





**POLICE DEPARTMENT** 

# **SBPD WELLNESS**

Fire and Police Commission

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### **TOPICS**

- 1. History/New Thought Process
- 2. Peer Support Program/Cadre
- 3. TCTI Partnership/ Counseling
- 4. Critical Debriefs
- 5. Healthy Warrior
- 6. Wellness Check-Ins
- 7. New On-Duty Fitness Program







### **HISTORY**

- Prior to 15 to 20 years ago, Officer and First Responder wellness was not a priority. Programs for mental, physical, and emotional support were not common.
- Mindset on mental health and emotional health were not a priority and not talked about.
- Officers coping with PTSD on their own and it was frowned upon to discuss.









# **DFFICER WELLNESS**



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou





### PEER SUPPORT

- Peer Support Cadre
- Co-workers who provide guidance and support internally.
- Understand from personal experience what you are going through
- Peer Training
- Collaboration with outside agencies





T.C.T.I. PARTNERSHIP

- The Counseling Team International
- Funding by S.B. Police Foundation
- Departmentwide counseling







### **CRITICAL DEBRIEFS**

#### **MAJOR INCIDENTS**

- Investigations involving children
- Fatal Collision
- Calls where a death occurs
- Use of Force

#### **MULTI-CASUALTY**

- Natural Disasters
- Active Attacks
- Hostage/Barricaded Subjects







### **HEALTHY WARRIOR MEAL PROGRAM**



#### **Readily Available Healthy Food**

- Pre-made healthy meals
- Consistent availability/avoid the unhealthy choice
- · Healthy snacks and drinks
- Food prep station
- Meal Prep Program-
  - Join for up to three meals per day delivered/low cost





### **WELLNESS CHECK-INS**

#### Overall well-being and emotional support

- Yearly meeting with a licensed therapist
- Confidential
- · Funded by Wellness Grant
- All Sworn employees are required to attend







# **DEPARTMENT FITNESS PROGRAM**

#### **Bridge Athletics**

- App that provides training help and workouts
- Tracks workouts as employees enter them.
- Department can generate metrics on use of program and benefits of increased fitness overall from department members





# **DEPARTMENT FITNESS PROGRAM**

#### **Increased Health**

- Studies show increased overall physical health improves many of the common medical issues facing first responders.
  - Heart disease
  - Back injuries
  - Stress
  - Physical and mental fatigue due to shift work





## **DEPARTMENT FITNESS PROGRAM**

### **Flexibility**

- Employees can utilize one half hour of their shift to complete the workout.
- Check in prior to workout
- Be available
- Two of their weekly shifts
- Times are start, middle, or end of workday





# **GOALS**



- Strive for new, innovative, and comprehensive programs
- Relaxation/rest breaks
- Mindfulness resets after demanding calls.





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