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## **Restorative Policing**

The purpose of this training is to educate and inform personnel regarding the mission, goals, programs and available resources that the SBPD Restorative Policing unit offers through their service.

### **Mission Statement:**

The Restorative Policing unit takes a client-centered approach to restoring lives of the vulnerable and problematic homeless, mentally ill and substance abusing individuals within the City of Santa Barbara. We strive to reduce police calls for service and add a greater sense of peace and safety in our community. We do this by offering assistance (through partnering agencies), reunification with family and services, and by providing legal assistance through the Restorative Court program.

### **Goals:**

Our main goal is to assist patrol with ongoing problems and chronic offenders who generate frequent calls for service. Chronic offenders are frequently comprised of those suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse. Due to the high number of calls for service these chronic offenders generate, they can become a strain on local resources and services within the community, so we work to find long term solutions to help resolve and alleviate such strain.

As part of that resolution effort, the unit works to get these chronic offenders off the streets and into programs that will assist them with mental health issues, sobriety and housing. These types of programs include: 1 to 2 week Detox programs, Inpatient/Outpatient treatments that can last from 3 months to a year, local shelters and Sober Living programs.

In addition, we also work to reunify subjects within our programs with their family, friends and resources from their own home towns. One of the methods we use is acquiring transportation for the subject. There is a vetting process the subjects have to pass through prior to receiving transportation to their chosen destination.

### **Partnerships:**

The Restorative Policing unit works alongside and partners with local agencies to help accomplish our goals. Several of the agencies we work with are: Mobile Crisis (CARES), Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), Crisis Triage and AOT- Assisted Outpatient Treatment.

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### **Legal Assistance:**

For subjects who historically engage in minor offenses or “lifestyle” crimes like drinking, sleeping or urinating in public, as well as public intoxication, are referred to Restorative Court. In these instances the court will place adjudicating these offenses on hold for six months, with the expectation that the client will not acquire a new charge during this time. If a client receives a new charge during that time period, the client’s time within the program will start over from the new violation’s date. Once a client successfully completes 6 months of court ordered appearances and does not acquire a new charge, they will graduate from the Restorative Policing program. The charges then, which were initially placed on hold, will be dropped.

Restorative Court is located at: *118 E. Figueroa St, in Department 7. Thursdays, from 1030- 1200 hours.*

If a subject is interested in Restorative Court, our officers are available to meet with walk-ins after Restorative Court proceedings at 1200 hours, to the front of the courthouse.

### **Resources for Officers:**

If officers are in need of assistance from someone in the Restorative Policing Unit, they can be contacted through the “Restorative” email group or their individual department email addresses.

Ofc Hove: Mon-Thurs, 0800-1800 hours.

Ofc. McBride: Tues-Fri, 0700-1700 hours.

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