

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for inquiring about becoming an active member of the Honorary Deputy Sheriffs' Association (HDSA).

Today, the Sheriff's Department is not just embarking on an unprecedented modernization and improvement program. It is renewing its partnership with the entire community by building trust and confidence once again.

And you can play a vital role in that effort.

Founded in 1974, the Honorary Deputy Sheriffs' Association is a prestigious organization of business and community leaders dedicated to supporting law enforcement countywide. As a non-profit and non-political organization, the HDSA is unique as an ally of the Sheriff's Department and the county's nine police departments.

All its members are personally commissioned by the Sheriff, but the HDSA itself is governed by the membership and their duly elected Board of Directors. The by-laws set limits for membership at 1,000 as well as the conditions of membership, dues, and other matters.

While the HDSA operates much like service clubs such as Kiwanis or Rotary, it never loses sight of its primary mission. Important HDSA programs include: Law enforcement training activities, providing equipment and training facilities for law enforcement agencies throughout San Diego County, and awards a handgun certificate to the top shooter graduating from the San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Training Center.

The HDSA also constructed the Tactical Training Facility, a Canine Training Course, and S.W.A.T. Obstacle Course at the Sheriff's MCAS Miramar site. Most recently, the HDSA helped fund a new training facility at Otay Mesa and Sheriff's Museum in Old Town. These important facilities, worth millions of dollars, serve all law enforcement agencies in San Diego and were constructed *without cost to the taxpayers*. The HDSA also purchased law enforcement training and safety equipment the Sheriff's Department could not otherwise afford, as well as providing funds for management and technology training for all local agencies.

The total membership meets at least quarterly, has a great time, gets "insider" briefings on what is really happening in criminal justice, and enjoys knowing that they are indispensable to our mission of protecting the citizens and providing for public safety.

If you would like to commit to being an active participant of this dedicated and prestigious organization, complete this application, obtain your letters of reference, and contact the Membership Committee to learn even more about the HDSA—a very special group of your fellow citizens.

Board of Directors
San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriffs' Association

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT AND AGREEMENT

(please read carefully before signing)

I hereby request appointment by the Sheriff as an Honorary Deputy Sheriff for the specific purposes of maintaining an active membership in the Honorary Deputy Sheriffs' Association (HDSA) and supporting/promoting effective law enforcement for San Diego County and for no other purpose.

I agree to maintain active membership in HDSA by promptly paying all dues and assessments upon notice, attending at least half of the general membership meetings held during the year, supporting all HDSA functions and complying with the articles, by-laws, and such policies of HDSA as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

I fully understand and agree that my appointment and membership **does not confer any peace officer authority, does not entitle me to carry a concealed weapon**, does not entitle me to use my identification card or badge to collect debts, establish credit or attempt to gain any personal advantage whatsoever.

I further understand and agree that if appointed, I will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will not reflect adversely upon the Sheriff, his department, the law enforcement professional, or the HDSA.

I also fully understand and agree that my appointment can be revoked by the Board of Directors or Sheriff upon good cause. The identification remains the property of the Sheriff and the badge remains the property of the HDSA. I agree that I will surrender either or both upon demand by the Sheriff or the Board of Directors.

I hereby grant permission to the Sheriff to conduct an inquiry into my background to determine my suitability for appointment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Sponsor or Recommender

HDSA Badge #

Date

Print Name of Sponsor

Please send all mail to: home business

Three letters of recommendation, including one from the sponsor, are attached.