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CLERB POLICY RECOMMENDATION: FENTANYL CANINE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Dear Chairperson Delany,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization and in-custody deaths. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On May 10, 2022, CLERB recommended the following policy change related to San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Policy and Procedure.

1. Update Detentions Services Bureau Policy I.87, entitled, "Detention Canine Program," and its Detentions Canine Manual to include said P&P. The P&P should indicate that the fentanyl canine will be used for searches of contraband in all areas; to conduct sniffs of all persons entering a facility to include visitors, inmates, and staff; and to conduct sniffs of persons already inside of a facility, to include visitors, inmates, and staff.

We have updated the San Diego County Sheriff's Department-Detentions Canine Manual under section 4.4 Utilization of Canines. The policy now reads:

Policy

Detentions canines certified and approved for department use may be used under the following conditions:

- To search for narcotics to include fentanyl or other paraphernalia the canine has been certified to detect
- To conduct people sniffs

- To search for multimedia or other electronic related materials (thumb drives, sims cards, etc.)
- To search/sniff persons entering a facility to include visitors, incarcerated persons, and staff; and to conduct search/sniff of persons already inside a facility, to include visitors, incarcerated persons, and staff

Procedure

Handlers are responsible for appropriate scene management prior to any deployment in order to prevent any type of reportable incidents.

In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. We would like to thank you for your service to the Citizens of San Diego County and the policy recommendations. It is our goal to provide the "Highest quality public safety services" to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. RAY, SHERIFF



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