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RETIRING THIS YEAR

Police dogs have served well

Gifts large and small are helping the San Diego Police Foundation fund the \$8,500-per-dog cost for young police service dogs to replace retirees. Although police dogs love their work, retirement is also a pretty good place. When they're done serving our communities, police canines live out their lives with their best friends—the officers who have worked with them for 40 hours a week.

The Foundation's K-9 Retiree Replacement Program is an ongoing need. And organizations like **The Home**

Depot Supply have stepped up to give older dogs a well-deserved rest.

SDPD canines work until they are about 8½ years old. Each year, 5–10 retire and need to be replaced with the next generation of active duty dogs.

Call TODAY for information or to make a donation: (858) 453-5060. Or visit us online at www.sdpdpolicefoundation.org.

Please turn to page 5 for a look at the brave police dogs retiring this year.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

KIWANIS FUNDS NEW CHILD ID CARDS

The **Kiwanis Club of San Diego** responded to the Foundation's request to help keep San Diego children safe by donating \$15,000 toward a Child Safety Identification Program.

One of the messages SDPD officers repeat is the critical importance of having child identification with a current photo. It's a seemingly basic child-safety tool, but still missing from many families' important papers.



The Child Safety ID Program includes use of a mobile, computer-based system that produces an ID card with photo and inkless fingerprints in just a few minutes while a child and his/her parents wait. Two wallet-sized cards are produced at the same time for parents and/or guardians.

Having received Kiwanis' support for the equipment, the Foundation now seeks funding for additional supplies, which will allow police to get cards in the hands of more families.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT RECEIVES NEW RADIOS

A \$10,000 contribution by the **Bell Charitable Foundation** will be

used to fund two new police communication radios in the department's helicopters. The radios are used to keep incident commanders in the air in touch with officers on the ground.

NEW SADDLES EXTEND SERVICE

We recently awarded an \$8,000 grant to the SDPD Mounted Enforcement Unit for the purchase of four new saddles. They will replace 15-year-old models not designed to fit the unit's draft cross horses and will increase comfort and decrease injuries for officers and horses.

The MEU patrols Balboa Park, provides riot and crowd control, and assists with off-road searches.

Funding was secured from the **Myron Eichen Memorial Fund** at The San Diego Foundation.

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Something extra makes a difference

by Delores McNeely, Chairwoman

We all remember times when just a little bit more of something made a difference—one more hit on the ball field, our last phone call to a loved one. The San Diego Police Foundation's mission is to provide that "something extra" by bringing private sector dollars to the table, matching donors with needs that can make all the difference in fighting crime.

“ . . . individuals, organizations and corporations work with the Foundation to shape far-reaching solutions close to home. ”

During the past several years, we've added nearly 1,000 donors and provided assistance totaling more than \$900,000.

It's the result of individuals, organizations and corporations working with the Foundation to shape far-reaching solutions close to home.

Many Foundation grants fund items in service every day for years, like police service dogs, safety materials used in elementary schools and cameras that document elder abuse.

We need your help. Mark your calendars for September 13 and plan to join Mayor Jerry Sanders, Police Chief William Lansdowne and hundreds of new and returning guests who will enjoy a FREE lunch, hear behind-the-scenes reports and consider a gift of support.



Delores McNeely is chairwoman of the San Diego Police Foundation and a Senior Vice President at Union Bank of California.

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And thanks to our Safe Communities Circle Members listed on page 6.

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UNION BANK HELPS HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

The SDPD Homeless Outreach Team uses mental health clinicians to assist officers with field assessments and evaluations of homeless individuals. This innovative team facilitates better communication and ultimately, a better outcome.

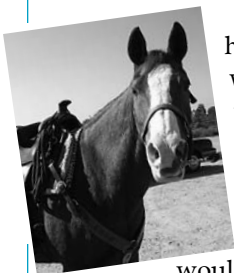
A \$7,500 grant secured by the San Diego Police Foundation from **Union Bank of California**, ensures that police will be accompanied by clinicians more often.

“Critical housing needs are a priority of our community contribution programs,” says Kathy Patoff, vice president of the Union Bank of California Foundation. “The San Diego Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Program has a proven track record of success and we are glad to encourage its growth.”

PFIZER GIFT SAVES TIME

A \$10,000 gift from **Pfizer** helped us purchase a new police service dog and digital media copying/recording devices. The latter will shave off about 95% of the time SDPD computers needed to create CD/DVD copies of investigative evidence.

“KING” JOINS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Jan Tubiolo loved her horse “King.” But she wasn’t finding the time to spend riding him in the mountains and trails they both enjoyed. She knew his temperament and energy level

would make him an ideal police horse, so she offered “King” to the San Diego Police Department.

