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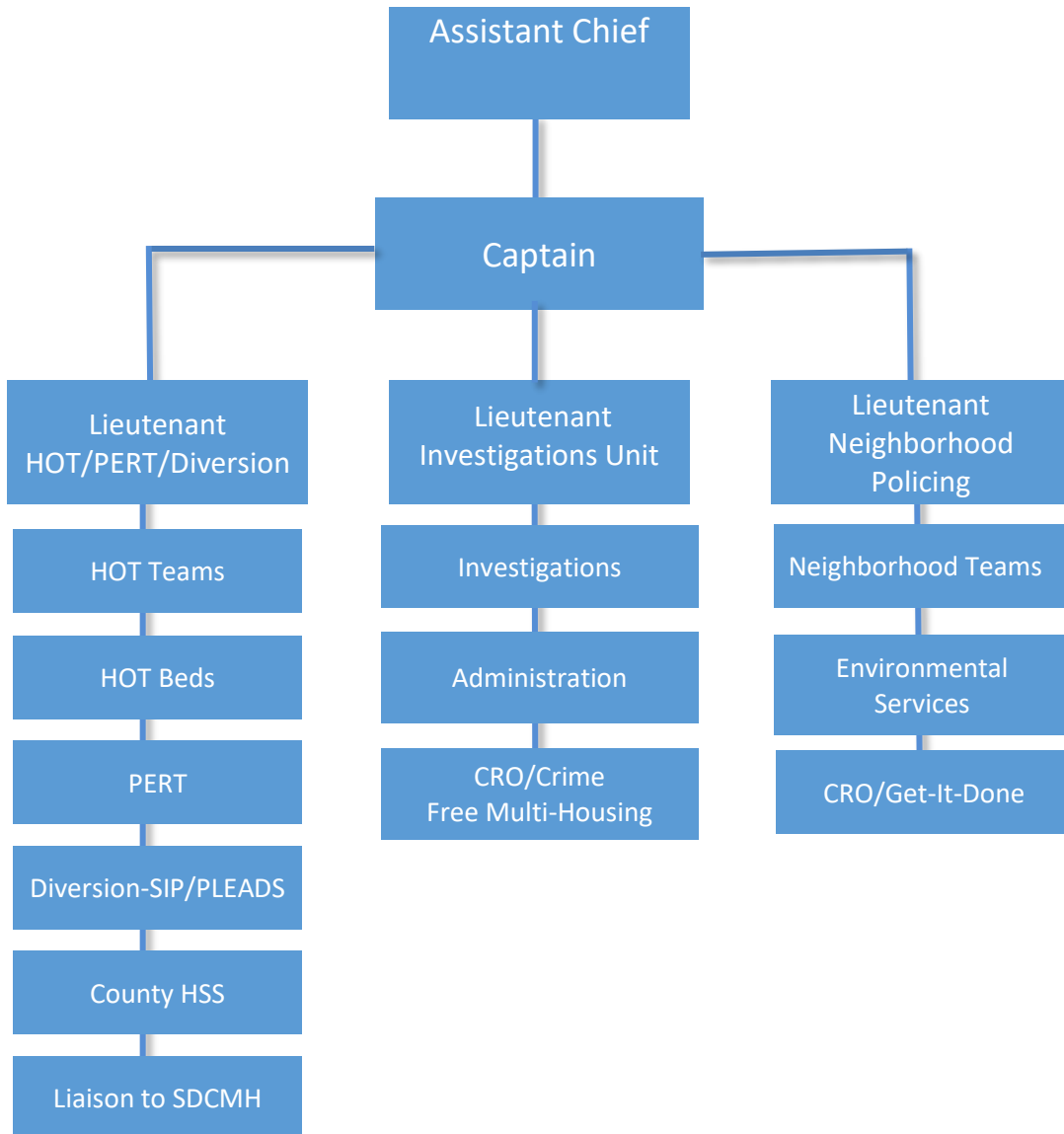
Section I.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Neighborhood Policing Division's mission is to enhance the quality of life and safety in San Diego's neighborhoods in a manner that is compassionate, professional, and fair to all by effectively responding to community concerns while also ensuring equal rights and treatment for all San Diegans.

Section II.

CHAIN OF COMMAND



Section III.

ADMINISTRATION

CAPTAIN

The Neighborhood Policing Division Captain reports directly to the Assistant Chief of Neighborhood Policing. The captain is responsible for all phases of day-to-day operations of the division. The captain establishes operational policies and sets guidelines to support the department and division's mission statement.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Supervises the work of the Homeless Outreach Lieutenant, the Investigations Unit Lieutenant, and the Neighborhood Policing Lieutenant. Evaluates their performance and oversees their career development.
- Assigns job responsibilities, sets performance standards, and work priorities.
- Ensures proper response to community needs and crime problems under the Neighborhood Policing area of responsibility and guidelines.
- Establishes and fosters relationships while directly communicating with community leaders, including City Council representatives, to facilitate collaborative problem-solving efforts.
- Responsible for Strategic Planning and maintaining E.E.O. standards.
- Promotes problem solving at all levels of the Division and encourages community participation in problem solving and issue identification, to maintain strong partnerships.
- Conducts periodic supervisors' meetings and attends periodic patrol line-ups and detective briefings.
- Participates in key community meetings and maintains liaison with area agencies.
- Approves assignment changes and temporary assignments of personnel within the command and temporary assignments of personnel in specialized units.
- Reviews staff work including personnel evaluations, citizens' complaints, discipline reports, pursuit forms, injury forms, transfer requests, and other administrative reports.
- Conducts discipline review hearings, such as "Skelly" and other types of appeals. Serves on or chairs Department committees.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING TEAM LIEUTENANT

The Neighborhood Policing Team Lieutenant reports directly to the Neighborhood Policing Division Captain. The lieutenant assists with the daily operations of the division and may assume command in the absence of the captain.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Twenty-four-hour management responsibility of Neighborhood Policing Team personnel.
- The Lieutenant works the 4/10 plan.
- Supervises and evaluates the Neighborhood Policing Team Sergeants and the Environmental Services employee assigned to NPT.
- When appropriate, assumes command at major incidents and prepares after action reports. Provides guidelines and direction for the preparation of contingency plans.
- Reviews and evaluates crime analysis publications, related statistical data, and facilitates problem solving efforts to address area problems.
- Prepares and coordinates staff reports including quarterly reports and discipline reports.
- Monitors personnel and equipment needs and recommends resource allocation and provides annual budget documentation.
- Monitors staffing of Neighborhood Policing personnel.
- Identifies training needs, coordinates In-Service Class assignments, and reviews application process for course attendance.
- Assigns tasks and supervises citizens' complaints, Route Slips, Citizen Request Forms, investigations, and inquiries.
- Reviews disciplinary packages and assists in administering formal and informal discipline.
- Reviews evaluations prepared by sergeants and reviews all appeals of evaluations submitted by subordinates.
- Conducts inspections of personnel, files, and equipment designated in the Department Inspection Guide.
- Establishes relationships and interacts with community leaders, school administrators, business leaders, residents, and other key stakeholders to identify problems, strategize and implement solutions through partnership efforts.
- Prepares termination packages of unsatisfactory employees.

- Evaluates and recommends personnel for specialized assignments and promotions.
- Promotes a positive work environment and reward system for excellent work, community involvement, and Neighborhood Policing efforts.
- Collects and evaluates strategic management information and makes appropriate recommendations to the Division Captain.
- Liaises with the Department's specialized investigative units and, when appropriate, other city departments, community leaders, City Council representatives, area law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, private agencies, business groups, area committees and advisory boards.
- Oversees participation of Sergeants and Officers at certain community meetings.
- Participates in key community meetings when necessary.
- Completes staff assignments as directed by the Division Captain, reviews police equipment accident reports, injury reports, pursuit forms, and staff work prepared by sergeants.
- Assumes on-call responsibilities for Mobile Field Force activations and Field Duty Lieutenant assignments.

