Mission Statement

We provide the highest quality public safety services in an effort to make San Diego the safest urban county in the nation.

Core Values

**Honesty**  We are truthful in our words and in our actions.

**Integrity**  As people of character and principle, we do what is right, even when no one is looking.

**Loyalty**  We are loyal to our department and our profession and committed to protecting the quality of life in the communities we serve.

**Trust**  We are confident in the integrity, the ability and the good character of our colleagues.

**Respect**  We treat everyone with dignity, honoring the rights of all individuals.

**Fairness**  We are just and impartial in all of our interactions. Our decisions are made without personal favoritism.

**Diversity**  We embrace the strength in the diversity of our employees and our communities.
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Media Guidelines

The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department is committed to an atmosphere of transparency with the media and the public.

The purpose of this guide is to assist the media in getting timely news and information from the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department and provide the media and our deputies with a basic outline of releasable information.

This is only a reference guide and is not intended to cover every possible situation pertaining to the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department’s policy on the release of information.

Each area Watch Commander within the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department’s stations, substations and offices can provide information to the media for incidents occurring within their area. The map on page 12 and subsequent directory will assist you in locating the nearest office to seek information.
For general information about the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, its policies, procedures, history, statistical data, areas of jurisdiction, news conferences, etc., contact:

Media Relations Office
mediarelations@sdsheriff.org
(858) 974-2259
sdsheriff.net/newsroom

The following units handle their own media inquiries due to the sensitive nature of their cases:

Child Abuse (858) 285-6222
Elder Abuse/Financial Crimes (858) 285-6111
Homicide Detail (858) 285-6330
Sex Crimes (858) 285-6112

Cause of Death Determinations

In the County of San Diego, the Medical Examiner’s Office is the agency that rules on the manner or cause of certain deaths. You can request copies of autopsy reports through this office.

Medical Examiner’s Office (858) 694-2895
Public Disclosure of Crime and Arrest Reports

The following information will be provided upon request according to Government Code Section 6254 (f) unless the information would endanger the successful completion of an investigation, or a related investigation, or would endanger the safety of a person involved in the incident:

Arrestee Information:

- Full name (except juveniles)
- Area of residence
- Date of birth, physical description, age and sex
- Time, date and location of arrest
- Circumstances of the arrest
- Nature of charges
- Date and time of booking
- Amount of bail and location held
- All charges, including parole or probation holds
- Time and manner of release

The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department’s Policy and Procedure is available online at sdsheriff.net/policy.

Requests for information and/or interviews on non-breaking news stories should be made through the Media Relations Office.

San Diego County Sheriff’s Department | Media Relations Office
9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego, CA 92123
Email mediarelations@sdsheriff.org
Main Office Phone (858) 974-2259

The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Credentialed media on deadline may call the Sheriff’s Communication Center Media Line after hours, weekends or holidays at (858) 565-5555.

If you would like to receive an email alert when a news release or breaking news update is posted on our website, please follow these steps:

• Go to sdsheriff.net/newsroom
• Enter your email in the News Release Sign-Up
• Click on Subscribe
• You will receive an email asking you to CONFIRM your subscription
  You MUST answer this email; otherwise you will not get the email alerts
• You may unsubscribe at any time by clicking on the link contained in any of the notifications

Follow the Sheriff’s Department on the following social media networks for news, photos and video:

youtube.com/user/sdsheriff   @SDSheriff   vimeo.com/sdsheriff/videos   instagram.com/sdsheriff
local.nixle.com/san-diego-county-sheriffs-department   sdsheriff.net/newsroom
Suspect Information:
(Releasable information prior to arrest or charge)
Information regarding the identity of any suspect shall not be released to the news media, unless this is necessary to aid and assist in the investigation and in the apprehension, or to warn the public, of any dangerous wanted person who is still at large.

Information Regarding an Ongoing Investigation:
Generally, information is withheld when release would:
- Jeopardize successful case investigation
- Endanger a victim, witness or informant
The name of a victim of any crime defined by sections 220, 261, 262, 264, 264.1, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 286, 288, 288a, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, or 646.9 of the California Penal Code may be withheld at the victim’s request, or at the request of the victim’s parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor.

