Breezy Point Police Department
Policy for Criminal Conduct on School Buses

I.   Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the appropriate law enforcement response to criminal conduct on school buses according to Minnesota State Statute 169.4581.

II.   Policy

It is the policy of the Breezy Point Police Department to respond to allegations of criminal conduct, which occur within our jurisdiction on school buses. This agency shall work with and consult 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 alleged criminal conduct on school buses within this jurisdiction is the responsibility of this office in cooperation with any other law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction over the alleged offense. This policy is not intended to interfere with or replace school disciplinary policies which relate to student misconduct on school buses.

III.   Procedure

This agency shall:

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

2.   Issue citations, release pending further investigation, or apprehend and transport individuals committing crimes on school buses, to the extent authorized by law.

3.   Investigate reports of crimes committed on school buses by using the same procedures as followed in other criminal investigations, involving juveniles or adults as appropriate.

4.   Submit reports regarding the incident to superior officers and the prosecuting attorney as required by agency policy.

5.   Follow through with any other investigation necessary to prepare a case pertaining to criminal conduct on school buses as requested by the prosecuting attorney.

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

Adopted this 2nd day of January, 2001.

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Carrie Ruud, Mayor   Vicki Willer, City Clerk