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Special Victims Unit (SVU) Shadowing Program

(Supersedes DB 17-125)

In an effort to enhance the career development of patrol officers interested in investigations, the Special Victims Unit (SVU) is currently running a Shadowing Program. This program is designed to pair patrol officers with investigators assigned to the Special Victims Unit (SVU). The goal is to improve the investigative skills of initial investigating officers (Patrol) and to further enhance the level of cooperation/communication/understanding between patrol officers and investigators assigned to SVU. SVU has gone through two phases of this program and would like to give members another opportunity to submit their application to be considered for this program.

The Special Victims Unit investigates the following crimes:

- Domestic Violence
- Elder Abuse
- Sexual Assaults
- Child Abuse
- Cold Cases
- Missing Persons
- Financial Crimes
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Stalking
- Human Trafficking

The shadowing officer would be afforded the opportunity of shadowing investigators assigned to investigate as many of these crimes as time would allow. The shadowing officer would have the opportunity to gain investigative experience in many areas which would include victim interview, suspect interview, evidence collection, authoring arrest warrants and search warrants, surveillance, completing case work ups, assisting in completing casefiles and presenting cases to the assistant District Attorneys for prosecution.

All patrol officers who have completed probation are encouraged to participate in this program. The length of the assignment shall not exceed three pay periods and may encompass 0800 or 1100 start time. In order to accommodate all who are interested, no patrol officer may participate in the program more than once every two years. Participants are to be attired according to the requirements of the position of a follow up investigator.

If you are interested in participating in the shadow program, please submit a memorandum expressing your interest and desired start time through your commanding officer to Commander Greg McEachern of the Investigations Division. Consideration for participation will be made in accordance with the staffing needs of the station with deference to the seniority of the applicants.

William Scott
WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

Application for Special Victims Unit (SVU) Shadow Program

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____ Star: _____

SFGOV e-mail address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____
(Circle preferred contact number)

Date of Appointment to SFPD: _____ Years of service with SFPD: _____

Present Assignment: _____ Watch: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____

Supervisor Contact Number: _____

Education and Experience

Education:

Department Experience:

Relevant Experience:

Describe your reason for requesting this assignment:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please forward approved memorandum and completed application to Commander Greg McEachern of the Investigations Division, Hall of Justice, Room 525.