THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: March 30, 2009

AT 10 P.M. - DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

What: Reminder to parents regarding curfew laws

When: Every day between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Where: Citywide

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SDPD Northeastern Division officers remind parents that the curfew laws are in effect (SDMC 58.0101, 58.0102, 58.0103) and officers will look for youth violating those laws during Spring Break (April 4 - 12, 2009).

The curfew within the city of San Diego is from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day for individuals under the age of 18. The law is slightly different, for example, in the city of Poway where their curfew begins at 11 p.m. Even though you may be a resident of another jurisdiction, if you are a juvenile within the San Diego city limits the 10 p.m. curfew law applies to you.

There are a few exceptions to the curfew law including: if the juvenile is traveling to or from work; if the juvenile is attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults or if the juvenile is involved in an emergency.

Locating juveniles in violation of the curfew laws prevents them from committing crimes or becoming the victims of crimes. As evidenced by the spike in vandalism cases that occurred in 2008 during times when schools were not in session, there is a correlation between juveniles being out of school and an increase in these types of cases.

Information on the curfew law can be found at the following link:
http://www.sandiego.gov/police/about/juvlaw.shtml.

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