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SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Name of Agency: San Diego Community College District Police Department

Name of Chief / Director: Chief Charlie Hogquist

Name / email for Point of Contact:

Public College, Sworn

Armed (39)

Unarmed (18)

Number of Staff Members:

Officers – 38

Civilians – 37

Total: 76

Department Overview

The San Diego Community College District Police Department (also referred to as SDCCD Police or College Police) is a POST certified full service agency operating in compliance with all state standards for recruiting and training under California Penal Code 13522. The Department was officially established as a California POST certified agency on May 11, 1987. Prior to getting POST certified, the Department was organized as a security agency.

The Chief of Police is Charlie Hogquist who came over from the San Diego Police Department after a distinguished 28 year career. Chief Hogquist's career spanned assignments in patrol, traffic, investigations, administration, communications, and the special events divisions. His last assignment with SDPD was as the service area Lieutenant for the Ocean Beach, Point Loma and Old Town communities of San Diego. Chief Hogquist has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College of City University of New York and has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego Law School.

College Police is the largest community college police department in the state of California, authorized by Penal Code section 830.32 and Education Code section 72330. Our law enforcement authority extends to any place in the state for the purpose of performing our primary duty and is identical to that of municipal and county law enforcement officers. Officers receive the same basic and ongoing training as city and county peace officers throughout the state, plus additional training to meet the unique needs of a campus environment.

College Police is 75 employees strong; with 38 Sworn Officers that is broken down into the Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 8 Sergeants and 28 Police Officers. On the Civilian side there are 16 College Service Officers, 1 Security Officer II, and 19 civilian employees.

SDCCD Police Officers provide the primary law enforcement response on and around City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, six continuing education centers and various San

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Diego Community College business offices, classrooms and properties. College Police patrol all District sites 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

The department handles all patrol, investigation, crime prevention education, emergency preparedness and related law enforcement duties for the college district and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The SDCCD Police coordinate with the City of San Diego Police Department, operating under a mutual aid agreement in the campus areas and surrounding communities.

In May of 2012, Officer Jerome Saldares and Officer Jarad Preston were nominated for San Diego County Officer(s) of the Year during the 20th Annual Scottish Rite Law Enforcement Night celebration. These officers each were recognized for saving the life of Paul Gomez, a Supervisor at the Learning Resource Center at Mesa College. The officers performed CPR on Mr. Gomez after he suffered a heart attack and were able to revive and transport Mr. Gomez in time to receive treatment that saved his life.



New Police Stations

Within the past 2 years our department has been fortunate to have opened new Police Stations at City College, Mesa College and Miramar College. New facilities are also in the works at the Educational Cultural Complex (ECC) and are slated to open up in the near future. In 2009 the Department went through a full scale reorganization to include decentralizing operations. One of the major initiatives of the reorganization was the creation of Emergency Operations Centers at the new City, Mesa, Miramar College Police Stations and the District Service Center. Since our campuses are scattered throughout San Diego The Police Offices serve as Emergency Operations Centers to be able to run operations out of each of our main campuses. The District Service Center EOC is the main emergency services center for the District during any county wide incident and has been vitally important to continued District operations during major incidents within San Diego County.

Supervisors with the Department have been actively instructing District faculty and staff on the National Incident Command System (NIMS) / State Incident Command System (SIMS) to be instituted in the case of a national, state or countywide emergency.

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Bike Team

The bike team was started in 1998 with the intent of getting officers more mobile and able to respond quicker to crimes or other issues on campus. The bike team has grown into a large proactive team with dedicated and highly trained officers. Bike team officers are highly visible, highly mobile and provide a level of service that bridges the gap between officers on foot and officers in marked police cars.

The team is very active both on our campuses and within the surrounding community. They work regularly with their counterparts within the San Diego Police Department on joint operations targeting gang activity and crime suppression. Bike team officers attend the 40 hour POST Bicycle Patrol course and receive continuous follow on training.



Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Team

The RAD team was started in October 2000 and has been training female students, faculty, staff and guests ever since. The RAD team members are certified instructors dedicated to helping women protect themselves and gain confidence. RAD classes are held each semester at each of the main campuses. The RAD training program is a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, progressing to the basics of hands-on defense training. It is dedicated to teaching women concepts and techniques against various types of assault using easy, effective and proven self-defense / martial arts tactics.

Firearms Training Unit

The Firearms Training Unit is a progressive unit responsible for conducting professional firearms and tactical training for the department as well as outside agencies. The FTU conducts basic to advanced firearms training and quarterly duty weapon qualifications for pistol, shotgun, less-lethal shotgun, and patrol rifle. The FTU has been actively updating all firearms and tactics training to provide the Department with training unmatched in the Community College Policing realm. Active Shooter Response training is conducted twice a year at a different campus within the district. Each training day the department takes over a specific campus so that officers can be updated on the intricacies of that campus. It is important for our officers to train on the campuses in which they may have to respond to and not at an off-site location.

