

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURE**

**DATE:** 09/15/2011  
**NUMBER:** 7.11 – TRAFFIC  
**SUBJECT:** SAN DIEGO - CORONADO BAY BRIDGE  
JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURES  
**RELATED POLICY:** N/A  
**ORIGINATING DIVISION:** OPERATIONAL SUPPORT  
**NEW PROCEDURE:**   
**PROCEDURAL CHANGE:**   
**SUPERSEDES:** DP 7.11 – 09/17/2008

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**I. PURPOSE**

This Department procedure establishes guidelines for responding to incidents on the San Diego – Coronado Bay Bridge.

**II. SCOPE**

This procedure applies to all members of the Department.

**III. BACKGROUND**

NEW

The San Diego - Coronado Bay Bridge is part of State Highway 75. As such, in accordance with California Vehicle Code section 2400(d), the California Highway Patrol has full responsibility and primary jurisdiction on the San Diego - Coronado Bay Bridge.

**IV. PROCEDURE**

A. California Highway Patrol (CHP) Responsibilities

NEW

1. The CHP shall assume primary responsibility for all incidents occurring on the bridge or within the bridge right-of-way.

2. The CHP is responsible for first response and/or notifying and requesting necessary allied agency assistance. The CHP may request assistance from appropriate allied law enforcement agencies to assume responsibility for incidents that exceed their investigative capability, such as homicides, sexual assaults, etc.
3. The CHP shall assume and initiate incident command for all incidents requiring coordination.
4. Once incident command has been established, the CHP shall coordinate with appropriate allied agencies and/or establish a unified command consistent with the California Incident Command System.
5. The San Diego Police Department or Coronado Police Department will provide critical incident negotiators and/or tactical resources when appropriate and requested by the CHP.

B. Communications Division Responsibilities

When a call is received in the Dispatch Center regarding an incident on the San Diego - Coronado Bay Bridge, the call will immediately be transferred to the CHP. Telephone dispatchers will, however, monitor the call to determine if the incident is of a critical nature where the Department's assistance would generally be requested (i.e., jumper, serious injury accident, homicide). In these types of instances, the dispatcher will dispatch an SDPD unit to assist.

C. Critical Incident Debrief

A debriefing is recommended for all significant critical incidents. The debriefing shall be coordinated by the Incident Commander, and generally held at the same location as the Command Post. If a Command Post was established on the bridge, the debriefing should be conducted at the CALTRANS office adjacent to the toll plaza.