

Title: Campus Safety and Security Policies -- Campus Law Enforcement

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Policy

In addition to the rules and regulations of the University, Boston College students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors are subject to all local, state, and federal laws. In or upon lands or structures owned, used, or occupied by the University, the Boston College Police are responsible for enforcing those laws and, to this end, maintain a cooperative working relationship with local, state, and federal police agencies.

The Boston College Police force includes approximately 50 sworn police officers. All police officers must attend and graduate from a police academy certified by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

The Boston College Police derive their legal authority from Chapter 22C, Section 63 of the Massachusetts General Laws. This statute allows them the same police authority as local police agencies. Boston College Police officers may make arrests of individuals accused or suspected of crimes. Local police agencies provide back-up assistance to the University if required.

Security officers are appointed by the Boston College Police Chief and have no legal standing as police officers. However, they do have authority as officials of the University and are empowered to enforce University rules and regulations.

For additional information regarding the Boston College Police Department, please see policy [5-350-001](#), Boston College Police -- Function and Responsibilities. For related information regarding campus safety and security policies, please see policy [5-350-200](#), Campus Safety and Security Policies—Required Disclosures and Reports.

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