

# **Standards for the Employment of Private Security Personnel on the Campuses of George Mason University**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to standardize the security services provided to the University in general. This will ensure that all security officers on campus are vetted and trained to standards that are equal to or surpass the Department of Criminal Justice Standards for Campus Security.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all personnel, colleges and departments of George Mason University and their use of outside security officer services. Exceptions to this policy will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Chief of Police of the George Mason University Police and Public Safety or his/her designee.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Public Safety Department (“PSD”) is responsible for the coordination, approval and management of campus-wide security for the purpose of protecting the students, staff, and property of George Mason University. This policy establishes general requirements for all university colleges and departments relating to the purchase of, and operation of, private security officers. The George Mason University Police Department shall establish rules for the purchase, and operation of any and all private security officers by university personnel, colleges and departments of the University.

The purpose of a security officer is to deter crime and contribute to an enhanced sense of wellbeing in the community. Security officers also assist the University Police in protecting the University community.

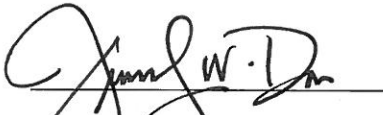
Campus security officer’s duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Security Patrol
- Buildings lock down and openings.
- Safety Escort
- Fire Watch
- Static site assignments

## REQUIREMENTS

The George Mason University Police and Public Safety provide security services through the Public Safety Department and the Police Cadet program. These officers are non-sworn and do not have arrest powers. They perform security patrols, escorts, unlock and support the Police Department in all of its endeavors. All security officers and Police Cadets receive 80 hours of specialized training which includes CPR/AED certification, DCJS Campus Security certification and conflict resolution training.

Private security contractors may be used to provide security personnel services at any George Mason University location, however, any agreements or contracts to provide private security personnel must be reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police of the George Mason University Police Department and Public Safety or his/her designee. All private security officers must meet the minimum requirements that apply to George Mason Security Officers. Any use of armed private security personnel to meet a short term security need must be approved by the Chief of Police. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the use of properly licensed and bonded armored car services which are employed solely to provide the transportation of money to and from the campus.



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