

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDER

DATE/TIME: JUNE 11, 2026 1900 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 26-16
SUBJECT: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) USE AND PROHIBITIONS
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.45

Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT and other models, can format and generate human-like responses entered via prompts from a user. These responses can be in the form of essays, articles, other text productions, or audio responses. These responses are not always accurate, truthful, and are unreliable.

Additionally, these models ingest information into a database as “learning.” This “learning” may then be later produced in answers requested from other users, thus rendering any information entered as public. Providing information from law enforcement-related events, such as case reports, CAD information, or from other sources, can place Personal Identifying Information (PII) into these non-law enforcement databases, which may expose victims, witnesses, suspects, law enforcement personnel, or other parties to releasing PII, or critical case details to those outside of law enforcement. They also expose the Department computers to other security concerns.

Currently, the Department does not authorize the use of any generative AI programs to author a police report, search warrant, or any other official document.

Department personnel shall not use generative AI or upload any official information to any AI programs, including CoPilot, without explicit directives from a Training Bulletin, or Department Order, Policy or Procedure allowing such activities. City of San Diego allowance of the use **DOES NOT** qualify as approval from the Department. No Department reports or other official documents or information shall be uploaded to any AI programs. This prohibition does not prevent Department members from utilizing technologies that have AI components, which have been approved by the City of San Diego’s Transparent and Responsible Use of Surveillance Technology (TRUST) Ordinance.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.