



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is continuing its efforts to help the homeless in the communities we serve.

On November 20th, the Sheriff's Waterfront Park Enforcement Team (WET) partnered with the Sheriff's Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) to conduct an outreach operation at the County Administration Center downtown. From 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 30 employees and volunteers from various agencies including the Health and Human Services Agency, connected the homeless at or near the CAC with available resources at the temporary command post on site.

During the contacts, the homeless were offered a range of services such as transportation to shelters especially with our rainy weather, food, housing assistance, job programs, family reunification services, veteran's services, drug rehabilitation and mental health services to help them rebuild and reclaim their lives.

In total, services were provided to 36 people, 21 care packages were handed out, a veteran received shelter assistance and one family reunification travel ticket was booked for travel out of state.

Photo on page 2 and @SDSheriff on Twitter.



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Being homeless is not a crime. HART is the Sheriff's Department's problem-solving approach in addressing a neighborhood issue. Each contact represents an opportunity to help for the safety and well-being of our communities.

HART Deputies routinely connect with the homeless to establish a relationship. The most recent outreach was held in Spring Valley on November 14th. Deputies from Rancho San Diego, Lakeside and Santee assisted with transporting 40 people to a community center so they can be linked to various services. Five people received shelter and housing assistance. One was connected to Veterans' services. Nearly all participants received care packages, medical services, as well as flu and hepatitis A vaccinations from community health center La Maestra and HHSA.

Watch this video to learn more about the HART Team: <https://vimeo.com/345755148>.