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SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FEATURED ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL'S 120 HOURS BEHIND BARS

Episode offers a firsthand look at the deputies who operate San Francisco's jails 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

SAN FRANCISCO — Tonight the San Francisco Sheriff's Office will be featured on the **Discovery Channel's 120 Hours Behind Bars docuseries at 9 p.m.**, giving viewers a firsthand look inside San Francisco's jails and the daily work of the deputies who keep them safe. The segment, Season 2, Episode 5, follows the Sheriff's Office Custody Division at County Jail #3 in San Bruno, highlighting the challenges deputies face while working inside a busy jail environment.

"Working in our jails is not easy. This episode gives the public an opportunity to see the professionalism, teamwork and dedication our deputies bring to the job," said **San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto**. "Our deputies deal with difficult and sometimes dangerous situations every day, balancing safety with care and compassion."

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office operates two jails with the capacity to house more than 1,100 people. County Jail #3 in San Bruno, the larger of the two facilities, can house up to 768 people, while County Jail #2 in downtown San Francisco can house up to 392.

Unlike most workplaces, a jail never closes. Deputies staff San Francisco's jails 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With the Sheriff's Office currently operating below full staffing levels, deputies regularly work overtime to ensure critical posts are filled and the jails remain safe and secure.

"Unpredictability is part of the job. Our deputies have to be ready for anything," **Custody Chief Deputy Jennifer Collins** said. "They do a difficult job, often in challenging circumstances, and they show up every day to do it."

Producers for the show reached out to the Department several months ago to see if the San Francisco Sheriff's Office would be willing to allow camera crews unfettered access to the jail. SFSO is the first law enforcement agency in California to be featured on the documentary style show.

120 Hours Behind Bars goes inside some of America's toughest jails over the course of five days, documenting the unpredictable nature of custody work, including overcrowding, staffing challenges and incidents that can escalate quickly.

The Sheriff's Office Custody Division is responsible for the safety and security of people in custody, deputies, staff and visitors. Deputies also work alongside medical and behavioral health professionals and support programs focused on education, treatment, rehabilitation and reentry.

120 Hours Behind Bars featuring the San Francisco Sheriff's Office airs **Monday, August 17, at 9 p.m. on the Discovery Channel.**

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