

You are invited!

It's not an easy time to be a cop in San Diego. With a maximum of only 1.6 officers per thousand residents budgeted; current staffing 10% below that maximum; and tight finances citywide, many opportunities to increase police efficiency cannot be met. Police Chief William Lansdowne says community support of the San Diego Police Foundation is a positive factor in tough times.

Please join Mayor Jerry Sanders, Chief Lansdowne and San Diego police officers for a look at public safety "Beyond the Headlines" on Wednesday, September 12.

The **one-hour luncheon** is a great opportunity to get a feel for the successes and challenges of men and women who serve as "America's Finest." It's also an important fundraising event for the San Diego Police Foundation, a nonprofit organization that **puts charitable dollars to work on crime prevention, law enforcement and public safety needs in our communities.**

Who benefits? People who live in, work in, or visit San Diego and rely on police services in their neighborhoods, in their employees' neighborhoods and in places where they shop and enjoy recreational activities. Directly or indirectly, we all benefit.

Through the Foundation, individual and corporate contributions have helped support child safety and violence prevention programs; ensured the timely replacement of police service dogs; helped rid community parks of criminals; provided cost-effective law enforcement solutions to downtown patrol officers; and provided investigative improvements through technology grants.

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

- Program begins promptly at 12:00 p.m.
- Program ends promptly at 1:00 p.m.
- SDPD Displays: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Town and Country Resort & Convention Center,
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego

Cost: FREE! (Complimentary parking too!)

Since you know there is no such thing as a free lunch, let me describe a little more. My hope is that you will enjoy the company, the lunch and what you hear about innovations and unbudgeted opportunities that deliver tangible results. And if you do, I hope you will use the opportunity to pledge your support.

SDPD remains one of the slimmest staffed large police departments in the country. And it serves one of the largest geographic areas, as well as the busiest international border. We need your help. The San Diego Police Foundation leverages charitable gifts small and large into long-term law-enforcement efficiencies.

Please join me in support of the men and women who wear a bulletproof vest and badge to work on **Wednesday, Sept. 12.**

Sincerely,



President and CEO

P.S. Even if you cannot attend, it would mean a lot if you would visit sdpolicefoundation.org and consider a tax-deductible contribution.