Traffic Collision Information:
Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 20012, traffic collision reports are confidential except to those parties with a proper interest (drivers, owner of vehicle, insurance company, etc).
No person other than a party of proper interest may review or receive a copy of a collision report.

Information that may be released includes:
- Date, time and location of collision
- Number and makes of involved vehicles
- Number of occupants and extent of injuries, if any
- A factual synopsis of the collision
**Non-Releasable Information:**

Identity of suspect(s) prior to arrest, except as previously noted. Investigative procedure results prior to arrest, except as previously noted.

The name of a victim of any crime defined by sections 220, 261, 262, 264, 264.1, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 286, 288, 288a, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, or 646.9 of the California Penal Code may be withheld at the victim’s request, or at the request of the victim’s parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor.

- Juvenile detainees, arrestees or suspects
- Confidential informants
- Individuals taken into custody under Welfare and Institutions Code 5150
- Criminal offender information
- Copies of “rap sheets”
- Any photograph or mug shot except to aid in capture or to warn the public of any dangerous wanted person who is still at large
- Information that may endanger any person including law enforcement personnel
- Information that may jeopardize an investigation, related investigation or law enforcement proceedings
- Any portion of a report which reflects the analysis, recommendation or conclusion of the investigating deputy
- Information that may disclose investigative techniques
- The existence or content of any omission or confession
- The testimony or credibility of any witness or prospective witness
- Any information known to be inadmissible as evidence in a trial
- Personnel, medical or similar files
- Records of pending litigation
- The names of deceased persons until the next of kin has been notified
Media Access at Disaster Scenes

Disaster and accident scenes may be closed to the public under authority of 409.5(a) P.C. which states “...a menace to the public health or safety is created by a calamity such as flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, or other disaster...”

409.5(d) P.C. states “Nothing in this section shall prevent a duly authorized representative of any news service from entering the area closed...” After being advised of any existing danger, members of the news media are permitted free movement in the area as long as they do not hamper, deter or interfere with law enforcement or public safety functions.

The ultimate responsibility for the safety of the news media personnel lies with the individual reporter/journalist, photographer, videographer and their employer.

The Sheriff’s Department recognizes valid San Diego Police Department-issued media credentials as evidence that an individual is a duly authorized representative of a news service. Absent official government media credentials, access pursuant to 409.5 P.C. will be granted on a case-by-case basis upon presentation of information complying with 409.5 P.C.
Media Access at Crime Scenes

Crime scenes are closed to the public and media until any preservation and processing of evidence has been completed. 409.5 P.C. does not apply to crime scenes.

The Sheriff’s Department will not establish artificial barriers or hold the media at bay several blocks from the crime scene, while allowing the general public to wander freely just beyond the crime scene tape.

The Sheriff’s Department recognizes the media’s right to photograph or record video in public places. The media, when legally present at an emergency scene, may photograph, record or report anything or interview anyone they observe.

Deputies will attempt to establish an area for the media outside the crime scene in order to preserve evidence and prevent activity that jeopardizes law enforcement operations.

It is also strongly recommended that media personnel present their valid SDPD media credential at critical incident scenes.

Media Access at Incident Scenes

Under most circumstances, incident scenes such as a SWAT standoff, missing person(s) search, vehicle crash, along with Command Post areas, will be closed to all unauthorized persons, including the news media. The purpose of any such constraint is to protect the integrity of the investigation and to ensure a safe, coordinated and unrestricted response by law enforcement and other emergency personnel.

The scene of a Sheriff’s Department tactical operation is the same as a crime scene and is subject to reasonable restrictions set forth by the incident commander. The news media shall be allowed access to the best possible safe location as determined by the incident commander. A Sheriff’s Media Relations Officer will be assigned to keep the media briefed.
Media Access at Sheriff’s Headquarters and Facilities

News conferences held outdoors at the Sheriff’s Administrative Headquarters are open to the public and do not require media credentials.

News conferences or media briefings held inside Sheriff’s Administrative Headquarters, Stations or Substations and other facilities are by invitation only. A valid SDPD media credential is considered an invitation to attend news conferences inside Sheriff’s Department facilities. All other invitations will be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Sheriff’s Media Relations Director.

