

TRAINING BULLETIN

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POLICE SERVICE DOG (PSD) DEPLOYMENT PROCEDURES

I. PURPOSE

This Training Bulletin establishes guidelines regarding notifications made whenever a Police Service Dog (PSD) is deployed.

II. SCOPE

This Training Bulletin applies to all sworn personnel and Communications Division personnel who are working any incident where a Police Service Dog is assigned and/or on scene.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. As it pertains to the use of a San Diego PSD, “deployment” is defined as ‘removal of the dog from the police car for any LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT purpose’.
 - 1. Breaking the dog, participating in training, or using the dog in a demo would not be considered a “deployment” since those activities are not ‘enforcement’ related.
- B. Officers shall log each deployment on the Automated Journal as they currently do.

V. PROCEDURES

- A. The canine officer shall notify communications over the radio that the PSD is being deployed. If circumstances prevent the notification, the canine handler shall document the reason on the Event.

- B. Anytime a Police Service Dog is deployed, the Communications dispatcher shall air for a Canine supervisor and ensure a verbal acknowledgement of the PSD deployment is received.
 - 1. If there is no response for a Canine supervisor on the frequency where the deployment is taking place, the dispatcher shall attempt to locate one on other frequencies citywide.
- C. The acknowledging Canine supervisor becomes the supervisor of record for canine activity at a scene. Communications shall document the supervisor of record on the Event.