

MEDIA BRIEFING SHEET

Labor Day Weekend

San Diego Police Department

The purpose of this briefing is to inform the media and the public about the San Diego Police Department's preparations for the Labor Day, three-day holiday weekend and to remind beach-goers about the rules and regulations.

It is estimated that several hundred thousand people may visit local beaches over the three day holiday weekend. SDPD has committed extra personnel to the beach area for the holiday. Officers will be in uniform and in plainclothes assignments. Motorcycle officers and Special Event Traffic Controllers (SETCs) will handle traffic issues.

The SDPD primary command post will be in the south parking lot of Belmont Park, located along the west side of 3000 Mission Blvd.

SDPD has coordinated its preparation for the weekend with the City's Park & Recreation Department, the Fire-Rescue Department, the Lifeguard Service and the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that people who visit the beaches or Mission Bay during the holiday weekend have a safe, enjoyable experience.

ROADWAYS and PARKING LOTS

It is expected that the beach areas will be at capacity throughout the weekend, but especially on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th. Plan to arrive early, expect traffic delays, and bring plenty of patience.

Roadways and parking lots will be congested early each day. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced. When necessary, traffic cones will be in place to close roadways and parking lots. It is illegal to drive through a cone pattern or to disobey the directions of a traffic control officer. Use common sense and follow the rules. If you park blocking roadways, alleys, bike lanes, or fire lanes, you will be ticketed and your vehicle will likely be impounded. If your vehicle is impounded, contact Star Towing at (858) 573-8700.

BICYCLES

Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road. That means obeying all signs and traffic control signals that apply to motorized vehicles. Bike riders who violate the law will be cited. A reminder: it is unlawful to operate a bicycle while impaired by alcohol or drugs; violators may be arrested.

PEDESTRIANS

It is illegal to cross against traffic signals, to jaywalk or to interfere with traffic. Pedestrians will be cited for hazardous violations.

AT THE BEACH

- **Alcohol** may be consumed on the sand only between noon and 8 p.m. Glass is not allowed at anytime.
- **Dogs** are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dogs must be on a leash, and owners must pick up after their dogs.
- **Fencing** off areas to be saved for your personal use is prohibited.

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- **Tents** may be erected, but the side flaps must be up. Tents may not be left on the beach overnight to secure a spot for the next day. All unattended property will be collected by Park & Recreation employees and taken to Fiesta Island, where it can be reclaimed by owners.
- **Fire rings** may not be used after midnight. Use clean wood only (no pallets, which are held together with nails).
- **Furniture** other than lawn chairs on the beach or in a park is prohibited.
- **Rowdy behavior** will be dealt with swiftly and aggressively.

MISSION BAY

It is illegal to operate **watercraft** while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The SDPD Harbor Unit will be on duty throughout the weekend.

SDPD wants City residents to know that, despite the significant commitment of personnel and resources to the beach areas, we are committed to providing adequate staffing in other areas of the San Diego throughout the weekend.