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM LIEUTENANT

The Homeless Outreach Team Lieutenant reports directly to the Neighborhood Policing Captain. The lieutenant assists with the daily operations of the division and may assume command in the absence of the captain.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Twenty-four-hour management responsibility for the Homeless Outreach Team, Serial Inebriate Program (SIP), Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services (PLEADS), PERT (coordinate with the PERT program for the department), the HOT beds at Saint Vincent de Paul, and Health and Human Services personnel within the Department.
- Works the 4/10 plan.
- Supervises and evaluates Homeless Outreach Team Sergeants.
- When appropriate, assumes command at major incidents and prepares after action reports. Provides guidelines and direction for the preparation of contingency plans.
- Reviews and evaluates crime analysis publications, related statistical data, and facilitates problem solving efforts to address problem areas.

- Prepares and coordinates staff reports including quarterly reports and discipline reports.
- Monitors personnel and equipment needs and recommends resource allocation and provides annual budget documentation.
- Monitors personnel staffing.
- Identifies training needs, coordinates In-Service Class assignments, and reviews the application process for course attendance.
- Assigns tasks and supervises citizens' complaints, Route Slips, Citizen Request Forms, investigations, and inquiries.
- Reviews disciplinary packages and assists in administering formal and informal discipline.
- Prepares termination packages of unsatisfactory employees.
- Reviews evaluations prepared by sergeants and reviews all appeals of evaluations submitted by subordinates.
- Conducts inspections of personnel, files, and equipment designated in the Department Inspection Guide.
- Establishes relationships and interacts with community leaders, school administrators, business leaders, residents, and other key stakeholders to identify problems, strategize and implement solutions through partnership efforts.
- Evaluates and recommends personnel for specialized assignments and promotions.
- Promotes a positive environment and reward system for excellent work, community involvement and Neighborhood Policing efforts.
- Collects and evaluates strategic management information and makes appropriate recommendations to the Division Captain.
- Liaises with the Department's specialized investigative units when appropriate, other city departments, community leaders, City Council representatives, area law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, private agencies, business groups, area committees and advisory boards.
- Oversees participation of Sergeants and Officers at certain community meetings.
- Participates in key community meetings when necessary.
- Completes staff assignments as directed by the Division Captain, reviews police equipment accident reports, injury reports, pursuit forms, and staff work prepared by

sergeants.

- Assumes on-call responsibilities for Mobile Field Force activations and Field Duty Lieutenant assignments.
- Represents the San Diego Police Department as a member of the PERT county-wide council. Assists PERT with training to the community and at the various PERT academies (as needed).
- Coordinates with PERT staff to help resolve issues involving LPS facilities.
- Department liaison to San Diego County Mental Health Hospital.
- Department sworn personnel liaison to Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT).
- Reviews and updates SDPD policies and procedures involving PERT and mental health procedures.
- Oversees Field Training Officer program for the division.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT LIEUTENANT

The Investigations Unit Lieutenant reports directly to the Neighborhood Police Division Captain. The lieutenant assists with the daily operations of the division and may assume command in the absence of the captain.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Twenty-four-hour management responsibility for investigations, Administrations, and the Crime Free Multi-Housing program.
- Works the 4/10 plan.
- Supervises and evaluates the Detective Sergeant and Administrative Sergeant.
- When appropriate, the investigations Lieutenant assumes command at major incidents and prepares after action reports. Provides guidelines and direction for the preparation of contingency plans.
- Reviews and evaluates crime analysis publications, related statistical data, and facilitates problem solving efforts to address problem areas.
- Prepares and coordinates staff reports including quarterly reports and discipline reports.
- Monitors personnel and equipment needs and recommends resource allocation and provides annual budget documentation.
- Monitors personnel staffing.

- Identifies training needs, coordinates In-Service Class assignments, and reviews the application process for course attendance.
- Assigns tasks and supervises citizens' complaints, Route Slips, Citizen Request Forms, investigations, and inquiries.
- Reviews disciplinary packages and assists in administering formal and informal discipline.
- Reviews evaluations prepared by sergeants and reviews all appeals of evaluations submitted by subordinates.
- Conducts inspections of personnel, files, and equipment designated in the Department Inspection Guide.
- Establishes relationships and interacts with community leaders, school administrators, business leaders, residents, and other key stakeholders to identify problems, strategize and implement solutions through partnership efforts.
- Prepares termination packages of unsatisfactory employees.
- Evaluates and recommends personnel for specialized assignments and promotions.
- Promotes a positive environment for excellent work, community involvement and Neighborhood Policing efforts.
- Collects and evaluates strategic management information and makes appropriate recommendations to the Division Captain.
- Oversee responses to California Public Records Acts (CPRA) requests and that they are recorded and completed.
- Liaises with the Department's specialized investigative units when appropriate, other city departments, community leaders, City Council representatives, area law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, private agencies, business groups, area committees and advisory boards.
- Coordinates Chaplain ride-a-long scheduling.
- Identify, coordinate, and schedule monthly training for NPD.
- Oversees participation of Sergeants and Officers at certain community meetings.
- Participates in key community meetings when necessary.
- Completes staff assignments as directed by the Division Captain, reviews police equipment accident reports, injury reports, pursuit forms, and staff work prepared by sergeants.

- Assumes on-call responsibilities for Mobile Field Force activations and Field Duty Lieutenant assignments.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT

The Administrative Sergeant reports directly to the Investigations Unit Lieutenant. The sergeant assists with the administrative operations of the Division.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Has overall responsibility for overseeing the operations of Administrations, Serial Inebriate Program, and the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.
- Supervises and evaluates the Operations Support Specialist, Serial Inebriate Program Officer, and the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program officer.
- Works the 4/10 plan.
- The Administrative Sergeant will wear uniform or appropriate business casual attire.
- Coordinates tasks, scheduling, and supervision of light-duty personnel.
- Prepares notification of officers' Random Drug Testing (RDT) dates and maintains a file of completed forms.
- Maintains a tracking system and logs all Citizen Complaint Investigations, Route Slips, and Police Equipment Accidents.
- Provides security for the station during normal business hours.
- Monitors the use of the division bulletin boards.
- Maintains equipment inventories and ensures their operability. Inventory items may include shotguns, tasers, vehicles, portable radios, alco-sensors, cell phones, cameras, recorders, video cameras, game cameras, batteries, and other station equipment.
- Arranges facility repairs, assigns equipment, and orders operational equipment and supplies as needed.
- Maintains an inventory/inspection log for division equipment and the coffee/morale fund.
- Maintains a use/reservation log for the Police Plaza meeting rooms.
- Receives walk-in citizen complaints in the absence of the involved officer's supervisor.
- Prepares reports as directed by the Commanding Officer and Division Lieutenants.

- Issues facility and equipment keys to appropriate staff and maintains key control.
- Conducts inspections according to Division and Department policies and procedures.
- Oversees the day-to-day maintenance and cleaning of the substation.
- Inspects any holding cell area (if they exist) to ascertain maintenance, cleanliness, and safety.
- Oversees and tracks staffing levels of light duty and long-term disability personnel.
- Emails a weekly list of all personnel who are on light duty, long term disability status, or military leave to the Medical Assistance Unit.
- Liaises with other departments, agencies, and community groups as directed by the Division Captain and Lieutenants.
- Prepares responses to California Public Records Acts (CPRA) requests.
- Assists the Investigative Unit when the Detective Sergeant is unavailable.
- Manage division's vehicle inventory and assignment roster.

Section IV.

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is comprised of Neighborhood Policing Division officers whose principal role is to provide services in coordination with the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), the staff at St. Vincent de Paul who manage the HOT beds, and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) in a collaborative manner.

GOALS

HOT offers outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness with a wide array of needs. They especially work with those individuals who are service-resistant. Many of these individuals are in hard-to-reach areas, such as canyons. Some have had repeated negative contacts with law enforcement and have resisted services by other outreach workers and community service providers.

The HOT model of outreach facilitates PERT clinicians and SD County HHS specialists to meet individuals experiencing homelessness in places (i.e., streets, canyons, alleys, parks) where they are currently staying or loitering instead of hoping for those chronically resistant individuals to seek services on their own. To break down the barriers to resistance, HOT rides in vans clearly marked as Homeless Outreach Team, and do not generally make contact for enforcement purposes.

