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SDPD Launches New Youth-Based Initiative

San Diego — The San Diego Police Department is proud to announce the launch of its new community engagement initiative, P.L.A.Y. – Police Leading Adventures for Youth. This innovative program is designed to strengthen relationships between local youth and law enforcement by creating safe, fun, and positive experiences. Through P.L.A.Y., officers and young community members can come together in a relaxed setting, helping to build trust, mutual respect, and lasting connections beyond traditional policing.

The first P.L.A.Y. event, "Game with a Cop," will take place at, At Ease Games located at 8400 Miramar Road #250, on Saturday, October 18th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children and teens of all ages are invited to choose from a wide assortment of traditional board and tabletop role playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering, Catan, and more, to enjoy alongside San Diego Police Officers. The event is designed to provide a welcoming environment where youth can interact with officers as mentors, role models, and community partners while simply having fun.

Members of the media are encouraged to attend and cover this exciting new initiative. By highlighting events like P.L.A.Y., the San Diego Police Department hopes to showcase its ongoing commitment to Community Oriented Policing and youth outreach. Together, officers and the young people they serve can build stronger, safer neighborhoods, one game at a time.

We respectfully ask anyone with questions regarding the event to contact the creator of this innovative program, Sergeant Jesse Ochoa at <u>jochoa@pd.sandiego.gov</u>