Media Access to Persons In Custody

News media representatives have no greater right of access to detention facilities or inmates than any other member of the public. A visit by news media personnel shall be considered a social visit, not a professional visit. The Media Relations Office does not process requests for interviews.

Media representatives seeking an inmate interview should proceed as described below:

• Visit the “Who’s in Jail” page of the Sheriff’s Department website.
• Search the inmate’s last and first name.
• A new page will open if the person is in the custody of the Sheriff’s Department.
• Note the facility and housing area location of the inmate. That location will determine which days and times social visiting is permitted. Click “Visit Schedule” immediately under the inmate’s housing location, and you will be taken to the visit schedule for that facility.
• You may go to the facility and attempt the visit; however, you may wish to correspond with the inmate first to be more certain the interview will be accepted by the inmate.
• To correspond with the inmate, click the “Email this inmate” icon on the inmate’s page in “Who’s in Jail” and follow all the directions to complete the message.
• If the inmate opts to accept the visit, that visit shall be counted as a social visit for that day, just like any other social visit.
• With the inmate’s permission, the visit may be tape recorded or videotaped from the public access portion of the visit area.

• Inmates have two social visits per week. To find out if an inmate has available social visits for the week, please contact the Detentions Information Office of the Detention Facility.

  George F. Bailey Detention Facility (619) 210-0385
  East Mesa Reentry Facility (619) 210-0334
  Facility Eight Detention Facility (619) 210-0327
  South Bay Detention Facility (619) 213-1433
  Las Colinas Detention Facility (619) 402-1312
  Vista Detention Facility (760) 936-0014
  San Diego Central Jail (619) 610-1647

When conducting an inmate visit for media purposes, please observe the following:

• You will generally have 30 minutes with the inmate.

• While interviewing the inmate, please make sure other inmates are NOT included in the videos or photographs.

• At most facilities, your interview will be through a visit window. You will not have face-to-face access as is the case with attorneys.

• Since you are on a social visit, you cannot put a microphone on the inmate. You can only put your microphone on the telephone on the glass window.

• Once you have scheduled a visit and the inmate has accepted your visit, call the Detention Facility to inform the Watch Commander that you are arriving with TV equipment which will have to be inspected upon your arrival.
Patrol Areas

On the following pages are communities that fall within the jurisdiction of the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department. If you don’t see the community you are looking for on this list, contact the local city police department.

Note: Traffic collisions in unincorporated areas (i.e. Fallbrook, Rancho Santa Fe, etc.) are investigated by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Also see our web page of addresses: sdsheriff.net/patrol
Station and Substation Addresses

4S Ranch Substation  (858) 521-5200
10282 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92127  @SDSO4SRanch
4S Ranch Fairbanks Ranch

Alpine Station  (619) 659-2600
2751 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901  @SDSOAlpine and @SDSORural
Alpine  Alpine Heights  Blossom Valley  Glen Oaks  Harbison Canyon  Dehesa
La Cresta  Crest  Suncrest  Cuyapaipe Reservation  Viejas Reservation  Flinn Springs
Palo Verde  The Willows  Hidden Glen  Rancho Palo Verde  Victoria

Campo/Tecate Substation  (619) 478-5378
378 Sheridan Rd., Campo, CA 91906  @SDSOCampo and @SDSORural
Campo  Engineer Springs  Doghouse Junction  Barrett Junction  Morena Village
Cameron Corners  Hacienda del Florasol  Rancho Del Campo  Canyon City
Potrero  Tecate  Dulzura  Campo (Little) Reservation

Fallbrook Substation  (760) 451-3100
388 E. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028  @SDSOFallbrook
Fallbrook  Bonsall  San Luis Rey Estates
Pala Mesa Village  Live Oak Park  Winterwarm
Rainbow  De Luz  Margarita

Imperial Beach Substation  (619) 498-2400
845 Imperial Beach Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932  @SDSheriffIB
Imperial Beach  Unincorporated areas of
Bonita  Sunnyside
Otay Mesa  Lincoln Acres

