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BEACH ENFORCEMENT DURING MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department has committed extra personnel to the beach areas this holiday weekend. We will have officers patrolling the areas in cars, on foot, bicycles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, horseback and boats making sure everyone who visits the beach areas during the holiday weekend has a safe and enjoyable experience. We expect more than 500,000 people will visit San Diego's beaches and bays during the three-day holiday weekend which begins, Saturday, May 23, 2009.

In addition to beach enforcement, officers will conduct DUI saturation patrols in the beach areas.

Visitors and residents are reminded that the consumption or possession of an open alcoholic beverage is prohibited on San Diego's beaches and bays. The prohibited locations are public areas including the sand, seawall, sidewalk, boardwalk, parking lots, parks, piers, jetties and public rights-of-way. For a detailed list where alcohol is not permitted, see San Diego Municipal Code Section 56.54 by visiting www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk.

There are more than 400 signs in the beach areas listing the rules and regulations. San Diego police officers, lifeguards and park rangers will issue citations for alcohol offenses committed during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The minimum penalty for a first offense is \$250.00.

The primary command post for the holiday weekend will be located in the west parking lot of 3000 Mission Blvd.

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