

# Campus Security - Authority and Jurisdiction

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Personnel in the Campus Safety & Security Department function as professional security officers and do not currently have police officer status which includes powers of arrest in the State of Ohio. Since the university is located within the village of Cedarville and Greene County, the Cedarville Police Department serves as the primary jurisdictional authority responsible for the investigation of criminal matters occurring on campus. Depending on the nature of a particular case the Greene County Sheriff's Department may assume ultimate control or assist with any investigation occurring within the village. The university also has a contract agreement with the village police to assist with: 1) traffic control on the public roadways located adjacent to the university; 2) providing law enforcement coverage for Campus Security when special events are held at the university that may demand a heightened level of safety and security.

In general, serious criminal offenses such as those included in the Campus Security Act Crime Statistics section are reported to the local police for investigation and over-sight. Cases involving more minor offenses such as petit theft, criminal mischief, trespass, disorderly conduct, vandalism, etc. are reported to the local police depending on the nature and seriousness of the offense and joint investigative efforts are deployed to handle these matters. Regardless of the nature of the offense, individual perpetrators may be arrested and charged in accordance with state and local laws. Infractions involving university rules and regulations are promptly reported to Student Life for disciplinary action.

Campus Security personnel work closely with the local police and have direct radio communication with them on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Any situations, occurring in the village, township or county that may impact the university are brought to our attention by the local police or County Sheriff's Department. In addition, any off-campus student criminal activity is reported by the police to the Campus Safety & Security Department; however, the University does not have any off-campus housing for student organizations. Cedarville University is also part of the Greene County 911 Emergency Notification System.