San Diego State University is the oldest and largest higher education institution in the San Diego region. SDSU is in the heart of San Diego, which offers a wide variety of social and cultural activities.

SDSU’s urban, cosmopolitan campus reflects the healthy diversity of our region and the world beyond. With almost 34,000 students, SDSU’s 283-acre campus provides ample classroom and laboratories, as well as on-campus housing. A state-of-the-art student union, health center, modern recreation center, 12,000-seat arena, and top-quality baseball stadium all enhance student life. The campus also maintains two observatories, public broadcast radio and television stations, and seismology and weather stations.

The SDSU Police Department was established at SDSU in 1974. Since its inception, much growth has taken place. The department participates in delivering the university mission and strives to create a safe environment conducive to academic excellence. Even though University Police works closely with neighboring police agencies to reduce and prevent crime, we believe the safety of our community is everyone’s responsibility.

Our police officers are graduates of the California Peace Officers Standards Training Academy with full arrest powers throughout the state. (830.2 PC) University Police officers conduct foot, vehicular and bicycle patrols on campus and in the adjacent community 24 hours a day.
THE DEPARTMENT

Police officers at the San Diego State University Police Department respond to public calls for service within a uniquely diverse community. They patrol the campus and nearby areas enforcing state laws, city ordinances, and university regulations. Police officers conduct criminal and traffic investigations, make arrests, prepare necessary documentation and testify in court. Officers also provide for the safety and security of persons and property at university events and attend community meetings. Officers have the opportunity to participate in a number of specialty assignments such as bicycle patrol, field training officer, detectives, Special Operations K-9 Unit, motor/traffic unit.

The department employs about 25 officers, 20 civilians, and 30 students and is in the process of restructuring in order to meet the anticipated growth of the campus. SDSU is the largest campus in the CSU system. Interested candidates that have a California Basic POST Certificate, or have graduated from a Basic POST academy may be hired as a Police Officer.

The San Diego State University Police Department, a standard of excellence in law enforcement, serves a multi-cultural, educational environment of over 37,000 faculty, staff and students at SDSU. With on-campus housing for staff and students, visiting dignitaries and a flourishing sports program, SDSU offers a unique law enforcement environment. It is a part of the statewide CSU Police system of about 350 sworn personnel. SDSU is regarded as one of the finest public universities in the country and many of the programs have achieved standing with those of the best private universities.
COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

Salary:
$4,325 to $5,961 monthly salary

Benefits and additional compensation:

- Lateral placement on the pay scale will be based on prior experience.
- 3/12 work week for patrol officers, corporals and sergeants.
- Thirteen (13) paid holidays per year.
- Eight (8) hours of paid sick leave per month (unlimited accrual).
- Paid vacation between 2-5 weeks per year depending of length of service. The accrual rate increases to 12 hours per month after 10 years of service, 14 hours per month at 15 years, and 16 hours per month at 20 years.
- CSU tuition fee waiver (Six units each semester) for employee or family member.
- $684 annual paid uniform allowance, (57.00 a month).
- CALPERS Safety Retirement plan (3% at age 50 for classic members, 2.5% at age 57 for employees hired after 01-01-2013.)
- Choice among several medical and dental plans to cover employees and eligible dependents. In some cases the University pays the full monthly premium.
- P.O.S.T. certificate monthly pay - $200 Intermediate, $250 Advanced = $450.00 combined total.
- Employer paid life insurance with employee paid options to increase the level of coverage.
- Employer paid vision care plan.
- Optional long and short term disability programs.
- Voluntary enrollment in University-sponsored investment funds.
- Numerous special event overtime opportunities.
- Specialty pay incentives for field training officers, detectives, and crime prevention officers.
The police department participates in County-Wide DUI details and on the enforcement of DUI drivers. The department is a member of the AVOID the 14 Taskforce.

Several special assignments are available in the department.

Traffic / Motors
Critical response Unit
Investigations
Special Operations Unit
K-9
Field Training Officer
Bike Officer
Rangemaster / Assistant
Special Weapons Instructor
D-Tac Instructor
Field Evidence Technician
Community Liaison positions

HOW TO APPLY

Use our on-line system to submit your application directly at: POLICE.SDSU.EDU - Click on recruitment

Police Officer (Academy Trained/Lateral), SDSU Police Department

This job posting is for currently employed peace officers or for an applicant that has graduated from a POST certified police academy within the past three years. The Physical agility test and written test may be waived for lateral applicants.

Police Officer Cadet (Non-Trained), SDSU Police Department

The testing process consists of a written examination, physical agility test and an oral interview. The interview panel consists of a cross-section of members from the police department and the campus community. Top rated candidates from the oral interview then undergo an extensive background investigation. After successful completion of the background investigation, including medical, psychological, and polygraph screening, an offer of employment is determined by the Chief of Police.