

Connecticut Public and Private College and University Police

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Issue

Which Connecticut public and private colleges and universities currently have their own police forces and what is the legal basis for their existence?

Public University Police

As required by state law, there are special police forces at the [University of Connecticut](#), [Central Connecticut State University](#), [Southern Connecticut State University](#), [Eastern Connecticut State University](#), and [Western Connecticut State University](#) (CGS § 10a-156b(a)).

Public College Police

State law authorizes special police forces on all twelve of Connecticut's regional community technical college campuses, subject to the Board of Regents for Higher Education's approval (CGS § 10a-156b(a)). According to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, police forces have been approved at four of those twelve colleges: [Capital Community College](#), [Gateway Community College](#), [Manchester Community College](#), and [Naugatuck Valley Community College](#).

Private University Police

According to the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, only two of the state's private colleges and universities currently have police forces: the University of New Haven and Yale University.

The city of West Haven has granted the [University of New Haven](#) authority to appoint police officers under a state statute that allows municipal chief executive officers to appoint special constables to requesting corporations ([CGS § 7-92](#)).

The city of New Haven, acting through its board of police commissioners, has appointed individuals certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to be [Yale University](#) police officers under PA 83-466 § 3 (see Attachment 1). For additional information, see Yale University Police Department [General Order 103](#).

Attachment 1
Public Act 83-466 § 3

Sec. 3. The city of New Haven, acting through its board of police commissioners, may appoint persons designated by Yale University to act as Yale University police officers. Such officers having duly qualified under section 7-294d of the general statutes, and having been sworn, shall have all the powers conferred upon municipal police officers for the city of New Haven. They shall be deemed for all purposes to be agents and employees of Yale University, subject to such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the city of New Haven, acting through its board of police commissioners, and Yale University.

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