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Subject: **San Diego County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association Adopts Crisis Management and De-escalation Philosophy**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Calif. – The San Diego County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association announced today the adoption and distribution of a collective philosophy on Crisis Management and De-Escalation. This philosophy is the culmination of an idea that came to light in June of 2019 when the association created a committee to better understand issues surrounding crisis management and de-escalation. The committee consisted of expert representatives from all countywide law enforcement agencies, the San Diego District Attorney's Office and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team. The goal of the committee was to establish best practices, provide training and field de-escalation tactics, provide guidelines for use of force review, address AB 392 and SB 230 requirements and create a countywide philosophy to prevent variances.

On 06/10/20 the philosophy was presented to the association and the association unanimously voted the philosophy into practice.

Next, the crisis management toward de-escalation considerations will be given to all officers and deputies in the county. Officers will be presented with a guide to use in the field that includes best practices and resources.

"Our mission was to not only define best practices for de-escalation but to do so collectively to ensure the county is of one mind on the philosophy," stated the president of the association, Chula Vista Police Chief Roxana Kennedy. "As part of this community, we understand the importance of violence prevention whenever possible and de-escalation techniques are the best way to get there."

The San Diego Police Chiefs and Sheriff's Association includes the Chiefs of the cities in San Diego County, the Sheriff, the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and the following schools:

Carlsbad Police Department
Chula Vista Police Department
Coronado Police Department
El Cajon Police Department
Escondido Police Department
La Mesa Police Department
National City Police Department
Oceanside Police Department
San Diego Community College Police Department
San Diego County District Attorney's Office
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
San Diego Police Department
San Diego Harbor Police Department
San Diego State University Police Department
San Diego Unified School District
University of California San Diego Police Department

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