Sgt. Bret Righthouse says “King” adapted quickly to the daily routines and rigors of his new public-safety job, as well as the 13 or so officers that ride him.

NEW TECHNOLOGY PILOTED FOR REPORTS

SDPD’s Central Division Bike Team leads the effort to determine whether dictation software can

reduce the time officers spend typing routine reports. The pilot program is funded by a \$1,736 grant from **WFI Government Services**.

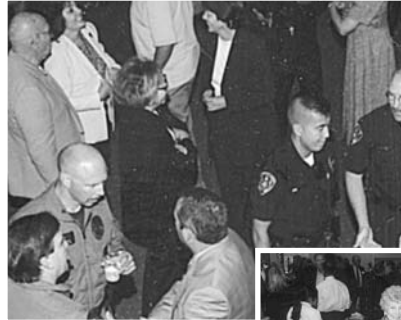
MESA DISTRIBUTING EMPLOYEES SUPPORT SDPF

Workplace giving is encouraged at **Mesa Distributing Co.** And so is community safety.

Ron Fowler, chairman and CEO of Mesa Distributing parent company

Liquid Investments, Inc., has been a leading supporter of the cost-effective long-term efficiencies made possible by the SDPF. Ron is matching employees’ charitable contributions to us again this year.

Thank you to all our community partners!



SAVE THE DATE!

Beyond the headlines

Wednesday, September, 13, 2006

It’s not an easy time to be a cop in San Diego. Please join the San Diego Police Foundation as we take a look “Beyond the Headlines” at our annual fundraising luncheon. It’s a place where more than 600 civic and business leaders and citizens gather to demonstrate support for first responders during the week of 9/11.

The short (one hour), dynamic event is a great opportunity to get to

know some of the successes and challenges of men and women who wear a badge and bullet-resistant vest to work. In fact, many SDPD officers will spend their lunch hour with us.

The event will be held at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center from 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

Call us for information or to reserve your seats at (858) 453-5060. Or e-mail info@sdpolicefoundation.org.

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SDPD Cadet Program: What it means to me and the community

by Allyson Boyd

How many people aged 16–21 are certified in CPR, trained to do traffic control, knowledgeable about criminal law, and willing to give up wild and crazy nights to volunteer with the San Diego Police Department? The 40 current members of the SDPD Cadet Program are.

While their best friends are partying, cadets are studying. They'll need to be familiar with over 150 police codes to go on ride-alongs and use police radios.

Year after year, cadets come and go, but before they leave the program—even if they only volunteered for a few hours—they've left their mark in your communities.

They probably worked undercover buying alcohol to deter illegal sales to minors.

Their participation in lost-person searches may have resulted in the reuniting of a child with its frantic parents. Or the return of an Alzheimer's patient to his/her family.

There's a good chance the cadet has painted over obscene graffiti left by taggers, and they've smiled, while holding their tongue, when confronted by a verbally abusive prisoner.

The hours; the costs of a uniform and gas; and being held to a higher standard are all prices police cadets pay with no compensation in return.

For whatever reasons young adults join the program, and regardless of how long they stay involved, the Cadet Program is an unforgettable life-changing experience.



Allyson Boyd recognized for her work in the Cadet Program by Sgt. Jim Filley (left) and Det. Larry Darwent (right)

The people we meet and contacts we make are priceless. And the skills and responsibility learned can be used the rest of our lives.

No other program could ever come close to the opportunities the San Diego Police Department's Cadet Program gives to young adults.

23-year-old Allyson Boyd is a San Diego Police Cadet Captain. She recently graduated from SDSU with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and Business Management, and hopes to soon wear the uniform of an SDPD officer.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Lifetime income, tax savings and charitable gift

Since their introduction in the 1969 Tax Reform Act, charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) have become a popular financial tool used to increase income, reduce taxes and benefit charities.



A CRT lets you convert a highly appreciated asset (stock, real estate, etc.) into lifetime income without paying capital gains tax when the asset is sold. It reduces your income taxes now and reduces estate taxes when you die. And it facilitates a gift to one or more charities at your death.

HOW IT WORKS

You transfer an appreciated asset into an irrevocable trust. This removes it from your estate, so no estate taxes will be due on it when you die.

The trustee sells the asset at full market value, paying no capital gains tax, and re-invests the proceeds in income-producing assets. The trust

pays you or other non-charitable beneficiaries an income. At the end of the term, the remaining trust assets go to a selected charity(s). That's why it's called a charitable remainder trust.

FIND OUT MORE

If you think a charitable remainder trust would be of value to you and your family, speak with a tax planning attorney, investment advisor, insurance professional, corporate trustee or favorite charity.