This allows the PERT clinicians, HHS service specialists, and community outreach workers (when riding with HOT) to build trust with these individuals to develop a plan to end their cycle of homelessness by utilizing all available resources and by providing evaluation and assessment of

social services, mental health, or law enforcement needs. HOT has been around for over 20 years and has connections to dozens of community-based service providers.

HOT leads a collaborative effort with these community-based organizations while providing a compassionate and socially responsible approach toward improving the quality of life for chronically homeless individuals.

HOT serves as a department-wide resource for patrol and NPT when responding to community issues regarding the chronically homeless citywide.

OBJECTIVES

The team will conduct outreach activities citywide as directed by the Captain of Neighborhood Policing Division and the Homeless Outreach Lieutenant.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

While on duty, sworn personnel shall wear Class C uniforms, business-like attire, or other attire at the direction of the Division Captain. This includes the designated HOT uniform of the blue polo shirt stitched name and badge and 5.11 Stryker model pants, Battle Brown in color (Item number 74369). This HOT uniform may be modified or eliminated by the captain at the needs of the Department or designated mission/assignment.

Civilian personnel shall wear Homeless Outreach Team shirts as directed by HHSA or PERT. All personnel shall always present a professional appearance in dress and grooming standards unless excused by the Chief of Police due to special assignments. Casual dress is not authorized for "Casual Friday."

Every team member shall be responsible for maintaining a professional work environment free from offensive behavior, in compliance with the law and Department policy and procedures. Team members calling in an absence shall notify the HOT supervisor at the earliest opportunity and shall also notify their respective agency.

Police personnel shall submit a leave request and receive supervisory approval prior to taking leave. Leave requests shall be submitted in compliance with established department policies. Such time-off shall be indicated in the Department's computerized "Red Book."

Civilian personnel requesting leave must receive approval from the unit supervisor as well as approval from their respective agency.

All office doors shall remain locked when there are no employees in the office. Computers, office machines and other power appliances will be either turned off or placed in the appropriate mode when not in use.

HOMELESS COMPLAINTS

The following procedure will be followed when handling Homeless complaints generated by citizens and/or officers by phone or email.

The assigned HOT officer will check the HOT designated phone (**Redacted – record exempt**)

and email (**Redacted – record exempt**)

- every day and write down all pertinent information pertaining to the call, with a goal of responding within 24 hours.
- The assigned HOT officer will give the information to his/her supervisor for review and, if necessary, dissemination.
- The assigned HOT officer will evaluate the complaint and come up with a plan to find a resolution. The HOT officer will document what was done and who was contacted to address the complaint.
- The assigned HOT officer will provide the complainant with a brief disposition of the complaint.

Any schedule adjustments for police personnel must adhere to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Diego and the Police Officers Association.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Supervisor must authorize schedule adjustments for County employees.

The Executive Director of PERT Inc. must authorize schedule adjustments for PERT, Inc. employees.

COORDINATED OUTREACH EVENTS

HOT supports Coordinated Outreach Events put on by the City of San Diego's Homelessness Strategies and Solutions Department. These events are usually on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the last two weeks of the month, weather and staffing permitting.

In addition to the weekly outreach events, HOT will collaborate with other law enforcement agencies, MTS, and other agencies calling upon the support of HOT.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of San Diego Police Department has assumed the primary administrative responsibility for coordinating HOT activities for the division.

All police personnel assigned to HOT are assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Division. The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Specialists are employees of the County of San Diego. The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) clinicians are employees of Community Research Foundation (CRF).

HOT SERGEANTS

HOT Sergeants report directly to the Homeless Outreach Team Lieutenant. HOT Sergeants are responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of sworn officers and other non-sworn personnel to include the following positions:

1. Police Officer II
2. PERT Clinicians
3. Health and Human Service Specialists
4. Provisional Officers
5. Health and Human Services case managers/social workers managing the HOT beds at St. Vincent de Paul.

If a situation arises which involves a member of the HHSA or PERT and the Sergeant is unable to resolve it, the sergeant will notify the appropriate level supervisor for the agency involved.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Field supervision of all Homeless Outreach personnel.
- Be willing and able to obtain City van certification.
- Maintain divisional personnel files of all police personnel assigned to the team. These files will be maintained in the Office of the Homeless Outreach Lieutenant.
- Coordinate work schedules, days off, vacations and training requests of all personnel.
- Represent HOT at community meetings.
- Liaises with homeless service providers and various organizational groups throughout the County concerning HOT activities.
- Liaises with County Health and Human Services Agency and PERT, Inc.
- Daily reports on HOT activity to the Neighborhood Policing Division Captain and Homeless Outreach Team Lieutenant.
- Provide QMR reports to the Neighborhood Policing Division Captain of HOT activity.
- Training on HOT to area commands.
- Work as an outreach worker when unit needs dictate.
- Perform other administrative duties as required.
- The two HOT sergeants will rotate on-call duties on a weekly basis. The on-call sergeant will not take a department vehicle home. They will only be responsible to answer their phone to facilitate services/placements or answer questions for officers in the field. An updated on-call list will be maintained by the Watch Commander's Office.

HOT OFFICER & PROVISIONAL OFFICER

The police officers assigned to the Homeless Outreach Team report directly to the HOT Sergeants. HOT officers are primarily responsible for offering services and assistance to homeless individuals, build trust among the homeless population, and help homeless individuals acquire the tools to permanently end their homelessness.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide safety for all team members.
- Provide police related record checks.
- Complete a daily electronic journal of activity.
- Be willing and able to obtain City van certification.
- Participate in team meetings and attend community and service provider meetings at the direction of the sergeant or lieutenant.
- Prepare police reports and contact forms as necessary.
- Facilitate client case management.
- Train new team members.
- Maintain police vehicles.

PERT CLINICIAN

PERT clinicians assigned to the team are employees of Community Research Foundation (CRF). The Executive Director of PERT has responsibility for staffing, performance monitoring, performance ratings and leave approval of PERT clinicians. PERT clinicians are primarily responsible for providing referrals for mental health services and coordinating clinical placements of individuals experiencing mental crisis.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Perform field evaluation of client mental status and make appropriate recommendation for placement at appropriate mental health facility, crisis house, hospitalization, field release, etc.
- Promote, establish, and maintain collaboration with mental health facilities and providers in community programs and agencies, appropriate hospital facilities, jails, emergency medical programs and other support systems.

- Know current legal and ethical issues related to mental illness.
- Complete all PERT case file forms, case management updates and mental health facility admittance forms.
- Participate in monthly PERT training meetings.
- Participate in all HOT squad meetings.
- Attend service provider meetings as necessary.
- Provide training and promote team relations.
- Train new PERT clinicians as needed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALISTS

Health and Human Services Specialists (HSS) assigned to the Homeless Outreach Team are employees of the County of San Diego. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Supervisor has responsibility for staffing, performance monitoring, performance ratings and leave approval.

HSS are primarily responsible for helping eligible individuals with accessing social service and support programs.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct eligibility evaluations and assessments of clients.
- Formulate an appropriate treatment plan to meet the client's eligibility needs.
- Check social service records to determine if a client is already receiving assistance; notify assigned caseworker when appropriate.
- Knowledge of resources for homeless individuals and families including, but not limited to, Cal WORKS, Food Stamps, General Relief, Social Security and Veterans Benefits, and Housing Navigation.
- Knowledge of case management document procedures.
- Participate in meetings and collaborate with outside agencies, advocacy groups, business groups, and City and County Administration.
- Participate in multi-agency training and weekly team meetings.
- Compile statistics of client utilization of services, and provide data to City Manager, Board

of Supervisors, PERT. and San Diego Police Department as requested.

Section V. NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING TEAM

The Neighborhood Policing Team (NPT) shall address neighborhood concerns and quality-of-life issues brought forward by citizens and businesses within the City of San Diego. NPT will develop a working relationship with community groups, businesses, social agencies, law enforcement agencies, and religious institutions that interact with the homeless to deliver the most effective responses.

