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## LABOR DAY 2009 HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT

**(San Diego)** The San Diego Police Department has committed extra personnel to the beaches and bays over the Labor Day holiday weekend. It is anticipated that 750,000 people will visit our beaches and bays from September 5 - 7.

Northern and Western Division officers, the Beach Teams (Northern and Western Divisions), the SDPD Harbor Unit, the Mounted Enforcement Unit, motor officers, ABLE, retired senior volunteers, special event traffic controllers, and parking enforcement officers will be deployed throughout the beach areas. Officers will be patrolling the areas in cars, on foot, bicycles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, horseback, boats and in the air making sure everyone who visits the beach areas during the holiday weekend has a safe and enjoyable experience. Officers will be both in uniform and in plain clothes.

In addition to beach and park enforcement, officers will conduct DUI saturation patrols in the beach areas and they will also enforce "Click It or Ticket."

Visitors and residents are reminded the consumption or possession of an open alcoholic beverage is prohibited on San Diego's beaches and bays. The prohibited locations incorporate public areas including the sand, seawall, sidewalk, boardwalk, parking lots, parks, piers, jetties and public rights-of-way. For a detailed list where alcohol is not permitted, see San Diego Municipal Code Section 56.54 by visiting [www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk](http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk).

There are more than 400 signs in the beach areas listing the rules and regulations. San Diego police officers, lifeguards and park rangers will issue citations for alcohol offenses committed during the holiday. The minimum penalty for a first offense is \$250.00

The primary command post for the holiday weekend will be located in the west parking lot of 3000 Mission Blvd.

On page two you will find some of the rules that apply to San Diego beaches and bay areas at all times, not just during the holidays.

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**BICYCLES**

**Bicyclists** must follow the rules of the road. That means obeying all signs and traffic control signals that apply to motorized vehicles. Bike riders who violate the law will 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.

**ROADWAYS and PARKING LOTS**

Large crowds are expected in the beach areas throughout the weekend. Plan to arrive early, expect traffic delays, and bring plenty of patience. You are reminded to legally park your vehicle and only take **one** parking spot. Out of stall parking will be enforced. 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.

**AT THE BEACH**

- **Smoking** on the sand, boardwalk or in park areas is prohibited.
- **Alcohol** possession or consumption of an open alcoholic container is prohibited in public areas including the sand, seawall, sidewalk, boardwalk, parking lots, parks, piers, jetties and public rights-of-way.
- **Glass** is not allowed.
- **Dogs** are not allowed on the beach or boardwalk between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dogs must be on a leash and owners must pick up after their dogs.
- **Fencing** of 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 the Park & Recreation Department employees and taken to Fiesta Island, where it can be claimed by its owner.
- **Furniture** other than lawn chairs on the beach or in a park is prohibited.

**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 weekend along with Lifeguards.

**ALL WATERWAYS (BEACHES AND BAY AREAS)**

The SDPD Harbor Unit, the Lifeguards, and the US Coast Guard will be enforcing all applicable vessel and waterway laws to ensure the safety of those using these areas.

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