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San Diego Police Foundation Hosts SDPD K9 Training Structure Ribbon Cutting MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT:

Police Foundation hosts SDPD Canine (K9) Training Structure Ribbon Cutting:

Chief of Police William Lansdowne, along with invited civic and community leaders will celebrate the start of a new era of comprehensive, on-site training for SDPD's K9 Unit. The new structure will be equipped with the following training aids:

- Attic ceiling, which can be raised and lowered by officers with a pulley. This new system allows officers to stand comfortably while the canines search through low spaces.
- Windows and an attic to acclimate dogs to being carried on an officer's back and being placed through windows, attics and small spaces.
- Durable stairs with open-back panels help train canines to negotiate open stairs, which are common throughout San Diego.
- Open panels in walls allow officers to hide explosives or narcotic aids for scent-training.
- Crawl-space aids in training the dogs to be comfortable in tight spaces.

The event is by invitation only and not a public event.

WHEN:

Thursday, December 8, 2011 3PM – 4PM

Event Schedule

- Remarks by San Diego Chief of Police, William Lansdowne
- Tour of the facility
- Demonstrations by K9 teams
- Interview and photo opportunities

WHERE:

San Diego Police Department K9 Training Structure
4240 Federal Blvd. - THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT
San Diego, CA 92102

BACKGROUND:

The new SDPD Canine Training structure is made possible by the generous support of The Gary and Mary West Foundation, Calderon Builders, and Dixieline. The new structure will greatly enhance the K9 Units training capability. The Unit works 24 hours per day, seven days per week to support SDPD's patrol officers and to answer calls.

The San Diego Police Foundation improves human services delivered by men and women (and canines) who "Protect and Serve." The Police Foundation was founded by then Chief of Police (now Mayor) Jerry Sanders. It has awarded grants to SDPD totaling more than \$4 million. For more information, visit www.sdpolicefoundation.org.

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