



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** August 26, 2025

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### **SUBJECT**

**SHERIFF – APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S STAFF OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR GLOBAL LARGE-SCALE EVENTS TRAINING BY POLICE SCOTLAND (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy D-7, Out-of-County Business and Related Guidelines and Processes and Administrative Code section 470, this is a request to approve out of County travel for staff from San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) to attend training hosted by Police Scotland's International Academy. The Sheriff was invited to send staff to participate in the 5-day training program on preparing for major events. Today's request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to approve staff from the Sheriff's Emergency Planning Detail travel to the United Kingdom to attend this training scheduled for August 26-31, 2025.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **SHERIFF**

1. Per Administrative Code 470, approve the Captain and Sergeant of the Sheriff's Emergency Planning Detail travel to the United Kingdom for participation in a training on preparing for major events scheduled for August 26-31, 2025.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) mission is to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in San Diego County. As the mutual aid coordinator for the region, the Sheriff's Office Emergency Planning Detail is the unit responsible for the logistics and planning of public safety resource deployment as part of our emergency response and large-scale event planning. By participating in high-level executive training with jurisdictions from around the world, the Sheriff's Office has opportunities to discuss and learn about global best practices, which enhances the Sheriff's Office's perspective in approaching issues and developing policies for the betterment of the communities served. Training participants include leaders from various large law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, federal law enforcement partners, military criminal investigative branches, and international police departments.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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Today's action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The event and security planning for major events involves community engagement, input, and partnership. Additionally, engaging in this program provides leaders a cross-cultural opportunity as participants will be from police leadership from across the globe.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Office. If approved, all associated travel, estimated at \$2,400 per traveler for a total cost of \$4,800, will be funded by existing General Purpose Revenue within the Sheriff's Office. It is anticipated that the Sheriff's Office will be receiving a donation from the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (HDSA) to reimburse the Sheriff's Office for the total travel expense. Per County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, the Sheriff's Office will bring to the Board the request to accept this donation and others in the annual HDSA letter for Fiscal Year 2025-26. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. Sheriff's staff will receive regular salary and benefits, and no overtime will be incurred as a result of this trip.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

Police Scotland's International Academy has created a 5-day program and has extended the invitation to executives of law enforcement agencies from around the world. The training will be hosted by Police Scotland's International Academy at the Scottish Police Headquarters during the week of August 26-31, 2025. Police Scotland has established a reputation for successfully and safely policing major international events, including the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and the United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) climate change summit in 2021. COP26 required one of the largest policing operations in the United Kingdom's history with up to 10,000 officers deployed during a 25-day operation, across 62 venues with 40,000 visitors to Scotland, including 128 world leaders.

The training is ideal preparation in the build-up of large-scale global events like the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Los Angeles, California. It will involve presentations from experts in event management from within Police Scotland and external partners. The Captain and Sergeant of the San Diego County Sheriff's Emergency Planning Detail were invited to attend this training in August and will participate along with other law enforcement executives to better prepare the Sheriff's Office and regional partners in San Diego County to make executive level decisions when planning for the safety and security of large-scale events. As the leads for the unit responsible for coordinating the Sheriff's Office's emergency, disaster, and critical incident preparedness and response, Sheriff's staff will gain valuable insights and strategies to support needed operations.

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By approving today's request, the Board will support the Sheriff's Office in better serving the region and the communities of San Diego County through specialized training in large-scale events.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed action supports the Empower and Community Engagement Strategic Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2025 – 2030 Strategic Plan by providing training and information sharing opportunities for the Sheriff's Office, enabling its personnel to better serve and protect the residents of San Diego County, while developing strong, collaborative relationships with law enforcement leaders from around the world.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY A. MARTINEZ  
Sheriff

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

N/A