



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## New Mesa College Police Station Opens

*"Green" facility uses solar energy, high-efficiency energy and plumbing fixtures;  
will be first college police facility for SDCCD to earn LEED certification*

**What:** The San Diego Community College District will hold an Open House to mark the completion of the new Mesa College Police Station, a 7,000 square foot facility that includes offices, a spacious waiting area, a conference room, a secure suspect processing area, and a locker room outfitted with daylight-harvesting fixtures and waterless and low-flow plumbing fixtures. The project is currently undergoing the application process to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. It would be the District's first police facility to be LEED certified.

The Open House will include training and equipment demonstrations, displays of equipment and memorabilia, and self-guided tours.

The Mesa College Police Station is funded by the District's \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program, providing for new teaching and learning facilities, major renovations, public safety facilities and campuswide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges, and six Continuing Education campuses.

**When:** Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – noon

**Where:** San Diego Mesa College,  
7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, CA  
92111-4998



### **Background:**

The Mesa College Police Station is a state-of-the-art facility providing new space for Mesa's 25-member College Police force, including officers, lieutenants, sergeants, college service officers and administrative support team members. The station was part of the \$29.3 million [East Campus Improvement project](#),

which also included the adjacent parking structure, the realignment of the campus' east entry gateway, and road and parking improvements.

The Mesa College Police Station was designed by Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker, a San Diego-based firm which also designed the [Allied Health Building](#) which opened in August, and the adjacent [Mesa College parking structure](#). The firm is also designing the future Math and Science building at Mesa. Other project partners include Barnhart Heery, RBF Consulting, Wimmer Yamada and Caughey, Hope Engineering and X-nth, Inc. Diane Malone, Daniel Sicile-Kira and Edgar Hinojosa of Gafcon, Inc. serve as the campus project management team. Gafcon, Inc. also serves as the program manager for Propositions S and N.

### **Sustainable Features:**

As part of the San Diego Community College District's Green Building Policy, all construction and major renovations under Propositions S and N are designed and built to obtain the highest possible certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The Skills Center is currently undergoing the application process to achieve a LEED Silver certification: The project includes a number of sustainable features:

- Photovoltaic (solar) panels attached to the top of the attached parking structure will help offset energy needs for both the Police Station and the nearby Allied Health building.
- Seventy-five percent of construction waste was diverted from the local landfill.
- As a participant in San Diego Gas & Electric's Sustainable Communities Program, the project achieves significant energy savings. Here are some examples:
  - The facility is 12.9% better than California's Title 24 code for energy efficiency
  - Including the photovoltaic array, the offices are 45% better than Title 24; or about 50% total building energy cost savings compared to standard.
  - On-site renewable energy production will account for about a third of annual total building energy cost.

### **Visuals**

- Demonstrations of equipment and training procedures by Mesa College Police
- Displays of equipment and memorabilia
- Tours of the facility

To obtain high-resolution renderings and/or construction photographs, please contact Ursula Kroemer at (760) 705-6919 or [ukroemer@gafcon.com](mailto:ukroemer@gafcon.com).