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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Hiring Expo Gives Inside Look into SDPD

**San Diego** – Continuing efforts to recruit more women, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) hosted the fourth annual Women's Hiring Expo today for more than 80 potential candidates to get an inside look at opportunities available with SDPD.

The hiring expo is designed for women who are interested in joining SDPD as an officer, professional staff member or volunteer. Participants learned about SDPD's hiring process, academy, and different units and job opportunities.

Saturday's event was held at Police Plaza with a welcoming address from Mayor Todd Gloria, City of San Diego's Chief Operating Officer Eric Dargan and Assistant Chief of Police Tina Williams.

Participants were led through various stations, including role-playing as SDPD officers on a traffic stop, learning about less-lethal TASERs, witnessing a mock S.W.A.T mission, and hearing from a panel of officers from the Air Support (ABLE) Unit, S.W.A.T, Canine Unit and Cold Case Unit.

In 2021, SDPD joined agencies across the nation in signing onto the <u>30x30 Initiative</u> to have 30% female academy recruits by 2030. SDPD has taken several steps to bring new female officers on board including:

- Hosting hiring expos for potential candidates to learn about becoming a police officer.
- Working to create the first in the nation, childcare center to meet the needs of law enforcement with extended hours.
- Supporting the development and training of women by hosting internal women's summits and sending sworn and professional staff to the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference.

Those unable to attend the hiring expo, can learn more about joining SDPD at <u>JoinSDPDNow.com</u>.