



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

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*Kelly A. Martinez, Sheriff*

July 29, 2024

To: San Diego County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Martinez and Chain of Command

From: Amber Reeves  
Volunteer Services, Sergeant

The following documentation contains the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Annual Volunteer Report. This report is in accordance with Board Policy A-130, "County of San Diego Volunteer Policy,". This report is a compilation of data provided from Volunteer Services, Reserve's, and Search and Rescue during the fiscal year (2023-2024).

Sincerely,

  
Amber Reeves, Sergeant



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
VOLUNTEER REPORT FORM  
PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024  
Deadline: August 7, 2024

**1. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:**

Department:	San Diego County Sheriff's Office
Division/Unit:	Volunteer Services/SAR/Reserve Coordination

**2. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BENEFITS:**

- a. GENERAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include community volunteer, student intern, groups, corporations, etc.)

No. of Volunteers:727      Hours: 159,647      x \$38.61      =      \$6,163,970.67

Types of work performed by GENERAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

\*Volunteer Services: 511 Volunteers (120,595 hours)

\*Search and Rescue: 149 Volunteers (25,755 hours)

\*Reserve Coordination: 46 Reserves/21 Citizen Volunteers (13,297 hours)

Units are comprised of Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), Citizen Volunteers, Volunteer Mounted Patrol (VMP), Chaplains, Explorers, Volunteer Sheriff's Patrol (VSP's formally known as Senior Volunteer Patrol), Search & Rescue (SAR) & Law Enforcement Reserves (RES).

VSP's assist patrol deputies with extra patrols, traffic/scene control, evidence runs, vehicle maintenance, special events, foot patrols, and other community events. VSP's also man and transport mobile command busses, critical during large crime scenes, homicides, critical incidents, and officer involved shootings. Additionally, VSP's conduct vacation checks and conduct thousands of phone calls and visits to our homebound and elderly citizens through the "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) program. Citizen volunteers are assigned to administrative post and assist professional staff and investigative units with a variety of clerical duties. The Explorer program is a law enforcement apprenticeship program where youth (16-21) work directly with patrol deputies in the field and assist them with non-emergency radio calls.

Explorers are valuable during parades, community fairs, and other events requiring traffic control. Chaplains work with Sheriff employees in all areas of the office. They are available for counseling, spiritual mentoring, and stress management. Chaplains respond to all critical incidents and ride with deputies in the field on a routine basis. The Mounted Volunteer Patrol (MVP) are good will ambassadors who attend various community events throughout the county. MVP also conducts extra patrols where it is difficult for deputies or vehicles to travel. Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel conduct search and rescue missions involving lost/stranded persons within the unincorporated areas of the county, contract cities, and are a county-wide resource available to any jurisdiction within the county. SAR activates for natural disasters such as wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, and mud slides. Law Enforcement Reserve deputies are a group of Volunteer Deputy Sheriffs with the same training and enforcement authority of a paid Deputy Sheriff and are used to supplement patrol deputies. Specialized reserve teams with specific equipment and training expertise include the Dive



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Team, AERO unit, Off Road Enforcement Team, and Special Enforcement Detail. Service by any volunteer frees deputies to respond to emergency calls for service.

b. INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include honor camp inmates, PIC/RETC, GAIN, etc.)

No. of Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$38.61 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Types of work performed by INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:  
N/A

c. SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS (this section should include utilization of Special Volunteers in positions requiring specific skills and/or expertise levels, for example, an attorney, physician, sports figure or celebrity). These specialized positions have verifiable compensation levels (VCL). If you have such a volunteer, please indicate the position, hours and compensation level below.)

Position	Hours	x	VCL	=	Dollar Benefit
N/A	_____		_____		_____
_____	_____		_____		_____
_____	_____		_____		_____
_____	_____		_____		_____

No. of Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Value: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Types of work performed by SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS in this category:  
N/A

d. TOTALS OF DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS (from above):

	No. of Volunteers	Hours	Dollar Benefit
2a.	(VS) 511	120,595	\$4,656,172.95
2b.	(SAR) 149	25,755	\$994,400.55
2c.	(RES) 67	13,297	\$513,397.17
<b>Total Volunteers</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>159,647</b>
		<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$6,163,970.67</b>





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d. **TOTAL OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COST**  
(Sum of 4a, 4b and 4c)

\$709,044.75
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**5. NET BENEFIT TO DEPARTMENT FROM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:**

a. Total Dollar Benefits of Volunteers, Item 2d (Page 2)	\$6,163,970.67
b. Total of Donations to Volunteer Program, Item 3 (Page 2)	\$1,400.00
c. Subtract Total of Volunteer Program Costs, Item 4d (Page 3)	\$709,044.75

**TOTAL PROGRAM BENEFIT**

\$5,456,325.92
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**6. RECRUITING:**

Please describe your recruiting programs:

All units actively recruit at community events, through personal referrals, social media, radio, local news channels, newspaper, and the Sheriff's Office public website.
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**7. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Please describe any special activities and/or achievements your program was involved in during the period of this report:

The SVP, Explorers, and VMP units participated in numerous parades, Sheriff's events, community events, and charitable events throughout the year. Our volunteers continue to represent the department at the Special Olympics (LE torch run/games), Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, and our Holiday watch programs. Volunteers continue to support large scale events such as the Avocado Festival in Fallbrook, Sandcastles in Imperial Beach, various rodeos, etc. Our volunteers supplement patrol during traffic collisions, officer involved shootings, and overall general patrol. Our Chaplain unit has expanded into the county jails to offer support for detentions deputies and staff. Our Chaplain unit also assist homicide detectives as a family liaison officer (FLO) regarding jail deaths. The Search and Rescue unit received a Meritorious Unit Citation for the search and recovery of a Military Helicopter and onboard service members. The Helicopter crashed into the Mountains just northeast of Pine Valley on February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.
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**8. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 -24:**

Please describe your program goals. Include activities, number of volunteers, recruitment, training, recognition and other goals:

Our program ambitions for FY2024-2025 are to continue our recruiting efforts to accomplish adding 100 or more members across all units within the volunteer programs. We strive to enhance recruitment opportunities by increasing collaboration with Media Relations on special events and improve community engagement opportunities. This will allow us to attract motivated volunteers who have a strong desire to serve their communities. We will continue to provide crime prevention services to San Diego County residents through the volunteer programs offered. We look forward to showcasing our extensive volunteer training opportunities and talent. We will continue to work and collaborate with our San Diego County law enforcement agencies. We will work with community leaders to participate in local community events and create outreach programs to establish and maintain lasting community partnerships throughout San Diego County.

**9. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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**10. DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION:**

*Deepest. Matney*  
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

*7/30/24*  
DATE