
CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY and PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: JUVENILE OPERATIONS - ADMINISTRATION

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working knowledge of Department directives and policies.

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1. Officers are expected to use this knowledge to arbitrate minor matters involving juveniles and to know when to involve a juvenile officer in a more serious matter. It is anticipated that these actions will promote the safety and education of juveniles, their families, and the community.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for juvenile operations and programs for the Champaign Police Department.

- C. The Department maintains a formally organized juvenile component within the Investigations Division. Each Detective and School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Division has been certified as a juvenile officer and has been specially trained for carrying out the duties of the function as defined in 705 ILCS 405/1-105 in the Illinois Juvenile Court Act. Juvenile officers provide services which not only promote crime prevention through delinquency control, but also other services which furnish care, protection, and understanding to the youth of the community. The specialized functions performed by juvenile officers include, but are not limited to:

DEFINITIONS:

Juvenile Court Act: Title for Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS), Chapter 705.

1. Investigating criminal offenses committed by youths and/or against youths.
2. Investigating allegations of child abuse, neglect, and dependency.
3. Investigating cases where minors require authoritative intervention.
4. Assisting patrol officers with juvenile-related matters as necessary or needed.
5. Maintaining liaison with area schools, social service agencies, juvenile courts, probation departments, community service organizations, other law enforcement agencies, and related groups interested in youth matters and concerns.

POLICY:

44.1.1 JUVENILE OPERATIONS FUNCTION

- A. The responsibility for designing and implementing programs to prevent delinquency and criminal behavior in youths is shared by all members of the Department and the community. In this regard, the Department's Juvenile Operations function shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Complying with the Illinois Juvenile Court Act.
2. Ensuring that the constitutional rights of minors are never abridged. Juveniles have the same constitutional rights as adults, including rules of evidence for court processing.
3. Locating and returning runaway juveniles.
4. Diverting juvenile offenders away from the juvenile justice system and adjusting cases at the Department level.
5. Maintaining liaison with schools, social service agencies, and other organizations which provide services for local youth.
6. Coordinating and preparing court cases in which a juvenile offender is involved.
7. Designing and implementing programs intended to prevent and control delinquent behavior by juveniles.
8. Referring juveniles to other criminal justice agencies, public social service agencies, or private social service agencies when appropriate.

- B. All sworn officers of the Champaign Police Department shall have a basic knowledge of the philosophy and procedures of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act and a

44.1.2 INPUT FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- A. The Champaign Police Department encourages input from other entities of the juvenile justice system in the development of policies, procedures, and programs related to juvenile matters. Juvenile officers will maintain ongoing relationships with and seek such input from other youth service agencies including, but not limited to:

1. The Regional Planning Commission.
2. Champaign County Juvenile Courts.
3. The Champaign County State's Attorney's Office.
4. The Champaign County Juvenile Probation Department.

5. The Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS).
 6. The Champaign County Youth Detention Center (YDC).
 7. The Champaign County Child Advocacy Center (CAC).
 8. The Illinois Juvenile Officer's Association.
 9. The National Association for School Resource Officers.
- B. Input from various agencies is requested prior to formulation of any new programs or policies and when needed in the revision of existing programs and policies.

44.1.3 ANNUAL EVALUATION OF YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A. At least once per year, all members of the Investigations Division shall meet with the Deputy Chief of Operational Support for the purpose of evaluating all juvenile enforcement and prevention programs. Following such a review, the Deputy Chief of Operational Support shall submit a written report to the Chief of Police with recommendations for enhancement, modification, or elimination of juvenile programs used by the Investigations Division.