GOALS

Although NPT works closely with the Homeless Outreach Team on the social services aspect of policing, NPT's primary goal is proactive and reactive law enforcement. The team will also work closely with the City Attorney's Neighborhood Justice Unit (NJU) to keep up to date with the latest case law as it pertains to crimes associated with homelessness and the prosecution of crime.

OBJECTIVES

NPT will work closely with the Homeless Outreach Team and Neighborhood Policing Division Investigators to address quality-of-life issues in the City of San Diego. NPT will also help with the identification and apprehension of outstanding suspects, particularly within the homeless population.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

While on duty sworn personnel shall wear Class C uniforms, business-like attire, or other attire at the direction of unit supervisor. All personnel shall always present a professional appearance in dress and grooming standards unless excused by the Chief of Police due to special assignments. Casual dress is not authorized for "Casual Friday."

Every NPT member shall be responsible for maintaining a professional work environment free from offensive behavior, in compliance with the law and Department policy and procedures. Team members calling in an absence shall notify their NPT supervisor at the earliest opportunity.

Police personnel shall submit a leave request and receive supervisory approval prior to taking leave. These requests shall be submitted in compliance with established department policies. Such time-off shall be indicated in the Department "Red Book."

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NPT will utilize various resources and progressive enforcement to eliminate or reduce quality-of-life problems, particularly those which occur in areas identified by the community, through innovative strategies and tactics.

NPT is comprised of several teams of officers and a sergeant who are assigned to designated areas throughout the City of San Diego.

NPT SERGEANT

Each NPT Sergeant reports directly to the Neighborhood Policing Lieutenant. NPT Sergeants supervise the daily activity of NPT Officers and other personnel in the field.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Educate and train officers to use their uncommitted time to apply problem solving techniques and proactive enforcement.
- Ensure problem solving is implemented after considering community input.
- Coordinate team activities with investigative personnel and other teams within the Division.
- Receive, evaluate, and assign Get-it-Done complaints to the appropriate NPT officers.
- Conduct meetings and briefings to identify crime trends.
- Keep the NPT Lieutenant informed of any significant field problems, community activities, or staffing and personnel issues.
- Make recommendations to the NPD Lieutenant regarding work priorities and training needs.
- Evaluate problem solving activities initiated by officers.
- Recognize and commend officers for community involvement and for applying successful neighborhood policing tactics.
- Liaise with community groups and participate periodically in key community meetings.
- Assist officers with career counseling and recommended training classes for career advancement.
- Monitor and evaluate officer safety techniques.
- Ensure service and return of Random Drug Tests assigned to their officers.
- Oversee participation of NPT officers in community meetings.
- Make appropriate entries in the "Incident Log" regarding significant incidents.
- Liaise with the Field Lieutenant, Watch Commander and request assistance from specialized units when necessary.

- Manage overtime, monitor staffing, and assign personnel accordingly.
- Ensure timecards are complete and approved prior to the payroll-closing period and submitted to the payroll clerk.
- Monitor radio traffic, including all vehicle pursuits and evaluate field incidents.
- Conduct squad conferences, issue subpoenas, review crime information and obtain officer input during lineups.
- Conduct personnel and equipment inspections and complete monthly inspection reports.
- Investigate and/or address CCF's, Route Slips, Citizen Request Forms, Get-It-Done Complaints, and prepare related reports.
- Assist Environmental Services Division (ESD) with abatements as necessary.
- Prepare performance evaluations.
- Prepare disciplinary packages when necessary and administer discipline.
- Evaluate and recommend appropriate personnel for specialized assignments and promotions.
- Complete staff assignments as directed by the NPD lieutenant.
- Investigate and prepare Police Equipment Accident Reports, Injury Reports and Vehicle Pursuit Forms. Inform the Staff Sergeant about the medical status of injured officers.
- Provide oral and written expectations to squad members.
- Review and approve requests for time off based on staffing needs. Document date and time when officer requests time off on the leave slip, and in the Electronic Red Book.
- Conduct training exercises as deemed necessary including MFF.
- In the event of an MFF activation, assist with the formation and equipping of officers for NPD.
- Assume command of an MFF squad if so designated.
- Sergeants are responsible for ensuring officers do not return to the station more than 30 minutes prior to the end of their shift.

NPT OFFICER

NPT officers report directly to an NPT sergeant. HOT officers will employ problem-solving techniques implementing neighborhood policing strategies during uncommitted time.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Exercise officer safety procedures.
- Exercise self-discipline on pursuits.
- Identify crime trends and initiate appropriate responses.
- Develop community partnerships and encourage community assistance in problem solving.
- Keep sergeants informed of any significant incidents and crime issues.
- Dedicate uncommitted time to work on problem solving efforts.
- Provide testimony during court proceedings when needed.
- Alert supervisors of possible citizen complaints.
- Perform reactive and proactive enforcement in known crime areas to deter and prevent criminal activity.
- Enforce City, State, and traffic laws as required.
- Establish a Coordinate Intake user account with the San Diego Housing Commission by emailing sdintakes@sdhc.org
- Educate citizens and the business community on crime prevention techniques.
- Carry out assignments delegated by a Sergeant.
- Seek knowledge of community leaders/groups and attend community meetings/forums.
- Share crime information and knowledge with other officers during line-ups and on an individual basis to enhance teamwork, efficiency, and safety.
- Attend mandated training and quarterly Department qualifying shoots.
- Officers requesting either compensatory or vacation leave time shall do so in writing through their supervisor. Staffing shall be checked, and the officer's name placed in the "Electronic Red Book" by a supervisor upon approval.

- Maintain their uniform and equipment per Department Policy.
- Prepare criminal history and the supporting documents for all misdemeanor citations.
- Assist with abatements in cooperation with ESD as necessary.

GET-IT-DONE (GID) COMPLAINTS

Supervisors or their designee, who have personnel assigned to them who are responsible for addressing Get-It-Done (GID) service requests will conduct a monthly inspection of closed service requests on the GID application. The inspections will ensure that the service requests contain the appropriate closure details and that the most appropriate communication code was used.

Two to three cases per month will be chosen at random from officers that are part of the monthly BWC inspection. The Supervisor or their designee, will forward the inspection results to their Lieutenant who will enter it into their monthly inspection report.

If the Lieutenant identifies a discrepancy in the service request closure, he or she will follow-up with the employee to verify the closure details and communication code used. If the Lieutenant is satisfied with the reason, then no further action is required.

If the Lieutenant finds inaccuracies or errors in the service request closure, appropriate action will be taken to correct the issue to include additional training on the use of the GID application when necessary.

Once addressed, the Lieutenant or designee will then re-inspect the closed GID service request to confirm the corrections were made.

DIRECT PLACEMENT DIVERSION INTO HOT BEDS

When an NPT officer contacts a homeless individual during an enforcement contact, the officer will follow the following protocol:

1. If the individual has committed a felony crime, the officer will take appropriate enforcement per Department policies and procedures.
2. If the individual has committed a misdemeanor quality-of-life crime, such as illegal lodging or encroachment, BEFORE the officer tells the subject what enforcement action they could take, the officer will take the following steps:
 - a. Check for warrants, 290 PC, and arson registration status. Individuals with these conditions will not be accepted into the HOT beds. The officer should take the appropriate level of enforcement and does not need to offer a HOT bed.
 - b. Ask the subject the following three questions:

1. Are you currently in a shelter?

- a) If yes, ask them why they are choosing to live in the streets and proceed to the next question.
 - b) If no, proceed to the next question.
 - 2. Have you ever been in a shelter?**
 - a) If yes, ask them what happened that they are no longer in a shelter and proceed to the next question.
 - b) If no, proceed to the next question.
 - 3. If there is a shelter bed available, are you willing to go?**
 - a) If yes, proceed to next step.
 - b) If no, take the appropriate level of enforcement action AND proceed to the next step only to inquire if there was a bed available and document in your report.
- c. Contact coordinated intake between the hours of 0800-1400 via the web portal at **(Redacted – record exempt)** officers must send an email **(Redacted – record exempt)** to setup a user account for coordinated intake placement/inquiries)
- d. If there is no bed available, if the subject is on the Do Not Return (DNR) list, or they cannot place the subject into a HOT bed for ANY reason, the officer will contact HOT (0500-1500) or the on-call HOT sergeant, via the Watch Commander. This includes any time the officer believes the expertise of a HOT officer is needed to assist with the special needs of the individual.
- e. If they can place the individual into the shelter bed, the officer will inform the intake person that they are going to transport the individual and provide an estimated time of arrival. HOT is not to be used as a transport unit for basic direct placements into shelter beds.
- f. Upon arrival to shelter, the intake person will meet the officer outside the facility. The officer will provide the intake staff with the individual's name, date of birth, and the officer's name.
- g. The officer will complete a detention report, per Department procedures, indicating the reason for the initial contact, and information regarding the conversation with the shelter staff.

PROGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT MODEL

NPT officers will use a progressive enforcement model when addressing quality-of-life offenses in the City of San Diego. Each step in the progressive enforcement model elevates the level of enforcement that may be taken based on previous encounters and offers for shelter and services.

Officer shall follow the 4-Step progressive enforcement model for 54.0110 SDMC, Encroachment below:

1. During the 1st encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed, issue a warning, and educate the

individual on the law of which they are in violation. If the individual accepts the shelter bed, officers will take the individual to the available shelter bed location.

2. During the 2nd encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed. If the individual declines the bed, they may be issued an infraction citation.
3. During the 3rd encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed. If the individual declines the shelter bed, they may be issued a misdemeanor citation.
4. During the 4th encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed. If the individual declines the shelter bed, the individual may be subject to a custodial arrest.

Each time an individual refuses a bed after that 4th encounter, the contact may result in an arrest.

Officer shall follow the 3-Step progressive enforcement model for 647 (e) PC, Illegal Lodging below:

1. During the 1st encounter, officers offer a shelter bed, issue a warning, and educate the individual on the law of which they are in violation. If the individual accepts the shelter bed, officers will take the individual to the available shelter bed location.
2. During the 2nd encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed. If the individual declines the shelter bed, the individual may be issued a misdemeanor citation.
3. During the 3rd encounter, officers will offer a shelter bed. If the individual declines the shelter bed, the individual may be subject to a custodial arrest.

Each time an individual refuses a bed after that 3rd encounter, the contact may result in an arrest.

ABATEMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The San Diego Police Department's role during ESD waste abatement operations involving homeless personal property is limited to maintaining a visible presence, preserving the peace, and enhancing the safety of ESD personnel and their contractors.

Officers may be required to intervene or take enforcement action if a request for assistance is made by ESD personnel or when a crime is taking place that requires an immediate response.

Safety risks during abatement operations may include confrontations with individuals attempting to retrieve waste from refuse packers, attempting to prevent collection of abated property or otherwise interfering with ESD personnel.

The Isaiah settlement allows individuals who return to the abatement site during the operation to claim their belongings and retrieve them. For safety reasons, retrieval is not allowed once the items are in the refuse packer.

On occasion, officers working Transitional Storage Facility (TSF) overtime may be requested to assist in abatement operations. As necessary, the NPT Lieutenant or their designee will contact the assigned TSF supervisor, request the number of officers needed, and direct the officers to the location of the abatement operation. Upon arriving, officers will meet with the ESD supervisor who will inform them of the scope and duration of the abatement operation.

Officers shall refer to the attachment section in this manual for the abatement procedures to be followed when assisting ESD during waste abatement operations.

Section VII. NPD INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The mission of Neighborhood Policing Division's Investigative Unit is to conduct fair, impartial, and professional investigations of alleged crimes involving victims and suspects within the homeless population in the City of San Diego.

GOALS

The goal of NPD Investigations is to resolve these investigations by working collaboratively with the NPT, centralized and area investigators, prosecutors, and other law enforcement agencies in a problem-solving partnership focusing on the criminal prosecution of offenders and the reduction of quality-of-life crimes within the homeless population.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of NPD Investigations is to conduct thorough and complete follow-up investigations of reported crimes and arrests, identify witnesses, and collect evidence necessary for the successful prosecution of suspected criminal offenders.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

While on duty sworn personnel shall wear Class C uniforms, business-like attire, or other attire at the direction of unit supervisor. All personnel shall always present a professional appearance in dress and grooming standards unless excused by the Chief of Police due to special assignments. Casual dress is not authorized for "Casual Friday."

Every member of the NPD Investigations Unit shall be responsible for maintaining a professional work environment free from offensive behavior, in compliance with the law and Department policy and procedures. Team members calling in an absence shall notify their supervisor at the earliest opportunity.

Police personnel shall submit a leave request and receive supervisory approval prior to taking leave. These requests shall be submitted in compliance with established department policies. Such time-off shall be indicated in the Department "Red Book."

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NPD Investigations is comprised one Detective Sergeant and three Detectives officers. NPD detectives utilize investigative resources and techniques to conduct complete and thorough criminal investigations. NPD Investigators review all crime and arrest reports submitted by officers and ensure all criminal elements are present. NPD Investigations Unit will work closely with the City Attorney's Neighborhood Justice Unit (NJU) to keep up to date with the latest case law as it pertains to crimes associated with homelessness and the prosecution of crime. The NPD Investigations Unit provide training and updates to NPD personnel as necessary.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

The Neighborhood Policing Division Investigations unit has one assigned Detective Sergeant. The Detective Sergeant reports directly to the Investigations Lieutenant.

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- The Detective Sergeant will wear uniform or appropriate business casual attire and works the 4/10 plan.
- Assign incoming reports for follow-up through the (NETRMS) electronic report system.
- Serve as the contact person for NPT and HOT supervisors requesting an investigator for call out to an incident which occurs during NPT investigators working hours.
- Conduct periodic case biopsies and reviews written work of investigators to ensure all reports are complete, accurate, and factual.
- Keep the Captain and Lieutenants apprised of crime problems and incidents affecting the Division.
- Ensure detectives are properly prepared to perform their duties. This applies to attire, equipment, mental attitude, and training.
- Provide training, guidance, and feedback to division personnel on laws, updates, and procedures related to the enforcement of quality-of-life crimes.
- Promote teamwork among detectives, patrol officers, Neighborhood Policing Division officers and other division staff for effective crime fighting and responses to quality-of-life crimes.
- Serve as the liaison to the City Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office.
- Review all C.R.E.'s received from the District Attorney's Office and the City Attorney's Office.
- Address issues or concerns noted in C.R.E.'s from the City Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's Office with reporting officers and/or supervisors.

- Facilitate requests from the City Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office for additional information or follow-up and ensure requests are completed and returned in a timely manner.
- Conduct investigative briefings to command staff or division as needed.
- Support the concepts of Neighborhood Policing and Problem Solving.
- Supervise and evaluate the performance of the unit personnel.
- Coordinate tasks, scheduling, and supervision of light-duty personnel temporarily assigned to investigations.
- Prepare and serve Random Drug Testing (RDT) notifications.
- Receive walk-in Citizen Complaints in the absence of the involved officer's supervisor.
- Prepare reports as directed by the Commanding Officer and Division Lieutenants.
- Prepare responses to California Public Records Acts (CPRA) requests.
- Conducts inspections according to Division and Department policies and procedures.
- Serve as the liaison with other divisions, departments, agencies, and community groups as directed by the Division Captain and Lieutenants.

DETECTIVE

NPD Investigations Detectives report to the Detective Sergeant. Detectives generally investigate quality-of-life related crimes throughout the City of San Diego. Detectives are responsible for following the Investigator's Manual and being familiar with District Attorney and City Attorney issuing guidelines.

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- Detectives will wear a suit or appropriate business casual attire and works the 4/10 plan.
- Review assigned crime and arrest reports for completeness and accuracy.
- Conduct follow-up investigations in accordance with the Investigative Procedures and Inspections Manual, and other established Policies and Procedures.
- Conduct background investigations on victims, witnesses, and suspects.
- Conduct interviews of witnesses, victims, and interrogations of suspects.
- Conduct live lineups and show photo line-ups when necessary.

