**San Diego Police Department**
**Northern Division**

Children's Pool

The San Diego Police Department respects the fundamental right of all people to peacefully express their views regarding the past, present and future use of the Children's Pool. The Department's Northern Division has a written protocol in place to respond to disturbances and allegations of criminal conduct at the Children's Pool.

The goal of the San Diego Police Department is to minimize the potential for confrontational behavior by maintaining peace and order during human-human and human-animal contact on and around the beach.

To this end, the San Diego Police Department:

- places no greater value than on the protection of human life
- will not tolerate acts of violence perpetrated against human beings or animals
- will respond to all requests for police assistance
- considers water safety the primary role of lifeguard personnel
- considers the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to have primary jurisdiction and to be the primary enforcement agency for any crimes alleged to have been perpetrated against any marine mammal or other animal that is classified within the scope of NOAA's jurisdiction
- will evaluate all allegations of criminal conduct perpetrated against human beings or any marine mammal or other animal that is classified within the scope of NOAA's jurisdiction, utilizing existing state and municipal statutes
- will confer with NOAA anytime criminal conduct perpetrated against any marine mammal or other animal that is classified within the scope of NOAA's jurisdiction is alleged
- encourages all people to respect and to not inhibit in any way the right and freedom for all to legally and peacefully occupy the Children's Pool and adjacent lands and to speak freely, openly and without intimidation

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