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BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

I. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to introduce Department members to the Blue Envelope Program.

II. <u>SCOPE</u>

This Training Bulletin applies to all sworn and professional staff.

V. <u>PROCEDURES</u>

San Diego County recently initiated the Blue Envelope Program. This program is designed to promote inclusivity and serve as an enhanced communication awareness tool between law enforcement and community members diagnosed with a condition or disability such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, anxiety, or other conditions that might require additional accommodations or awareness during a law enforcement contact.

The Blue Envelope Program works by allowing an individual to readily display the Blue Envelope logo or present a Blue Envelope upon contact with law enforcement. The Blue Envelope branded products can contain the individual's identification, contact information or other pertinent documents. The Blue Envelope Program does not have a registry component; therefore, all components of the program are voluntary and self-implemented. Community members will be able to pick up Blue Envelopes and associated branded products at various law enforcement facilities, including all SDPD front counters. The San Diego Sheriff's Department produced the following 90-second video to describe how the program works, and to show the various Blue Envelope branded items law enforcement may encounter in the field. Please click on the link below to view the video. Patrol supervisors are encouraged to show the video in lineup.

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Any questions can be directed to the Chief's Liaison for the Disabled Community, (Deleted – records of security)