

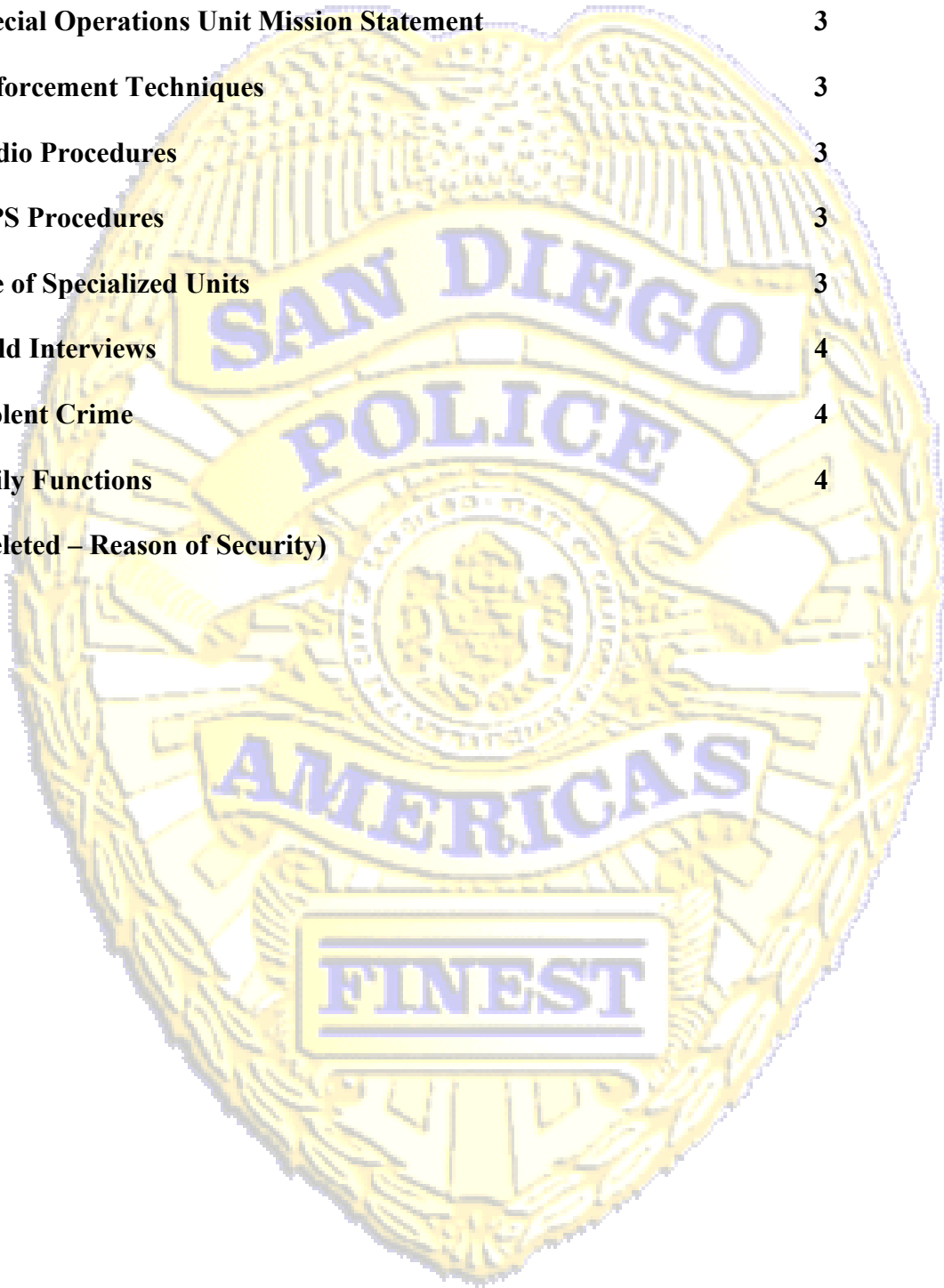
A large, semi-transparent watermark of the San Diego Police Department badge is centered on the page. The badge is gold and features a central shield with a scale of justice, a sword, and a laurel wreath. Text on the badge includes "SAN DIEGO POLICE" at the top, "SAN DIEGO" on a banner, "AMERICANS" on a banner, and "FINEST" at the bottom.

**SAN DIEGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL
OPERATIONS
UNIT
OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT MISSION STATEMENT

To assist investigative units identify, investigate, and arrest individuals involved in acts of violence by utilizing a high profile and proactive enforcement approach.

ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUES

- Parole/Probation Violations – Utilize Parole lists to check subjects who are on probation or parole. Conduct follow up 4th waiver searches whenever possible.
- Refer to conditions listed on Parole/Probation package i.e., association, geographic restrictions, wearing colors, weapons, and narcotic restrictions.
- Contact Parole/Probation officers to confirm Parole/Probation status and conditions.
- Follow Parole/Probation revocation guidelines.
- Maintain an open line of communication with Parole and Probation Departments.

RADIO PROCEDURES

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MPS PROCEDURES

- When the team enters a division, the supervisor in charge, or his/her designee will send that dispatcher a message to "Conn" the team to that frequency.
- The supervisor in charge will send a message to the appropriate dispatcher/frequency of the division in which the team is entering, containing the following information and request: "We are working your Division, if you have any information related to violent crime or gang activity, please advise over GANGS 1 or MPS".
- Special Operations Unit officers will complete all ODJ, RIPA and BWC entries as required per Department Policy.

USE OF SPECIAL UNITS

- Often times Special Operations Units will request the assistance of ABLE, K-9, or Gang investigative detectives. When one is available, the request should be made by the Special Operations Unit supervisor through communications.

FIELD INTERVIEWS

- Field Interviews will be complete, containing all required information (full name, D.O.B, etc.). Additional information that might later be used by other officers and/or investigators should also be included.
- Always cross reference companions on each Field Interview.
- Provide hard copies of Field Interviews to the proper investigative unit.

VIOLENT CRIME

- When responding to radio calls, Special Operations Units are not responsible for the initial investigation/scene, unless a Special Operations Unit initiated the incident.
- When a violent crime or incident occurs, one Special Operations Unit supervisor will respond to the incident scene and evaluate the need for Special Operations Units. Once there, the supervisor is responsible for gathering intelligence and passing it on to the rest of the team members.
- The remainder of the team, as directed by the Special Operations Unit supervisor, will search for the suspects involved in the incident.

DAILY FUNCTIONS

- Attend lineups/briefings where pertinent information pertaining to investigations and officer safety is disseminated by officers and investigative units.
- Work an area/division recently impacted by violent crime, gang activity, or critical incidents. This direction will be determined the Special Operations Unit supervisor.
- Assist investigative units with apprehending subjects wanted for committing violent criminal acts.
- Special Operations Units will focus high visibility patrol efforts in communities recently affected by violent crime such as a shooting, stabbing, or a series of robberies.
- High visibility patrol will also be utilized to deter a violent crime from occurring. These instances generally will be directed by investigative units who have gathered information about a pending violent crime through their investigations.

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