



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### **SYNOPSIS:**

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, County Administration Center (CAC) Waterfront Park Enforcement Team (WET) partnered with the Sheriff's Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) to conduct a homeless outreach operation at the CAC located at 1600 Pacific Highway in San Diego. The goal of the operation was to connect the homeless at or near the CAC with available resources at the temporary command post on site. A command post was set up at the CAC Waterfront Park. It was staffed by more than 25 employees and volunteers from various outreach agencies from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sheriff's CAC-WET and HART organized the event. During the contacts, the homeless were offered a range of services such as food, housing, job programs, drug rehabilitation and mental health services to help them rebuild and reclaim their lives.

In total, services were provided to 65 people, 40 care packages were handed out, and two family reunification travel tickets were booked for travel out of state. The operation was a collaborative effort between law enforcement and the various outreach organizations aimed at building a positive working relationship between all stakeholders and increasing the safety of San Diego County. Another outreach operation is being planned for late November 2019.

Being homeless is not a crime and HART is the Sheriff's Department's problem-solving approach to addressing a neighborhood issue. Each contact represents an opportunity to help increase the safety



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and well-being of our communities. Watch this video to learn more about HART: <https://vimeo.com/345755148>.





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