- Evaluate impounded physical evidence.
- Complete needed follow-up work including collection of physical evidence, neighborhood checks and coordination of needed lab work and narcotic analysis.
- Prepare investigative reports, City Attorney Packages, District Attorney Packages, Follow-up Summaries and Case Cancellations.
- Prepare and execute search warrants and arrest warrants.
- Disseminate suspect information to patrol and other investigative personnel.
- Release impounded property (when no longer needed as evidence).
- Provide testimony during court proceedings.
- Address homeless related crime issues, long and short term, throughout the city.
- Keep current on community issues throughout the city and assist in enhancing community relations whenever possible.
- Accept standby call-back duty as assigned.
- Periodically attend NPT, CPT, and HOT line ups and detective briefings.

DETECTIVE TAKE HOME VEHICLE PROCEDURE

The NPD Investigations Unit is not required to be on-call. An NPD Investigations Detective and/or Detective Sergeant who is assigned to a collateral duty outside of NPD that requires call-out responsibilities and who utilize an NPD assigned vehicle, shall follow San Diego Police Department Procedure 1.16, Off-Duty Use of City Owned Take-Home Vehicles.

The NPD Investigations Detective Sergeant shall maintain a vehicle sign in/out log, which shall be used to sign out a vehicle during the required on-call period.

The log will include the name of person signing out the vehicle, the purpose of its use (i.e., ENT on-call), and the Start and End date that the vehicle will be signed out.

Section VIII.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (PERT)

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- To provide rapid response for mental health emergencies.

- To provide de-escalation techniques and management of individuals displaying mentally disordered behavior.
- Enable the release of additional uniformed officers from scenarios involving mentally disordered persons, once the scene is secure.
- Reduction of out-of-service time for uniformed officers on calls for mentally disordered persons.
- The PERT team may transport to mental health facilities without the escort of a second uniformed officer. If the situation dictates, the PERT officer may request back up from uniformed officers for the transport.
- PERT teams can transport to various facilities as client needs dictate. (PERT teams can transport patients to any appropriate mental health facility within San Diego County).
- To provide referral services.
- To establish a collaborative working relationship between the San Diego Police Department and the Department of Mental Health.
- PERT team referrals to County Mental Health will have admission priority.
- If an individual does not qualify for commitment into a psychiatric emergency room or acute care facility, the PERT team will make reasonable efforts to find an appropriate disposition for the individual.
- Handle calls from concerned citizens, businesses or family members for persons needing intervention/assessment for mentally disordered behavior who pose a minimal threat to the PERT team.

ACCESSING THE PERT TEAM

When Communications receives a call involving a mentally disordered person, the dispatcher shall dispatch uniformed officers as necessary to handle the situation.

If the information received is sufficient to believe a PERT team should respond, the dispatcher may suggest PERT's involvement.

If upon arrival the uniformed officer determines the person qualifies for PERT's assistance, or if the person is suspected of qualifying for a 5150 detention, the officer may request through dispatch that a PERT team respond.

PERT is no longer a solely divisional asset, rather one that is citywide. PERT may also be required to respond to agencies outside of the city if the need arises.

SERIAL INEBRIATE PROGRAM

The Serial Inebriate Program was started in 2000 by the City and County of San Diego, inspired by the San Diego Police Department and the City's Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The program is a San Diego City/County collaborative problem solving effort and a national model.

GOALS

The goals of the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) are:

- (1) to slow or stop the revolving door cycle of chronic alcoholics going in and out of Detoxification Centers, County Jail, and Emergency Rooms
- (2) to divert this population off the street and into County-funded treatment programs
- (3) to significantly reduce the uncompensated costs, time constraints, and manpower burdens to San Diego County's healthcare, law enforcement, and judicial infrastructure caused by homeless, chronic alcoholics
- (4) to give people who routinely live on the street an opportunity to create a stable mainstream lifestyle

OBJECTIVES

The Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) will work closely with the City Attorney's Office, Public Defenders Office, the San Diego County, the San Diego Fire Department, the Courts, and the service providers to address chronic inebriates in the City of San Diego. SIP will also help with misdemeanor violations that are committed while individuals are under the influence of alcohol and the intoxication is a contributing factor to the behavior.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

While on duty sworn personnel shall wear Class C uniforms, business-like attire, or other attire at the direction of unit supervisor. All personnel shall always present a professional appearance in dress and grooming standards unless excused by the Chief of Police due to special assignments. Casual dress is not authorized for "Casual Friday."

Every Intervention Services Officer shall be responsible for maintaining a professional work environment free from offensive behavior, in compliance with the law and Department policy and procedures. Team members calling in an absence shall notify their administrative supervisor at the earliest opportunity.

Police personnel shall submit a leave request and receive supervisory approval prior to taking leave. These requests shall be submitted in compliance with established department policies. Such time-off shall be indicated in the Department "Red Book."

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to SIP, the Intervention Services Officer is responsible for the Bridge and Recovery Center (Sobering Center), the Prosecution Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services (PLEADS), the Lifesaving Intervention for Treatment (LIFT), and California CARE Court (Community Assistance and Recovery Empowerment).

INTERVENTION SERVICES OFFICER

The Intervention Services Officer is assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Division and reports directly to the Administrative Sergeant.

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- Analyze the NETRMS bookings to find SIP related arrests.
- Liaise with the Office of the City Attorney on “in-custody” arrests.
- Liaise with the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department on “in-custody” arrests.
- Liaise with San Diego Fire/Paramedics Resource Access Program to evaluate candidates for SIP based on number of alcohol related paramedic transports.
- Liaise between all program partners.
- Transport offenders from jail to treatment.
- Follow-up on clients in treatment (visits).
- Provide necessary program related reports as requested.
- Take release orders and negative reporting to Superior Court.
- Appear in court as SIP expert.
- Input SIP related data into ACCESS 2000 database.
- Track offenders through justice and treatment systems.
- Provide SIP program training for Department.
- Attend community and service provider meetings at the direction of the sergeant.
- Facilitate client case management.
- Administration of contracts as directed by the Chief of Police.

- Write and disseminate department notifications and training bulletins when necessary.
- Provide training at lineups, Command Training, or as directed by the Command.
- Liaise with outside agencies to assist with developing Intervention Services.
- Inspect the SIP housing units and enforce program housing rules.
- Inspect services provider facilities and ensure they are meeting the requirements stated in the “Statement of Work,” section of their contracts.
- Review, revise, and approve contract invoices for payment.
- Liaise with the Mayor’s Office, the Director of Homeless Strategies and Solutions, and the Director of Government Affairs.

Section IX

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

There are two Community Relations Officers (CRO) assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Division. The CRO’s report directly to the Neighborhood Policing Division Administrative Sergeant.

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- Department lead for Crime Free Multi-Housing.
- Department lead for the Get-it-Done application.
- Liaise for community and business groups.
- Act as a residential and commercial security advisor.
- Liaise for community concerns.
- Accept citizen complaints.
- Liaise between the City’s City Code Compliance Division and the Neighborhood Policing Division as needed to address code violations created by business or community members on private property.
- Coordinate speaker requests.

- Share crime information and knowledge with other officers on an individual basis to enhance teamwork, efficiency, and safety.
- Coordinate Facility Maintenance request.
- Provide statistical data to the Division Captain and Lieutenants as needed.

Section X.

CLERICAL

OFFICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Office Support Specialist (OSS) reports directly to the Administrative Sergeant. The OSS also serves as the Payroll and Subpoena clerk for the division.

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to, the following:

- Use Microsoft Word in the LAN PC to type a variety of reports. These include confidential reports, memos, and other correspondence.
- Process daily payroll documents that include time sheets, overtime slips, daily master schedules, bi- weekly FTO lists, payroll checklist, and compiling and reviewing leave slips and labor cards.
- Coordinate, retrieval, service, and logging of officer subpoenas.
- Prepare transmittals to track personnel changes (transfers, resignations, etc.) as needed.
- Forward all necessary payroll and timecard paperwork to the Payroll Unit.
- Answers inquiries over the telephone regarding crime cases and incidents, along with general information on Department policies and procedures.
- Research incidents in CAD, ARJIS, and County systems to help assist citizens and refer them to detectives.
- Assists with other clerical support duties as required.

MASTER SCHEDULES/DAILY WORKSHEETS

The Master Schedule is intended as a permanent, accurate and easy-to-read record of Division assignments. The information is needed to prepare staffing surveys and numerous investigations. If the sergeant is not going to be present to hold line-up, he/she will be responsible to make sure someone on the squad knows how to complete the Master Schedule.

The area of most concern and most frequent error occurs when a special detail (11-86) is involved. When an officer is on a special detail, the entry should say 11-86 in the assignment column. There

should be some brief explanation of the 11-86, such as Traffic, Training, POP, etc. The explanation can usually be written next to the training codes, but if more room is needed the blank area below the squad can be used. Another area of confusion is in the status column.

This should be used when the officer is not working for some reason, such as sick, vacation, day off, etc. The entries in this column should be made in the same manner as the entries on the time sheet:

- Regular Day off - DO
- Holiday with Pay – H
- Sick Leave with Pay - S
- Compensatory Time Off - TO
- Injury with Pay - D
- Vacation with Pay - V
- Military Leave with Pay - ML
- Long Term Disability - LT
- Floating Holiday with Pay - F
- Discretionary Leave with Pay - DL
- Absent without Pay - A
- Jury Duty - CL
- Worker's Compensation - C
- Unauthorized Leave w/o Pay - K
- Light Duty Officer - LDO

The Master Schedule is used to complete the weekly time sheet. It is filed for six months, and then stored in Office Support Specialist's office to be retained for three years.

PAYROLL

E-Time cards are often incomplete or with errors. Individual employees are ultimately responsible for the accuracy and timely completion of their own e-time cards. Supervisors are expected to check e-time cards for accuracy prior to approving them.

E-Time cards, which contain any error, can be returned to the employee. The employee will only receive credit for the basic 80 hours if overtime requests are not submitted by Thursday following the end of the pay period. "Carry-over overtime" is no longer permitted. Department Procedure 1.19 is being modified to delete the section on "carryover overtime" (Section III, C, 3). If the overtime slip is not received on time, a memo prepared by the payroll clerk and signed by the captain is required for the employee to receive credit/pay. There is no guarantee it will be on the following paycheck.

Payroll will check overtime slips against e-time cards to determine if the account numbers listed on the timecard are correct.

INNACUARTE REPORTING OF LEAVE STATUS

Daily time sheets are often inaccurate because supervisors do not accurately report the status of

employees working for them. It is important that supervisors notify divisional payroll clerks of TO's, vacation days, sick leave, etc. Extreme care must be taken when determining what type of leave an employee is going to use before reporting it. The divisional payroll clerk shall take a proactive approach to solving these problems. Leave slips are checked against the time sheet daily. If there is a discrepancy, a notice is given to the officer stating the contradiction. The employee should respond to the payroll clerk as soon as he/she receives the notice. Generally, the error can be corrected before it reaches the payroll office.

LEAVE REQUESTS

Sworn personnel requesting time off shall submit their leave requests to their immediate supervisor. Compensatory Time may be denied if not requested at least seven (7) calendar days prior. Vacation day requests more than an employee's regularly scheduled annual vacation are solely at the discretion of the Department. Do not change compensatory time to vacation time after the fact.

Upon approval of leave time, supervisors will be responsible to record the type of leave into the Electronic Red Book. Each entry into the book will require a supervisor's approval. Only supervisors or officers acting as a supervisor in an OCA capacity will be authorized to make entries into the book. Entries will be made only after a supervisor has received a leave slip from the personnel requesting leave time. It is the supervisor's responsibility to check the Division's Vacation and Compensatory Leave Time Report to ensure the personnel requesting leave have accrued sufficient time. Leave slips will be turned in to the Payroll Clerk immediately.

OUT-OF-CLASS (OCA)

OCA forms should be submitted no later than the first day worked in cases of scheduled leave (vacations, TO's, school), and no later than the last day worked in cases of unscheduled leave (i.e., sick leave, injury, etc.). Copies of late OCA's will be returned to the Commanding Officer. See Department Order 95-35 for details regarding tracking time during the fiscal year; 176 regular (non-overtime) OCA hours to be eligible for compensation at the higher rate of pay. The tracking log, along with the pink copy of OCA form that initiates the pay, should be forwarded to Payroll once approved by the Commanding Officer. Thereafter, only the pink copies need to be sent to Payroll.

If the OCA continues into the new fiscal year, the officer will continue to be paid for working OCA until the end of his/her OCA assignment. Any additional OCA time worked that fiscal year would also consider the hours already worked as part of the total number of hours required.

WORK SCHEDULES

The work schedule is prepared on a weekly basis. The schedule is prepared the Thursday before the following week and put in the Master Schedule book in the sergeants' office. The payroll clerk only circles days off and any other activity is recorded by the line-up sergeant on that day. The sergeant, using the T.O. book and being present at line-up, ensures the work schedule accurately reflects that day's activities. This provides an accurate tool for the Division's payroll clerk to complete the time sheet for the Payroll Unit.

POSTING OF PAYROLL

Posting time off on the biweekly time sheet synopsis must be done daily. The completed original is sent to Payroll with the timecards. Prior to sending the synopsis to Payroll, a copy is made for the division file.

Leave slips are forwarded to the Payroll Unit daily (as they are received for that pay period). The synopsis has a separate column for leave slip entries; the date the slip is given to the payroll clerk is entered here. Leave slips submitted early, for future pay periods, are maintained by the division payroll clerk. Copies of the leave slips are made and filed for approximately three pay periods, then shredded.

DAILY TIME SHEET CORRECTION

This form must be prepared when there is a change to the time sheet that has already been sent to Payroll. Forward the original to Payroll and maintain a copy in the Division file.

PAYROLL CHECK DISTRIBUTION

With the “OneSD” system on the Department’s computer LAN system, all employees will have access to their payroll information and/or a printed copy from the system by the end of their shift on payday.

SUBPOENA SERVICE

The proper and timely processing of subpoenas is an important supervisory responsibility that we all share. Timely subpoena service promotes efficiency in the prosecution of criminals, allows supervisors to anticipate fluctuations in staffing, and allows the subpoenaed officer(s) adequate advance notice to adjust their personal schedules.

Failure to properly process subpoenas is both inexcusable and costly in terms of wasted resources and employee morale.

For these reasons, the following procedures for processing subpoenas are in effect:

- Upon receiving the subpoena, the subpoena will be logged and placed in the appropriate watch subpoena bin (see exceptions for short notice subpoenas). Subpoenas will be distributed as follows:
- First Watch - Second Watch.
- The subpoena clerk at the NPD will print subpoenas and deliver them to NPD supervisors.
- Supervisors and acting supervisors will check the mail bins daily to ensure that subpoenas are promptly served. Whenever an acting sergeant or any non-supervisory officer conducts line-up, it will be the responsibility of an on-duty supervisor to ascertain that these procedures have been complied with.

- The subpoena clerk will keep a log of each subpoena received at the Division. The subpoena is logged by various codes used in the electronic subpoena system.
- Each supervisor is to sign, including ID #, and date the proof of service part of the subpoena. The subpoenaed officer is to sign, including ID #, and date the same half of the subpoena, in the comments section of the subpoena.
- Tear the subpoena in half and return the signed half to the subpoena clerk. The subpoenaed officer keeps the other half for his/her records as a reminder of when he/she is due to appear in court.
- The returned copy is entered into the DA subpoena electronic service system, and then sent to the appropriate court (M.S. 721B or Traffic Court at KM036). **NO COPY OF THE SUBPOENA IS KEPT AT THE DIVISION.**
- All manual subpoenas are handled in a similar manner to the electronic subpoena. They are received by the subpoena clerk, (usually two copies of the subpoena), then logged in the subpoena log with an "M" (manual) notation, including all other subpoena information and distributed to the appropriate folder for serving. Once complete, a copy of the signed subpoena is returned to the subpoena clerk for final processing and then returned to the appropriate court.
- When a subpoena is returned, the subpoena clerk will note the date served and log it in the electronic logbook.
- A subpoena arriving prior to an employee's scheduled vacation or compensatory leave will be served. The supervisor or the officer (with his immediate supervisor's approval) may then contact the prosecutor and seek release from the appearance. A court excusal form is completed and mailed to M.S. 721B, or if less than ten-day notice, the excusal should be faxed. A copy of this excusal form is given to the subpoena clerk for notation in the electronic log.
- In the event an employee cannot be served, the supervisor is responsible for notifying the appropriate person or agency in a timely manner, as well as completing an "Officer's Declaration for Continuance" form and returning the subpoena to the subpoena clerk for processing.
- Civil and other non-criminal subpoenas, i.e., depositions and civil litigation relating to the officer's duties, are forwarded, along with the Cost Recovery Form, to the civil subpoena clerk, Fiscal Management, M.S. 715, after the officer appears in court.
- All criminal, civil, and Civil Service Commission subpoenas will generally be accepted for service by the Department or command/unit subpoena clerk, if received a minimum of five court days prior to the court appearance date. Officers may be individually served up to the date of appearance and are not to refuse service because of short notice. Civil subpoenas served at the front counter should have the Cost Recovery Form attached. If one is not

attached, the person delivering the subpoena will be directed to Fiscal Management, HQ, 7th floor, to pay necessary fees before the subpoena is accepted at the command. Commands are to cooperate by accepting subpoenas for employees they reasonably know are available for service. This includes subpoenas from the Marshal's Office, process servers, and other agencies (DMV, Parole, etc.).

- For further information refer to Department Procedure 1.11, Procedures for Court and Subpoenas.
- If we receive a telephone request from the District Attorney or City Attorney for an officer to appear in court, and no subpoena has been issued, we will continue to encourage officers to respond if possible. This is a courtesy to the prosecution, but at the same time it must be remembered that this is our case, and we have a vested interest in its eventual outcome.

Section XI.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

STATION SECURITY

All employee entrances will remain locked. Visible identification is always required. All non-credentialed visitors will be escorted by Neighborhood Policing Division personnel while in the station.

All employees, while on station premises and not in uniform, shall wear identification on the outermost garment. Sworn personnel are to wear their badge and ID on the outermost garment when not in uniform.

LOCKER ROOMS

Names and Identification numbers will be placed on the outside of locker doors. If no name is on a locker and the locker has a lock on it, the lock will be cut off and the items impounded. All occupied lockers will be properly secured with a working padlock/combination lock.

OFFICER MAIL BINS

The file cabinet mail bins will be cleaned out regularly. The bins are not designed for storage.

PARKING LOT

All personal vehicles will be parked in general parking spots that are unreserved. Personal vehicles shall not be stored long term on the premises without the permission of the captain. All vehicles shall be locked and secured when not attended to.

SHOTGUN MAINTNANCE

Officers assigned shotguns are responsible for their cleanliness and maintenance in accordance with Department Procedure 1.05, Firearms Procedures.

MORALE/COFFEE FUND

Neighborhood Policing Division (NPD) has a Morale Fund which is sometimes also known as a “Coffee Fund”. NPD sells various food and drinks in its canteen/kitchen using Venmo digital payment platform and cash. The items are not monitored and rely on the honor system. Items are restocked as necessary. The Morale Fund is managed by the Administrative Sergeant and is subject to periodic inspections by the RAP Unit. Money raised via the fund goes to the purchases of division appreciation awards and morale/team building events.

Section XII.

CONTIGENCIES

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EARTHQUAKES

Personnel should remain inside the building and if possible, get under a desk, table, or doorway, avoiding locations where there may be falling objects. Gas and electricity should be shut off. Do not light matches, cigarettes or turn on electrical switches.

Check personnel for injuries and search for trapped persons. Provide emergency first aid if necessary. The ranking officer present will ensure that the emergency procedures are implemented.

FIRE EMERGENCIES

In the event of a fire, notify the Fire Department via police radio or 9-1-1. When safe to do so, the Watch Commander should also be notified. Direct all persons to an area away from the fire to the outside of the building. Ensure that all doors and windows are closed behind you, when possible. Attempt to extinguish small fires with available fire extinguishers if safe to do so.

Section XIII.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ESD)

ESD is responsible city wide to address citizen complaints and code violations regarding trash, refuse, illegal camps, etc. They post and abate camps. Areas with trash only are de-littered.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP)

CHP is responsible for dealing with trash, refuse, and illegal encampments on state property throughout San Diego County. CHP coordinates with CALTRANS to clear, post and abate state properties.

SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION (SDPRF)

SDRPF is responsible for arranging and coordinating volunteer clean ups along the San Diego Riverbed which covers San Diego County.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)

The Metropolitan Transit System is responsible for cleanup and the abatement of trash and encampments on county property.

Section XIV.

ATTACHMENTS

ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

The following procedures shall be followed when assisting ESD during a waste abatement involving homeless personal property:

- A. An officer will be assigned to each ESD crew to act as a safety element during abatement operations. The officer assigned will meet with ESD crews at a predetermined location prior to the start of the abatement.
- B. Once the area to be abated is known and it is possible to safely drive through the area, officers are encouraged to drive through the area and utilize their patrol vehicle PA system to notify those with property in the area to be abated of the forthcoming operation when appropriate. The announcement shall notify people in the area to gather their belongings and relocate. Officers should offer to connect homeless individuals in the area with available services through the HOT team.
- C. To standardize the process and ensure consistency, the following announcement shall be given:

“The City of San Diego Environmental Services will be conducting an abatement operation in this area starting at (time). This is your only verbal advisement of the abatement operation and your opportunity to relocate any personal belongings you do not wish to be discarded. Any property left unattended will be abated and may be discarded. Anyone with property who refuses to leave the area while the Environmental Services crews are working may be subject to citation or arrest.”

- D. The officers assigned to the abatement operation shall remain with the ESD crew(s) until advised by an ESD supervisor the abatement operation has been completed.
 - 1. **Exception:** if the abatement is taking place near the area of an emergency, urgent call for cover, or a high priority “crime in progress” call, the officers will evaluate the need to respond.
 - 2. If the officers determine they should respond, they will first advise the ESD crew.
 - 3. When the priority incident has been resolved, the officers shall return to their assigned abatement crew without delay.
- E. If there are structures or tents erected in the area to be abated, the following procedures shall be followed:
 - 1. For the safety of ESD personnel, and prior to ESD commencing its

abatement of the area containing the structure or tent, officers shall contact anyone associated with the structure or tent and advise the person to gather his or her belongings and leave the area or be subject to citation or arrest for a violation of 54.0110 SDMC – Encroachment.

2. This will be considered an enforcement interaction and officers shall follow all Department Policies and Procedures about enforcement, including the activation of their body worn cameras.
 3. If, upon visual observation of the structure or tent, the officers conclude the structure or tent is unoccupied, and there is no apparent safety risk to ESD personnel, the officers will inform ESD personnel.
 4. If the structure or tent is closed, and the officers are unable to clearly determine whether the structure is occupied, the officers shall do the following:
 - a. From the exterior of the structure or tent, call out to the potential occupants, identify themselves as San Diego Police Officers, and announce their purpose.
 - b. If the officers receive no response after identifying themselves and announcing their purpose, the officers shall open the structure or tent, announcing themselves as San Diego Police Officers while doing so.
 - c. The officers will visually inspect the interior of the structure or tent for occupants. Property within the structure should be moved only to the extent necessary to determine whether the structure or tent is occupied. Officers should be mindful that this inspection is conducted for the safety of the occupants and ESD personnel.
 - d. When the officers conclude the structure or tent is unoccupied, they will inform ESD personnel.
 5. It will be the ultimate responsibility of ESD personnel to ensure no person(s) are in the structure or tent prior to it being impounded or discarded.
- F. Enforcement during abatements should be balanced with the need for ESD to complete the abatement operation.
- G. If a physical arrest is made, officers shall request a Neighborhood Policing Team (NPT) unit not assigned to the abatement to assist with the arrest. If NPT officers are not available, another clear unit should be requested to respond and take custody of the arrestee to allow the abatement to continue uninterrupted.

H. Occasionally, officers assigned to work the abatements are asked by Environmental Services to impound identifiable items, as required by ESD procedures. Department Policies and Procedures shall be followed for the impounding of such identifiable found property.