



210 School Crossing Guards

Virginia Beach Police Department General Order

Chapter 200 – Organization and Command
CALEA Standards: 61.3.4

Purpose:

To identify the scope of responsibility and duties for school crossing guards and the selection criteria for selecting school crossing guard locations.

Policy:

The Virginia Beach Police Department is committed to providing a safe environment at our schools for pedestrian students, school buses, and ancillary traffic. The School Crossing Guards provide this safe environment by controlling the traffic within their assigned school.

Duties, Uniforms, and Training (CALEA 61.3.4.A, 61.3.4.C)

The duties, training, and uniform requirements of School Crossing Guards are delineated in *General Order 309 Standards for Uniform and Professional Appearance*.

Selection Criteria (CALEA 61.3.4.B)

The Special Operations Bureau Administrative Officer is in charge of the school crossing guards and will arrange with the Department hiring Coordinator, a selection process to fill vacant school crossing guard positions in accordance with *General Order 303 Hiring Procedures and Guidelines*. The selection process will include an interview panel that will evaluate each applicant on knowledge, skills, and abilities relating to the performance of school crossing guards.

Criteria for School Crossing Guard Locations (CALEA 61.3.4.D)

The determination about whether a school location requires a crossing guard will be made by the Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Bureau after considering traffic volume, speed and flow, street dimensions, physical terrain, sidewalk accessibility, traffic control devices, local codes and policies, and the number and age of the students using the crossing.

Annual Review of School Crossing Guard Locations (CALEA 61.3.4 .E)

The Special Operations Administrative Officer will annually evaluate each school zone where a school crossing guard is assigned and report the findings to the Commanding Officer of Special Operations. This evaluation shall be accomplished by surveying the school site, consulting with the assigned crossing guard, and Traffic Engineering in partnership with the Office of Security and Emergency Management for the Virginia Beach School System. The Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Bureau will review the evaluations and make final decisions on the allocation of school crossing guards.

By the Authority of the Police Chief: