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## **Police Chief Responds to SDPOA Statement**

**San Diego** — San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl responds to the statement made by the San Diego Police Officers Association regarding the recent use of force incident:

"Responding to a use of force incident by reaffirming my commitment to give officers the training, resources, and support they need to consistently meet the highest standard is not placing blame. It is part of being a leader.

It is disappointing that the new POA president chose to spend his first few days in office misconstruing my intent instead of working with me to better support our officers.

Keeping SDPD America's Finest requires all of us pulling in the same direction."

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