Julian Substation  (760) 765-4718
2907 Washington St., Bldg. C, Julian, CA 92036  SDSOJulian and @SDSORural
Julian  Cuyamaca  Inaja Reservation
Pine Hills  Whispering Pines  Kentwood-in-the-Pines
Santa Ysabel  Wynola  Harrison Park
Lakeside Substation
12365 Parkside St., Lakeside, CA 92040
(619) 938-1360
@SDSOLakeside
Lakeside
Lakeview
Riverview Farms
Winter Gardens
Eucalyptus Hills
Granite Hills
Foster
Barona (South) Reservation
Johnstown
Glenview
Moreno
Capitan Grande Reservation
Grossmont College

Lemon Grove Substation
3240 Main St., Lemon Grove, CA 91945
(619) 337-2000
@SDSOLemonGrove
Lemon Grove

North Coastal Station
175 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, CA 92024
(760) 966-3500
@SDSONorthCoast
Del Mar
Solana Beach
Eden Gardens
Lomas Santa Fe
Encinitas
Cardiff-by-the-Sea
Olivenhain
Leucadia
Rancho Santa Fe
San Onofre

Pine Valley Substation
28696 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962
(619) 938-8400
@SDSOPineValley
Pine Valley
Live Oak Springs
Tierra del Sol
Boulevard
Manzanita
Bankhead Springs
Jacumba
Palm Grove
Los Terrentos
Descanso
Guatay
Hulburd Grove
Pine Grove
Mount Laguna
Descanso Junction
Green Valley Falls
Pasa Picacho
Sheephead Mountain
Laguna Junction
Buckman Springs
Boulder Oaks
Campo (Big) Reservation
Cuyapaippe Reservation
La Posta Reservation
Manzanita Reservation

Poway Station
13100 Bowron Rd., Poway, CA 92064
(858) 513-2800
@SDSOPoway
Poway

Ramona Substation
1424 Montecito Rd., Ramona, CA 92065
(760) 789-9157
@SDSORamona
Ramona
Rosemont
Rock Haven
Irving's Crest
Barona Mesa
Barona Reservation
San Diego Country Estates
Capitan Grande (North) Reservation
Shady Dell
Fernbrook
Four Corners
Ballena
Witch Creek
**Ranchita/Warner Springs Substation**  
25704 San Felipe Rd., S-2, Warner Springs, CA 92086  
(760) 782-3353  
@SDSORanchita

- Ranchita
- Dos Cabezas
- Sweeney Pass
- Agua Caliente Springs
- Whale Peak
- Scissors Crossing
- Shelter Valley
- Banner
- Ocotillo Wells
- Borrego Springs
- Borrego
- Hellhole Palms
- San Felipe
- Mesa Grande
- Oak Grove
- Holcomb Village
- Warner Springs
- San Ignacio
- Los Coyotes Reservation
- Mesa Grande Reservation
- Santa Ysabel Reservation

**Rancho San Diego Station**  
11486 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91978  
(619) 660-7090  
@SDSORSD

- Spring Valley
- La Presa
- Mount Helix
- Casa de Oro
- Rancho San Diego
- Jamacha
- North Jamul
- Jamul
- Jamul Reservation
- Cottonwood
- Indian Springs
- Sycuan Reservation
- Cuyamaca College

**San Marcos Station**  
182 Santar Pl., San Marcos, CA 92069  
(760) 510-5200  
@SDSOSanMarcos

- San Marcos
- San Elijo Hills
- Lake San Marcos
- Twin Oaks
- Hidden Meadows
- Jesmond Dene
- Elfin Forest
- Harmony Grove
- Del Dios

**Santee Station**  
8811 Cuyamaca St., Santee, CA 92071  
(619) 956-4000  
@SDSOSantee

- Santee

**Valley Center/Pauma Substation**  
28201 N. Lake Wohlford Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082  
(760) 751-4400  
@SDSOValleyCtr

- Valley Center
- La Jolla Reservation
- Pala Reservation
- Pauma Reservation
- Rincon Reservation
- San Pasqual Reservation
- Lilac
- Birch Hill
- Bear Valley
- Lake Wohlford
- Rincon Springs
- Pauma Valley
- Palomar Mountain
- La Jolla Amago
- Agua Tibia

**Vista Station**  
325 S. Melrose Drive, Ste. 210, Vista, CA 92081  
(760) 940-4551  
@SDSOVista

- Vista
- Buena
Quick Reference

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