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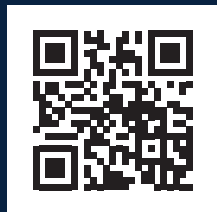
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## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Hi everyone, and welcome to another edition of the Sheriff's Newsletter. November provides an opportunity to honor our military veterans. The eleventh day of the eleventh month is a federal holiday that honors all veterans, past and present. The Sheriff's Office is privileged to have over 700 veterans working as part of our family of employees. I want to thank, not only our staff, but also all veterans for their dedication and service to our country and their continuing service to our communities.

As an organization, in addition to veterans, we take great pride in employing military reservists. In October, we were provided the distinction of receiving the Department of Defense (DOD) Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Employment Recognition Award. This esteemed award is submitted for DOD consideration by line-level sworn officers or deputies in honor of employers who exemplify support for military reservists. This award was significant in that the sacrifice of individuals who put others above themselves is the heart and soul of our Sheriff's culture.

On November 11, 2024, many Americans will have a day off work - you may spend time with family, watch parades, or have a barbecue. I hope you will take a moment to recognize those who currently serve or have served to keep us safe. And if you are a veteran, THANK YOU for your service.

Until next time, stay safe and stay in touch.

**Kelly A. Martinez**  
Sheriff



Scan the QR code to learn more about career benefits for veterans.

## **SHERIFF KELLY MARTINEZ CELEBRATES AT ROCA FESTIVAL LATINO**

Sheriff Martinez participated in the ROCA Festival Latino at Palomar College in San Marcos on October 13th. The event provided valuable resources to the Hispanic community, with a special focus on empowering youth through scholarships.

During the festival, Sheriff Martinez emphasized the importance of deputies' visibility in community events to build trust and affinity between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Deputy Camille Reyes also contributed by performing a song in Spanish. Sheriff Martinez expressed her gratitude to ROCA Festival Latino and the community for the warm welcome.

She also discussed various ways the Sheriff's Office supports the community through programs such as the Rise Above program and the Sheriff's Spanish Academy. The Academy, open to Spanish speakers, provides insights into local law enforcement, while the Rise Above program helps youth (ages 9 to 12) overcome challenges through empowerment and positive life choices. This eight-week initiative features workshops on conflict resolution, leadership, and career planning to equip young participants for future success.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to engaging and connecting with all the diverse communities within San Diego County, ensuring that they uphold their mission to provide the highest-quality public safety service to everyone in the county.



## **AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) CAMERAS**

The Sheriff's Office is enhancing community safety by installing 60 new ALPR cameras in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. This will help deputies quickly track stolen vehicles, locate suspects and find missing persons. We are committed to respecting privacy. Data will be kept for one year and only be accessible to authorized personnel only with annual audits ensuring privacy standards. Our policies are designed to ensure transparency, community engagement and equitable outcomes in all operations.



## **CAPTAIN DELGADO HIGHLIGHTS JUNIOR WOMEN'S ACADEMY**

*CAPTAIN DELGADO COMMENDED THE YOUNG WOMEN IN THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S ACADEMY, WHERE PARTICIPANTS EXPLORE CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES AND MENTORSHIP.*

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## **VETERANS MOVING FORWARD**

Every morning at 7:30 a.m., participants in the Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) program, known as Vet Mod, stand at attention and pledge allegiance to the same flag they once swore to defend. Since 2013, Vet Mod has served incarcerated veterans in San Diego County jails, offering a structured environment with classes, counseling, and assignments aimed at helping them transition back into society. This program focuses on the unique needs of veterans, addressing issues like housing, substance use, mental health, and employment. A San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) study found that Vet Mod significantly reduces the chances of reoffending by linking veterans to key support services both during and after their incarceration. Led by Counselor Stephanie Mull and Deputy Joe Bartee, the program's success is rooted in compassion, discipline, and a commitment to veterans' well-being. Participants like Mr. Frey and Mr. Brooker credit Vet Mod with transforming their lives, helping them regain a sense of purpose and hope. In partnership with the Veterans Administration (VA) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), Vet Mod continues to provide veterans with the tools they need to build better futures and reintegrate into the community with dignity.



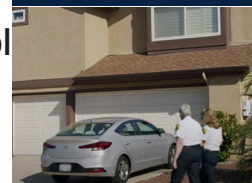
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## **STAY SAFE THIS THANKSGIVING: DUI PATROLS & HOME VACATION CHECK PROGRAM**

As Thanksgiving approaches, the San Diego County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to have a happy and safe holiday season.

**DUI PATROLS:** Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel times of the year with millions of people hitting the road to get to their destinations. The Sheriff's Office is reminding the public not to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. From Wednesday, November 27th through Sunday, December 1st, deputies will be conducting increased impaired driving patrols. The goal: to get people driving under the influence off our roadways. A reminder: DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs. If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 9-1-1 or the Sheriff's Office at (858) 868-3200.

**HOME VACATION CHECK PROGRAM:** Planning to leave town for the holidays? The FREE Home Vacation Check Program offers extra peace of mind by having the Volunteer Sheriff's Patrol check on your home while you are away. Whether you are spending time with family or taking a trip, this service ensures an added layer of security. We will check your home for broken windows, open doors, garages or other suspicious activity. We will hide newspapers and packages away from public view. The Volunteer Sheriff's Patrol can call for a deputy's assistance if there is a problem. Upon your return, you will receive a welcome home letter listing the dates your home was checked and observations made during the visit(s). Learn more and sign up by scanning the QR code.



## WELCOME, 67TH ACADEMY GRADUATES!

On October 4th, Sheriff Kelly Martinez proudly welcomed 18 new Detentions Deputy Sheriffs following their graduation from the 67th Detentions and Court Services Academy. After completing a rigorous four-month, 650-hour training program, the deputies are now ready to begin their law enforcement careers. They will continue honing their skills with 4-5 months of field training under experienced deputies. Congratulations to the 67th Academy graduates!

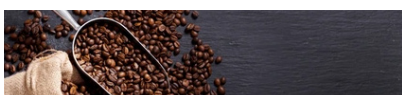


## DANGERS OF MISLABELED THC PRODUCTS

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office warns of mislabeled hemp products containing THC, posing risks to unaware consumers and children. Governor Newsom's emergency regulations address THC limits and enforces age restrictions. Sheriff Martinez and community leaders urge caution, parental vigilance, and retailer accountability to prevent accidental THC ingestion. Community partnerships and public education continue raising awareness on this issue.



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### Coffee with a Recruiter

Sunday, November 3  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Waterfront Park  
1600 Pacific Highway Drive



### Cocoa with Crime Prevention

Thursday, November 21  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Starbucks  
3777 Avocado Blvd.



### Gun Safety Event

Saturday, November 23  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
South Bay Courthouse  
500 Third Avenue



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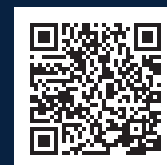


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