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Title: **Criminal Conduct on School Buses**
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CRIMINAL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

POLICY

Gaylord Police Department personnel shall respond to and investigate allegations of criminal conduct occurring on school buses within our jurisdiction. Personnel shall work and consult with school officials, transportation personnel, parents, and students when responding to these incidents, while being focused on student safety and appropriate enforcement of the law. Personnel shall work in cooperation with any other law enforcement agency that also has jurisdiction. This policy is not intended to interfere with or replace school disciplinary policies relating to misconduct on school buses.

PROCEDURE

Agency personnel shall:

- respond to calls for assistance from any citizen, school, or bus transportation company official regarding criminal conduct on a school bus.
- investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses by using procedures like those followed in other criminal investigations as appropriate for juveniles and/or adults.
- issue citations, release suspects pending further investigation, or apprehend and transport suspects who were engaged in criminal activity while on a school bus.
- submit investigative reports for review, approval, and consideration of charges as required by law and agency policy.
- conduct follow-up investigative work when requested by someone with proper authority within the agency or from the prosecutor's office.
- provide the appropriate school with information regarding the incident, as required or authorized by law.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

- MN STATUTE 121A.28 – Law Enforcement Records
- MN STATUTE 260B.171 – Records
- MN STATUTE 169.448 – Other Buses
- MN STATUTE 169.4581 – Criminal Conduct on School Bus
- MN STATUTE 169A.31 – Alcohol-related School Bus or Head Start Bus Driving
- ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 6700.1615 – Required Agency Policies

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