words “MiraCosta College Police.”

The superintendent/president, in cooperation with the chief of police, shall issue such other regulations as may be necessary for the administration of the College Police. Sworn police officers and dispatchers of the College Police Department shall comply with all POST requirements.
Use of Military Equipment

The superintendent/president will develop procedures to ensure the chief of police obtains approval from the Board of Trustees of a military equipment use policy prior to purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment as defined in the Government Code.

Campus Policing and Student Success

The superintendent/president will develop procedures to ensure the district develops a "Public Safety Compact" with district stakeholders, including college police officers. The Public Safety Compact will establish the district's requirements for the delivery of public safety-related services on campus, including the respective roles and responsibilities of administrators, faculty, college police officers, mental health and social services workers, crisis counselors, community non-profits, and other related service providers in responding to the public safety needs of the college.

The district will establish a public safety advisory committee to make recommendations to the district governing board related to district policies governing college public safety services. The district will engage in active efforts to recruit advisory committee members from historically underserved communities.

Policing Data

The superintendent/president will develop procedures to ensure the chief(s) of police will record policing data metrics, including key performance indicators, track data related to traffic stops and other officer-initiated contacts, and conduct stakeholder climate surveys focused on college public safety services.

Use of Force

The chief of police shall obtain approval from the Board of Trustees to adopt a military equipment use policy prior to purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. The superintendent/president shall submit the proposed military equipment policy to the Board of Trustees and make those documents available on the College Police Department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue. The Board of Trustees shall consider the proposed military equipment policy as an agenda item for an open session meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

Report Regarding Complaints

The chief(s) of police shall regularly provide the board with a report regarding complaints against the College Police Department and police officers. This report must disaggregate the complainants by race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic identified by the board.

See Administrative Procedures 7600.