



trained in the use of firearms before they are permitted to carry guns while on duty.

A strict policy on the use of firearms was adopted for campus police in 1969.

The policy says a firearm may be used only in "preventing a dangerous felony such as murder, arson, rape or robbery." It also can be used when an officer is trying to make an arrest and the individual "puts up an obstinate and dangerous resistance" which puts the officer's life or another person's life in danger.

At no time are campus police supposed to fire at someone simply fleeing from arrest nor can they fire warning shots.

The policy also stipulates that "unnecessary display of firearms is prohibited." A gun is not to be removed from the holster unless the "life of the officer or another innocent person is endangered."

Gade said there has been no occasion for a campus policeman to draw or fire a firearm in the three years he's been in office.

Several years ago when students raised the question of why campus police carry firearms, Gade said he spoke to a large group in front of Love Library and found many didn't understand the reasons.

"It was not to shoot the students, but to protect them," he stressed.

The mere presence of campus police carrying guns may serve as a deterrent for someone planning to commit a crime, Gade said.



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