

34.4 SCHOOL BUS INCIDENTS

PURPOSE

Pursuant to MSA 169.4581 Law Enforcement Policy for Criminal Conduct on School Buses-Required.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Lowry Police Department to respond to all reports of criminal incidents on school buses. The Lowry Police Department will work with school officials, transportation personnel, parents, and students to respond to these incidents to protect student safety and deal appropriately with those who violate the law. This policy recognizes that responding to reports of criminal conduct on school buses within this jurisdiction is the responsibility of the Lowry Police Department. This policy is not intended to interfere with or replace school disciplinary policies which relate to student misconduct on school buses.

34.5 PROCEDURES

The Lowry Police Department shall:

- Respond to calls for assistance from any citizen, school, or bus transportation company as they may pertain to criminal conduct on school buses.
- Issue citations, release pending further investigation, or apprehend and transport individuals committing crimes on school buses, to the extent authorized by law.
- Investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses by using the same procedures as followed in other criminal investigations.
- Submit reports regarding the incident to superior officers as required by department policy and to the prosecuting attorney as needed.
- Follow through with any other investigation necessary to prepare a case pertaining to criminal conduct on school buses as requested by the prosecuting attorney.
- Provide information to the school regarding the incident as required by law.