THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

San Diego Police Department

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Spring Break Beach Plan

WHAT	Announcement of special enforcement activity in Mission and Pacific Beach beginning March 15 through April 8, 2007
WHO	Captain Boyd Long with Northern Division patrol officers
WHEN	Thursday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.
WHERE	Mission Beach - grass area just south of Belmont Park (3100 Mission Blvd.)

Each year San Diego beaches become crowded with visitors during the Spring Break vacation weeks. SDPD has committed additional resources to deal with the issues that arise as a result of crowds.

Officers will work uniformed and plainclothes assignments throughout the three week period at various times of the day and night.

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FACT SHEET

ROADWAYS and PARKING LOTS

It is likely that beach area parking lots will be at or close to capacity during the weekends. Therefore, expect traffic delays, and bring plenty of patience. Traffic cones will be in place to close roadways and parking lots when necessary.

It is illegal to drive through a cone pattern or to disobey the directions of a traffic control officer. Use common sense and follow the rules. If you park blocking roadways, alleys, bike lanes, or fire lanes, you will be ticketed and your vehicle may be impounded. If your vehicle is impounded, contact Star Towing at (858) 573-8700.

BICYCLES

Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road by obeying all signs and traffic control signals that apply to motorized vehicles. Bike riders who violate the law may be cited. A reminder: it is unlawful to operate a bicycle while impaired by alcohol or drugs; violators may be arrested.

PEDESTRIANS

It is illegal to cross against traffic signals, to jaywalk or to interfere with traffic. Pedestrians will be cited for hazardous violations.

AT THE BEACH

- **Alcohol:** Be responsible, use a designated driver and the buddy-system. Alcohol may be consumed on the sand only between noon and 8 p.m. Glass is not allowed at anytime.

- **Dogs** are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. After 6 p.m. dogs must be on a leash, and owners must pick up after their dogs.

- **Fencing** or roping off areas to be saved is prohibited.

- **Tents** may be erected, but the side flaps must be up. Tents may not be left on the beach overnight to secure a spot for the next day; all unattended property will be collected by Park & Recreation Department employees and taken to Fiesta Island, where it can be reclaimed by its owner.

- **Fire rings** may not be used after midnight. Use clean wood only (no pallets, which are held together with nails).

- **Furniture** other than lawn chairs on the beach or in a park is prohibited.

- **Rowdy behavior** will be dealt with swiftly and aggressively.

- **Smoking** is prohibited on the beach, bay and in all parks.

MISSION BAY

It is illegal to operate watercraft while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The SDPD Harbor Unit will be on duty throughout the holiday period.

The San Diego Police Department is committed to making the beach communities safe for all to live, work and play. Despite the commitment of additional personnel and resources to the beach areas, we are also committed to providing adequate staffing in other areas of the city during Spring Break.