

Hello everyone,

For those who've I met with, it was great getting to know you. For those that I haven't had the opportunity to meet with yet, I am hoping to meet with all of you soon and allow me to introduce myself briefly. I have been with the San Diego Police Department for the 23 years. The last six years I have been a detective sergeant, working in the Vice Unit, Narcotic Street Team Unit and assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotic Task Force as a supervisor for the Overdose Response Team. It's an honor and a privilege to be here at Northern Division. This is where I started my career and I am excited about being back working with all of you.

This is my first monthly update and this will be the update for the month of January.

Both the Day and Night Beach Teams continue to be very active within the community.

Both Teams monitored the Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and La Jolla areas during New Year's Eve celebrations. Both teams combined responded to approximately 130 radio calls. Of those radio calls approximately 50 were party calls. With the assistance from our Crime Suppression Team and the Vice Unit, Beach Team prevented a New Year's Eve party in the La Jolla area by actively monitoring and proactive enforcement.

On Saturday, January 9th, we had a protest in the Pacific Beach area. It was expected to be peaceful. The San Diego Police Department monitored the protests and dispersed a group of counter protesters once they became violent. The violence was directed toward civilians and officers who were both assaulted. There were three adults arrested and one juvenile arrested. Extensive follow up is being conducted to identify additional suspects. The San Diego Police Department will continue to monitor these events as they come up.

Over the last month, the Night Beach Team has conducted approximately 10 Bait Bike Operations in the Pacific Beach and Mission Beach areas. During these operations the Team made six arrests, and recovered one stolen vehicle during one of those operations.

Both Teams have been very active on the boardwalk as well with approximately 75 citations for various violations.

Fire pits / illegal fires. This has been a very big topic for Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and La Jolla areas. I am working with City Park and Recreations on identifying where Hot Coal Bins are needed and to keep the bins in place. We are continuing to monitor and issue citations when violations occur.

Should you have issues in your area, please send an email to SDPDNorthern@pd.sandiego.gov

- Rick Aguilar, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department – Northern Division