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Police, Fire-Rescue Departments to Host Community Meeting on 10 Technologies

JOINT MEETING WILL HELP MOVE CRITICAL ITEMS THROUGH CITY'S SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE

San Diego – Joining efforts to comply with the City of San Diego's [Surveillance Ordinance](#), the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) will hold a community meeting to share information about some of their technologies on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m.

Both departments use various technologies to assist in providing public safety services to all San Diego communities. The technologies being presented by SDPD are critical to investigations by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) support for dangerous situations, and air support for SDPD's helicopters.

SDFD uses UAS to improve efficiency of crews on the ground through heat detection during large-scale fires. Bomb Squad robots are required equipment for the City to maintain its FBI accreditation. They assist bomb technicians in safely identifying and mitigating potential explosive devices.

Some technologies used by SDPD and SDFD are purchased using grant funds, which cannot be applied for until requirements within the Surveillance Ordinance are completed. SDPD currently serves as the regional lead for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and without the grant funding, other cities and departments may be impacted. The technologies being presented include:

SDPD Technologies	Fire-Rescue Technologies
Avalex DVR & Flir 380-HDc	Bomb Squad Robots
Dejero Downlink Transmission System	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
ICAC Data Systems NIDS	
MSABs Raven	
MSABs XRY	
PENLiNK PLX	
Unmanned Aircraft Systems	
Vigilant	
Whooster	

The community meeting to solicit feedback will consist of one location serving as the hub for the main presentation on the technologies, with eight other locations throughout the City simulcasting the presentation and allowing in-person attendance and public comment.

In addition to the in-person, simulcast meeting in all nine City Council Districts, SDPD will post a recording of the presentation to its [technology website](#). Online public comment for the technologies will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Nov. 10. Public comment forms can be found under the corresponding technology's name on each department's website at sandiego.gov/police/technology or sandiego.gov/fire/about/technology.

The meeting is the next set of technologies being brought forward in accordance with the City of San Diego's Surveillance Ordinance, which details the requirements that every City department must adhere to for technology that is defined as surveillance.

Community members are encouraged to review the Use Policies and supporting materials prior to attending the community meeting.

The simulcast meeting on Nov. 8 will occur at each of the following locations. Any updates or changes to locations will be posted on the [SDPD website](#).

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8, 2023 6 p.m.	Anchor Church – Host Location	1765 Pentecost Way
	Central Library – Mary Hollis Room	330 Park Blvd.
	Clark Middle School	4388 Thorn St.
	Hourglass Park – Room J223	10440 Black Mountain Rd.
	La Jolla Recreation Center	615 Prospect St.
	Police Plaza – Auditorium	4020 Murphy Canyon Rd.

	Point Loma / Hervey Library	3701 Voltaire St.
	San Ysidro Library	4235 Beyer Blvd.
	Scripps Ranch Community Center	11885 Cypress Canyon Rd.

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