Include the San Diego Police Foundation in your estate plan. Call Wenda Alvarez (858) 453-5060.

Police dogs retiring in 2006

“Hot” calls (crimes in progress) are the primary activity of the SDPD Canine Unit. And most of the several thousand calls canine handlers respond to each year are resolved quickly. Often because a suspect will give up when threatened with a dog bite.

That’s the goal.

Achieving this goal requires the work of a perfect team. Training, trust, affection and play are the relationship building blocks.

In recognizing this year’s retirees, we also congratulate the officers who dedicate seven days a week to building the special relationships that deliver outstanding law enforcement results.

And we thank their families who welcome working dogs and retirees.



Pete Caruso & 9-year-old “Chief” aka “Chef.”



Dave Gilligan & “Max” Max is 9 years old.



Ken Fortier & “Rocky” Rocky is 8 years old.



Larry Triplett & “Astor” Astor is 8 years old.



Dave Beathard & “Rex III” Rex is 8 years old.



Phil Brackrog & “Red Rudy” Red Rudy is 8 years old.

In Memorium

“Athos”



For some police dogs, the joy of going to work doesn’t last eight to nine years. “Athos,” the 7-year-old partner of Clint Crockett, lost his life to liver cancer. We’re grateful for Athos’ service and extend to Clint our sympathy for his loss.



Brad Phelps & “Chavar” Chavar is 8 years old.



Tom Carlyon & “Twistur” Twistur is 8 years old.



T.J. Andrews & “Cliff” Cliff is 8 years old.



Carl Weber & “Kevin” Kevin is 9 years old.



“Rudy II” is 8 years old. Handler: Bill Ellithorpe



Sgt. Phil Martz & “Arras” Arras is 9 years old.

DONOR PROFILE:



Steve & Bernadette Palhegyi

Bernadette and Steve Palhegyi are dedicated to the cost-effective work of police service dogs. They recently made their second gift of a young German Shepherd to the SDPD Canine Unit as part of the Police Foundation's K-9 Retiree Replacement Program.

Life for the Palhegyi's has not always been easy. In early 1982, Bernadette learned that her liver was no longer functioning properly. She was lucky enough to be matched with a donated organ and underwent a whole liver organ transplant in June of 1999. For Bernadette, this was a transforming experience. She was humbled by the fact that another person's donated organ saved her life. Since then, Bernadette and Steve have come to fully embody the meaning of "civic responsibility" through their philanthropy.

The kindness of a police officer, on a day when Bernadette found herself with a broken down car, unable to walk and stranded alone, sealed the Palhegyi's interest in supporting law enforcement. Steve's love for German Shepherds led to their support of the K-9 Retiree Replacement Program.

"Steve has always had the biggest heart," says Bernadette. "Coming from a small farming community where people were always willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or friend, he has made it a point to do the same."

The San Diego Police Foundation is grateful for the Palhegyi's dedication to making San Diego a safer place for all of its citizens.

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Donations 9/1/05 - 6/30/06

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We're also grateful to the many community members donating up to \$99.

SDPD Needs . . .

Following is just a sample of law-enforcement and crime-prevention projects and equipment needs. Contributions from you, your employer and your service organizations can make a real difference.

Under \$1,000

- **Crime Scene Investigation Cameras:** High-quality digital SLR cameras with zoom lenses and manual adjustments for long exposures will improve the quality of crime scene evidence collected by the department's 30 officers cross-trained as Field Evidence Technicians.
- **Crime Prevention Materials:** From property crimes to elder abuse, SDPD needs educational materials that will help citizens adopt crime-prevention behaviors.
- **School Safety Patrol Program:** School Safety Patrols are often recognized as the safest way to control the high volume of traffic in and around elementary schools. Approximately 2,000 5th and 6th grade students operate safe crossings at 85 schools. Uniform and equipment replacement are annual program needs.

Under \$5,000

- **Police Boat Equipment:** Historically, Mission Bay has been one of the top three most dangerous bodies of water for California's recreational boaters. Whether patrolling Saturday afternoon power boat traffic or marina communities, the SDPD Mission Bay Harbor Unit stays busy with crimes ranging from speeding to drug investigations. It recently received a new police vessel funded by the state. Arriving short the department's full-funding request, the new boat still needs appropriate navigation equipment and siren and lights required to apprehend suspects.
- **Electronically Stabilized Binoculars:** Electronically stabilized binoculars for the Air Support Unit would effectively eliminate the problem of aircraft-generated movement. The old models in use require frequent costly repair and spare parts are hard to find.
- **Vice Microcassette Duplicator:** To comply with the City Attorney's Office request that the Vice Unit record all undercover operations, multiple copies of recorded conversations are produced and used as evidence in jury trials. An automatic microcassette duplicator would dramatically increase efficiency.

