Purpose
To establish written guidelines which will identify alternatives officers may choose to use other than that of an actual arrest as defined under Indiana Code.

General Order
The proper use of discretion is an important aspect of law enforcement and is predicated on good judgment. The use of discretion requires that an officer make responsible decisions which can withstand scrutiny by the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD), other jurisdictional components of the criminal justice system, and the Indiana University community itself.

Use of Discretion by Sworn Officers
Sworn officers are encouraged to exercise discretion when dealing with their many duties. The use of discretion must be soundly based upon law, department directives, experience, university policies, and training. Therefore, officers must correctly interpret laws and department directives. Officers shall realize that the use of discretion is not permitted when certain activities are mandated by statutes, Department directives or supervisory direction. Officers shall seek direction from their supervisor when the appropriate course of action is in doubt.

An officer's discretionary decision regarding severity of enforcement action or inaction must not be influenced by malice, vengeance, or prejudice on the bases of race, color, religious belief, sex, (including gender, identity, sexual orientation and pregnancy,) national origin, 40 or older disability or genetic information, etc.

Alternatives to Arrest (2.2.3)
The power of arrest granted to police officers is one of the alternatives available to them under circumstances that require some form of police action. IUPD officers shall exercise good judgment and consider the degree and severity of the violation or committed when determining which alternative to use. Such considerations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- The risk that the suspect will commit another crime.
- Prior criminal record.
- The risk that the suspect is a danger to him/herself and/or others.
- Applicable laws and court decisions.
- Goals and objectives of IUPD and Indiana University in respect to addressing policy violations by students.
- Alternatives may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Uniform traffic or university tickets.
2.2.3 Alternative to Arrest

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- Summons.
- Warnings.
- Referrals to the Dean of Students; or
- Juvenile probation offenders may be issued promises to appear or released to their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).

Related Information

None apply

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