Outside agencies have asked the FTU to provide their core training as well as running their quarterly qualifications. In 2007 the team created the Active Shooter Response (ASR) training module for the department and the officers have trained semi-annually ever since. The ASR

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training was recognized by CAL-EMA and subsequently the FTU took the training on the road to train other Community College Police Departments throughout California through a Grant funded by the State Chancellor's office and overseen by the DRCCC (Disaster Resistant California Community Colleges).



Investigations Unit

The investigations unit is one of the busiest units within the department. The unit is responsible for all recruitment, background investigations, internal affairs, sex offender registration, and criminal/district investigations. The investigations unit is under the direction of the Administrative Lieutenant. The department Investigator has been instrumental in keeping the sex offender registration process up to date. The unit conducts audits on the Sex Offender registrants every semester and is supported heavily by its sister San Diego Police Department Sex Offender registration unit.



Crisis Response Team (CRT)

The CRT is specialized unit/team consisting of three (3) SWAT trained officers. These officers attended a regional SWAT academy and have brought their experience and training to the forefront for the officers out in the field. The CRT team is composed of selected College Police officers that are already highly trained and seasoned instructors that have used their experience and training to raise the level of training for all officers in the department. CRT officers are leaders that take charge during critical incidents. The team has helped with high profile incidents including the Western Regional Community College Symposium held at City College

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and a recent visit to by Governor Jerry Brown to City College. CRT officers have responded to several critical incidents and taken over as Team Leaders during the response to the incidents.



Campus Community Emergency Response Teams (C-CERT)

Pre-disaster planning, mitigation and response is what the C-CERT training team is all about. The C-CERT concept has really taken off in recent years in light of all the natural disasters that have occurred. The C-CERT training team trains district faculty and staff to become a certified C-CERT team at their individual district sites. The purpose of the program is to apply the established CERT model to the college and university environment. To date the C-CERT team have trained over 300 district personnel covering every district site and continue to hold classes for other interested district personnel.

Parking Services

SDCCD Parking Services provides enforcement, maintenance, special events and permitting services to more than 50,000 students at three major campuses and 14 continuing education sites. Inventory includes more than 8,000 parking spaces. Services are provided by two dozen non sworn College Service Officers and support staff operating on a budget of approximately two million dollars annually. The Parking Program Supervisor is responsible for policy development and space management; she reports directly to the Chief of Police

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

College Police has been fortunate to have opened three Police Stations on our three main campuses within the past few years. The San Diego Community College district has seen a large number of construction projects begin thanks to \$1,000,000,000 Bond measures requiring review and input from the CPTED team on all construction projects. The CPTED team has worked tirelessly to research and make recommendations to help create a safe environment throughout the District.

CPTED officers are responsible for reviewing environmental conditions on and around district facilities and recommending appropriate action to reduce the potential for crime. The CPTED officers are not only resources for the department but the district as well. They have been instrumental in coordinating with the numerous construction teams, architects and project managers at all of our District sites.

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Child Safety Seat Inspections

For many years College Police ran a successful Child Safety Seat Inspection Program that was free to the community. On given days College Police Officers and CSO's that were trained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, were available to the community to inspect child safety seats and make recommendations for correct installation by parents. The Department installed over 500 safety seats for the community.

Proactive Community Outreach

The newest program College Police rolled out recently was our “**Coffee with Cops**” events where students, faculty, staff and visitors are invited to come out and have free coffee and meet our officers. Events were held at the City, Mesa, and Miramar College campuses and were a huge success. People who came out were excited to meet our officers and even more so with Chief Charlie Hogquist. This program puts our department in front of district personnel and students in an effort to pass on important safety information and tips along with giving them an opportunity to ask questions, sign off on tickets, and meet the officers.



Officers regularly promote child safety and Halloween safety at the Child Development Centers on each of our main campuses. The children are given coloring books that talk about safety issues and the parents receive Child ID kits on the back of the coloring books.



Our officers are also active in the community outside the campus. Many officers have given safety presentations to local community groups such as English as a second language classes,

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child development centers and local elementary schools surrounding our campuses. College Police Officers have lead the charge in San Diego County to gather toys for the Polinsky center for Children. We have partnered for many years with the San Diego Chargers to bring awareness to foster children. Officers are active every year with the county Shop with a Cop program and eagerly give their time to children in crisis, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, San Diego Light The Night and numerous Tip-a-Cop affairs.