



# San Diego Unified School District

## Fact Sheet

### Crime Prevention Unit

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Police Services Department maintains the safety and security for all of our students and staff, our schools, administrative facilities and many other structures within the boundaries that make up the district.

The School Police Department established a *Crime Prevention Unit* (CPU), with direction from the Lieutenant and two Community Service Officers, to implement *Problem Oriented Policing* (POP) projects. These include the *School Police Volunteer Patrol* (SPVP), *Students Against Violence* (SAVE), *School Watch*, and *Kidz Watch* as well as locating missing children. Additionally, the Officers conduct home visits to counsel parents and children about truancy and occasionally take crime reports.

With 187 schools in the district's community, both officers participate in open forums concerning police practices and student safety issues. They act as liaisons at town hall and community meetings between the San Diego Police Department, the community and the school district, and are involved in parent organizations at schools.

They perform specialized security operational checks at school sites, called *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*, (CPTED) to determine if certain school designs and their environments are conducive to criminal activity or could be a safety issue. To date, inspections have been completed at Edison, Miramar Ranch, and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools, Mann Middle School, Clairemont, Kearny, Scripps Ranch, and University City High Schools, and at Maintenance and Operations.

One of the projects, *Students Against Violence Everywhere* (SAVE), is working to establish chapters at our schools. SAVE is a national organization designed to promote student safety. More information is available online at <http://www.nationalsave.org/>. To date, Knox and Sherman Elementary as well as Keiller Middle and Memorial Academy schools have programs in place with plans to expand into other schools.

CPU is also in the process of establishing *School Watch Program* and *Kidz Watch Program*. In the *School Watch Program*, neighbors who live in the school vicinity are recruited to take an active role in watching the school to deter vandals and thieves. The *Kidz Watch Program* allows families to maintain their normal outdoor routines, such as watering lawns, gardening, washing cars, while keeping a watchful eye on students before and after school.

#### SUMMARY

- ❖ San Diego Unified School District Police maintain several schoolwide safety programs established as the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)
- ❖ One Lieutenant and two Community Service Officers direct all the programs
- ❖ Problem Oriented Policing (POP) projects
- ❖ School Police Volunteer Patrol
- ❖ Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)
- ❖ School Watch
- ❖ Kids Watch

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