



*San Diego Community College District
Police Department
Policy and Procedures*

2.05 SPECIALIZED SAN DIEGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

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I. PURPOSE

This Department procedure establishes guidelines for utilizing the use of specialized resources from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD).

II. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all members of the Department.

III. BACKGROUND

The San Diego Police Department has extensive specialized resources for dealing with a wide variety of law enforcement situations. Most of these resources are available on request for situations occurring within the City of San Diego. Many are available 24 hours a day either in the field or on a call back basis.

College Police should be aware of these resources and understand the considerations, including safety considerations, associated with their use. In most situations requests for use of these resources should be made by telephone via the College Police Dispatch.

IV. RESOURCES

A. Investigative Support

Specialized investigators (e.g. sex crimes, homicide, domestic violence) and area investigators (e.g. burglary, assault, auto theft) are available by call back on a 24 hour basis. Investigators can also be reached for telephone consultations on cases.

B. Field Tactical Support

1. Air Support

Police helicopters are generally immediately available from 0700 to 2400 hours. They are useful for pursuits, observing buildings (crimes in progress calls), crowds, and for locating persons in canyons or open terrain. They have capability of broadcasting on SDPD and mutual aid frequencies.

2. Canines

The Police Service Dog can offer valuable assistance in searching, apprehending criminals, narcotic detection, explosive detection, and as a psychological deterrent to aggressive acts against officers. Police Service Dogs and their handlers are available in the field on a 24 hour basis. Explosive detection dogs are available by call-out on a 24 hour basis.

Detailed procedures for deployment of police service dogs are found in San Diego Police Department Procedure 6.16.

C. Hazardous Materials Unit

The San Diego Fire Department operates a Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) which is responsible for clean-up and removal of hazardous materials found in the City of San Diego. The unit is available on a 24 hour basis. See San Diego Police Department Procedure 8.16 for hazardous material incident procedures.

D. Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST)

The Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) is responsible for the investigation of incidents involving arson and bombs. Fire Department Investigators and certified bomb technicians are assigned on a 24-hour basis. MAST Police Detectives are available for call out at the discretion of the on-duty MAST supervisor. The Fire Department Explosive Device Team (EDT) is part of MAST.

MAST fire investigators or explosive device technicians will respond to the scene of suspected arson fires, bombings, explosive devices, or when requested by Fire or Police personnel. MAST investigators will conduct preliminary investigations and complete associated investigative reports.

See San Diego Police Department Procedure 8.15 for detailed procedures.

V. CRIME ANALYSIS

The Crime Analysis Unit has trained crime analysts and extensive computer resources for identifying crime trends, crime suspects and suspect vehicles. Given a partial

description, including description of tatoos, Crime Analysts can often provide useful information about suspects. Given the name of a person, Crime Analysis can often provide suspect addresses and names of companions. Given a partial description, Crime Analysis can often identify possible vehicles. Given the license number of a vehicle, Crime Analysis can provide information on driver's and occupants. Crime Analysis has computer mapping capabilities. These capabilities are useful in visualizing crime patterns. They are also useful in critical incident planning.

- A. Crime Analysis services can be requested during normal business hours by telephone or in person at the SDPD Headquarters facility.
- B. Officers should not request computer search services from Crime Analysis which are available through College Police Dispatch.
- C. For assistance in using Crime Analysis resources, contact the College Police Investigative Liaison.