



Policy 318: Incidents on School Buses

Note: This policy is mandated by the Minnesota POST Board.

POLICY

Our policy is to comprehensively respond to incidents on school buses.

Order 318:

The department will work with school officials, transportation personnel, parents, and students to respond to school bus incidents, focusing on student safety, and aggressive enforcement of the law. Investigation of criminal acts on school buses is the responsibility of this department. This policy does not replace school disciplinary policies relating to student misconduct.

The department shall:

- Respond to calls for assistance from any citizen, school, or bus company as they pertain to criminal conduct on a school bus.
- Issue charges, release pending investigation, or apprehend and transport individuals committing crimes on school buses.
- Investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses by using procedures as followed in juvenile criminal investigations.
- Submit reports regarding incidents to superior officers as required by department policies and to the County Attorney.
- Provide information to schools regarding criminal activity as required by law.