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### **SDPD AND SD MIRAMAR COLLEGE TO UNVEIL NEW DRIVING SIMULATORS**

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department and San Diego Miramar College will unveil four new driving simulators which will be used to train new recruits at the San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute and current employees of SDPD.

SDPD and San Diego Miramar College together purchased the simulators from MPRI, a provider of vehicle and maritime simulation products. The four simulators will replace the simulators which have been used at the San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute for the past five years. The four simulators costs approximately \$420 thousand dollars and the cost was split between SDPD and San Diego Miramar College.

The driving simulators put the student in real-life driving situations that cannot be duplicated in a vehicle because of various constraints. These are the only four driving simulators in the county of San Diego.

Over the next two and a half years, every SDPD officer up through the rank of Sergeant will be trained in one of these driving simulators.

A news conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute located at 10440 Black Mountain Road. Chief William Lansdowne, San Diego Community College District Chancellor Constance Carroll, PhD and SD Miramar College President Patricia Hsieh will speak at the news conference and be available for interviews.

***Special Note: Reporters and photographers will have the opportunity to videotape as well as 'drive' a simulator at this news conference.***

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