

Northwest Missouri State University

Policy and Procedures Manual

Chapter Campus Safety

Section Authority as Police Agency

I. Purpose

The existence and authority of the Department of Campus Safety as a police agency are defined by the Board of Regents Resolution on August 28, 1993, and the Missouri Revised Statute 174.703.

II. Policy

A Northwest Board of Regents resolution dated August 28, 1993 established a University Police Department for the protection of persons, property, and to preserve peace and good order in the public buildings, properties, grounds, and other facilities and locations, over which they have charge or control. The general prevention, detection, investigation, and enforcement of the Student Judicial Code, Missouri Criminal Code, and applicable Maryville City Ordinances are the responsibility of the Northwest Missouri State University Police Department (currently referred to as the Campus Safety Department).

Revised Missouri State Statute 174.703 states the following information in regard to police officers at state colleges and universities.

The college or university police officers, before they enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office before some officer authorized to administer oaths, to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties thereof, which oath shall be filed in the office of the board, and the secretary of the board shall give each college police officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of appointment, under the seal of the board, which certificate shall empower him or her with the same authority to maintain order, preserve peace and make arrests as is now held by peace officers. The college or university police officer may in addition expel from the public buildings, campuses, and grounds, persons violating the rules and regulations that may be prescribed by the board or others under the authority of the board. Such officer or employee of the state college or university as may be designated by the board shall have immediate charge, control and supervision of police officers appointed by authority of this section. Such college or university police officers shall have satisfactorily completed before appointment a training course for police officers as prescribed by chapter 590, RSMo, for state peace officers or, by virtue of previous experience or training, have met the requirements of chapter 590, RSMo.