

Fontana Unified School District Police Department

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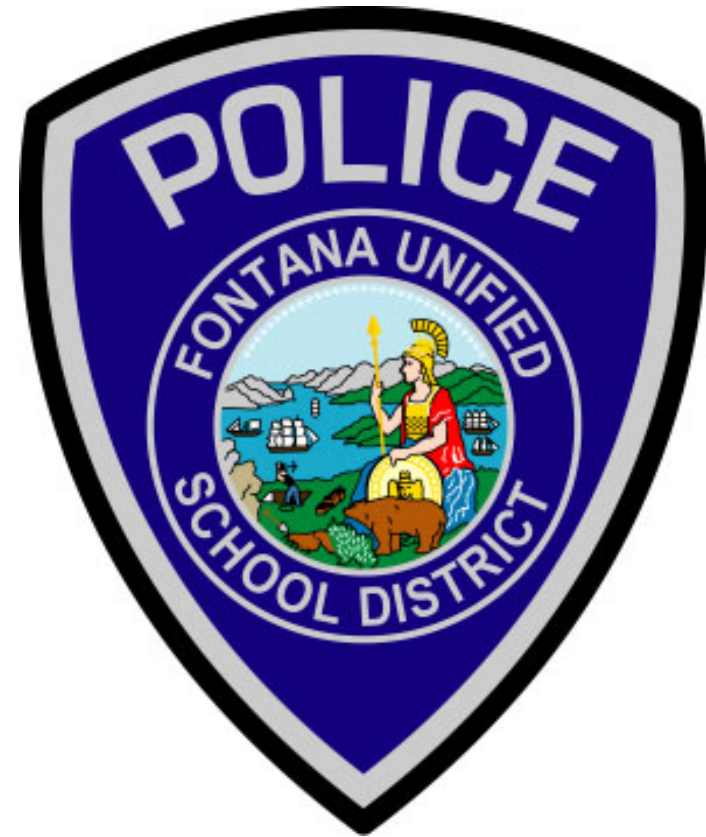


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Frequently Asked Questions

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Do you have a question about the Fontana Unified School District Police Department? These are the most commonly asked questions about our agency from the community. If you still have any questions after reading this, please speak with one of our Police Officers!



Are the Fontana Unified School District Police Department *REAL* police?

YES!! The Fontana School Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction with the San Bernardino Sheriffs Department, Fontana Police, Rialto Police and California Highway Patrol. The school district encompasses over 52 square miles within the City of Fontana and County of San Bernardino. The Fontana School Police Department has the ability to enforce ANY and ALL laws in the State of California.



Where does the Fontana School Police Department get its authority to enforce laws, make arrests and issue citations?

The Fontana School Police Department receives its law enforcement authority from the California Constitution, the California Government Code, the Educational Code and Penal Code § 830.32.



What authority regulates and guarantees the Fontana School Police Department remains compliant with law enforcement standards?

With the exception of federal law enforcement agencies, the State of California regulates each police agency within the State through POST or Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. This agency annually audits each department for compliance in recruiting, hiring and training standards and operational soundness. The Fontana School Police Department has its California POST charter and is in full compliance with POST and Department of Justice standards.



What equipment does the Police Department carry?

Each patrol vehicle is equipped with a police radio, scanner, a taser, first aid kit, cameras and other essential equipment. The Department has eleven marked patrol vehicles, three unmarked patrol vehicles, one marked traffic monitoring trailer. Each Police Officer is qualified and armed with state of the art equipment and weapons to properly defend and protect the citizens of our district and local community.



When does the Fontana School Police Department operate?

The Fontana School Police Department is a full time law enforcement agency much like municipal agencies in the surrounding region. School Resource Officers are assigned to geographical beats or school zones during school hours. They are supplemented by 50+ Non Sworn Campus Safety Officers who are permanently assigned to schools throughout the district. The fourteen Peace Officers are supported by five full time dispatchers, and other support personnel and Non Sworn substitutes.



What is the primary mission of the Fontana School Police Department?

The primary mission of the Fontana School Police Department is to provide safety and security for all district students, staff and surrounding community. This is done through assignments in which SROs or School Resource Officers interact with students and assist site administrators. In addition, SRO's conduct traffic safety enforcement near school sites, provide district patrol, assist outside law enforcement agencies, investigate reported crimes and provide services with neighborhood park districts to augment the primary mission of the Fontana School Police Department.



Does the Fontana School Police Department have the ability to provide service to an increased student population?

Yes! The Fontana School Police Department has the ability to recruit and hire well trained and qualified candidates as Police Officers. The current composition or structure of the Department allows for adaptability and flexibility to ensure the safety and security of the district.



Does the Fontana School Police Department have the ability to provide general law enforcement duties as a primary mission?

The primary mission of the Fontana Unified School District Police Department is to provide a safe and secure environment for the students and staff members who attend and work at each of our campuses. However, under a current memorandum of understanding between the City of Fontana and the Fontana Unified School District, the School Police Department operates under an auxiliary status to help support the general law enforcement services to the community and the region.

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