- **McGruff Costume:** "McGruff" the crime dog is a recognized and loved part of a national program promoting childhood safety. Unfortunately, the SDPD's existing costumes are very old, well worn (usually by SDPD Retired Senior Volunteers) and do not have appropriate cooling mechanisms.
- **ATVs:** ATVs provide quick response in crowded San Diego beach and park areas when police are looking for missing children, accessing and controlling large parties and stopping under-aged drinking. They are badly needed in both Northern and Western Divisions, especially during busy summer months when recreation areas are so crowded and require extra patrol time. SDPD needs 10 new ATVs.

Under \$10,000

- **Remote Control Demo System:** Remote control demolition system for SWAT team will benefit strategic operations where explosives are used to provide safe entry for officers.
- **Crash Data Retrieval System:** Crash data retrieval system will expedite traffic investigations. Currently, SDPD calls on CHP officers (when they're available) and borrows their equipment. This practice results in CHP officers having to appear in court on SDPD cases.
- **Police Service Dogs:** SDPD canines are retired at about age 8¹/₂ and continue to live with their officer/handler as pets. New dogs are acquired from European breeders. Total cost including initial veterinary expenses: \$8,500.
- **Harbor Unit Marine Motor:** A new Yamaha marine motor would enhance the Mission Bay Harbor Unit's speed of service to the community surrounding the park and waterway. The motors currently used in the older boards are outdated, and a new and faster motor for the recently acquired police boat would be using the vessel to its highest capacity in patrol, search, rescue and arrest operations.

Under \$35,000

- **Homeless Outreach Van:** The nationally recognized SDPD Homeless Outreach Team provides alternatives to the costly traditional arrest-and-jail practice of San Diego's chronically homeless. Its goal is to help individuals move off the streets. Transportation is critical when a homeless person makes that decision. But the team depends on a sometimes unreliable old van to transport individuals and their belongings to shelter. A new van is a serious need.
- **License Plate Reader Systems:** Auto theft is a growing challenge in San Diego and SDPD does not have the high-volume scanning equipment that could improve suspect apprehensions. Optical and infrared technology, combined with access to databases of stolen vehicles and those belonging to "wanted" suspects, are components of a passive camera system that can be mounted on patrol cars. Retired senior volunteers patrolling city streets, alleys and parking lots would provide a cost-effective solution to a big problem.

Under \$500,000

- **Mid-City Crime Reduction Initiative:** This multi-phase project will address crime increases and police staffing decreases through a secure network of police-operated security cameras. Designed to address crimes like drug dealing, prostitution, assaults, auto thefts and vandalism, the initiative proposes a high-tech solution. "Virtual" patrol from the police station is projected to expedite police officer response to crime scenes; provide evidence leading to arrests and convictions; and significantly reduce crime.

For information about these projects and more, please contact Wenda Alvarez at (858) 453-5060 or wenda@sdpolicefoundation.org.

What We Do

The San Diego Police Foundation's work is the result of concerned citizens like you. We help raise awareness of important unbudgeted or "discretionary" needs that will improve crime-prevention and law-enforcement efficiency. Then we put tax-deductible contributions to work in local communities.

In households where domestic violence tears at the fabric of families, the Foundation has helped many relationships escape the cycle of violence by funding a program that helps increase arrests and successful prosecutions.

In units like S.W.A.T., grants help overcome the disadvantage of criminals often being better equipped than police.

The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization providing support for efforts that enhance police/community relations, crime prevention and public safety through grant funding for specialized equipment, training, and cooperative community programs. It is governed by volunteer directors. And your contributions are tax-deductible.

We'd like to hear from you. Call us at (858) 453-5060, visit www.sdpolicefoundation.org or email wenda@sdpolicefoundation.org.

. . . And Don't Do

The Foundation does not fund personnel, regular police vehicles, lethal weapons, officers' uniforms or standard police equipment.

SDPD staffing losses a community crisis

In a report issued July 11, Mayor Sanders refers to the loss of experienced police officers as "a crises for the community."

The former police chief included his remarks as a preface to the Police Department's Recruitment and Retention Plan, which attributes its staffing challenges to a shrinking pool of qualified applicants, a more competitive recruiting environment and a higher than average loss of tenured officers to other law enforcement agencies.

It's not just the lack of pay raises that are influencing officers' decisions to consider other employers. Increasing healthcare costs, and benefit changes that require officers to pay a larger portion of their retirement plan contributions have created take-home pay reductions for police and all city employees.

Retention solutions will involve moves to ensure competitive salaries, benefits and opportunities, according to the report.

For more information, you can download the report at http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/pdf/recruit_and_retention_plan.pdf

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