DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy Number:	**107.074**
Title:	**Criminal Conduct on School Buses**
Effective Date:	**9/16/24**

PURPOSE: It is the policy of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) Fugitive Apprehension Unit (FAU) to respond to allegations of criminal conduct which occur on school buses upon request and at the direction of local jurisdictions. Upon request and at the direction of local jurisdictions, the FAU works with and consults with school officials, transportation personnel, parents, and students to address these incidents to protect student safety and deal appropriately with those who violate the law. This policy recognizes that responding to reports of alleged criminal conduct on school buses is the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the incident, and the FAU cooperates with that law enforcement agency in any response.

APPLICABILITY: Minnesota Department of Corrections (MN DOC) Fugitive Apprehension Unit (FAU)

DEFINITIONS:

Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit – police officers appointed by the commissioner of the Minnesota department of corrections (MN DOC) to investigate the whereabouts of, and attempt to apprehend, MN DOC-warranted fugitives, those on supervised release with the MN DOC who have violated the terms of their release, or those on escape or walk-away status.

School bus – a motor vehicle used to transport pupils to or from a school or school-related activities, by the school or by someone under an agreement with the school or a school district.

PROCEDURES:

A. The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) fugitive apprehension unit (FAU) may respond to a local law enforcement agency's request to exercise general law enforcement duties during the course of official duties by carrying out law enforcement activities related to allegations of criminal conduct on school buses at the direction of the requesting law enforcement agency. During any such response, FAU must:

1. Respond to calls for assistance from any citizen, school, bus transportation company official, or local law enforcement agency as they may pertain to criminal conduct on school buses;

2. When responding to calls for assistance from a citizen, school, or bus transportation company official, notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction;

3. Apprehend and transport individuals committing crimes on school buses, to the extent authorized by law;

4. Investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses by using the same procedures followed in other criminal investigations;

5. Complete reports regarding the assistance with incident response on school buses;

6. Follow through with any other investigation necessary to prepare a case pertaining to criminal conduct on school buses as requested by the local jurisdiction; and

7. Provide information to the school regarding the incident as required or authorized by law.

B. Documentation
FAUMs must enter all reports into the Augmented Criminal Investigations Support System (ACISS).

INTERNAL CONTROLS:
A. Reporting is retained in the Augmented Criminal Investigations Support System (ACISS)

REFERENCES: Minn. Stat. §§ 169.4581 and 241.025

REPLACES: All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: None

APPROVALS:
Deputy Commissioner, Chief of Staff
Deputy Commissioner, Client Services and Supports
Assistant Commissioner, Agency Services and Supports
Assistant Commissioner, Facilities
Assistant Commissioner, Facilities
Assistant Commissioner, Community Services and Reentry
Assistant Commissioner, Health, Recovery, and Programming