

San Diego Community College District PD

Policy Manual

CHIEF'S PREFACE

The success of the San Diego Community College District Police Department is reliant on our ability to serve the community. Effective service requires the trust, faith, and confidence of our campus community. Every member of our department holds a special position of public trust. We must never tarnish the public confidence. At the focus of every action we take, must be the desire and knowledge to do what is morally, ethically, and legally correct.

As a member of the San Diego Community College District Police Department, you are likely to be the first aspect of government seen by our students, staff, visitors, and citizens. In order to earn and maintain public trust, this tremendous honor and responsibility should never be abused or taken lightly. As easy as this power is given to you, it can be taken away with an intentional or unintentional act. While the public may excuse a mistake, we are expected to hold ourselves accountable and maintain a profession clear of any dishonor.

The San Diego Community College District Police Department shall have written policy outlining its law enforcement authority. While it is recognized not every scenario can be detailed in this manual, these policies will designate what is reasonable and in accordance with established law. These policies also address the need for accountability to the community we serve. We will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of California. This policy manual will guide us in making appropriate decisions.

As the Chief of Police, I am most proud of our department and our police officers, community service officers, professional staff and volunteers. Each and every day our members act with professionalism and dedication that often times goes unnoticed. I am confident that together with our District partners, we will continue to make our campus communities safer and work collectively for a better tomorrow.