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TRUANCY SWEEP TODAY IN CITY HEIGHTS

(San Diego) A truancy sweep will be conducted in City Heights today between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. SDPD along with SD Unified School Police and SD County Probation are partnering in this effort. The goal of the sweep is to keep students in school and safe.

A diminished education is the most obvious adverse experience a student encounters when they are absent from school. In addition, students who do not attend school are more likely to become victims of crimes, and commit crimes.

Arrested students will be cited and released into the custody of the newly established San Diego Unified Attendance Intervention Center or their parent. Prior to the release, students and their parents will be given the opportunity to participate in a diversion program. The diversion program is operated by a community based organization employing professionals that explore the issues causing truancy and provide parents and students with the appropriate training to make better decisions. Students who complete diversion programs successfully will not have to appear in court. The idea of diversion is to keep the student out of the juvenile justice system.

Officer John Minto will be available after noon today for interviews.

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