

UCSD director of community safety is appointed

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John A. Anderson, who served as acting community safety director for the University of California, San Diego campus for nineteen months, was appointed director after a six-month search, it was announced by Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance H.D. Johnson.

Anderson, of La Jolla, assumed responsibility for the position in September 1983, when former Chief of Campus Police Hugh French left the post because of illness.

"There was an extensive search for the job," Anderson said. "It is a rule that all management positions are open for search."

The ex-Marine transferred to the UCSD campus police force in 1982 from UC San Francisco's force, where he had worked for four years.

Prior to his job at UCSF, Anderson worked from 1969 to 1978 with the UC Berkeley campus police department. Anderson graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree in management.

The UCSD appointment incorporates three areas of supervision, Anderson said, including environmental health and safety, campus parking operations and transportation services. These areas have a combined staff of 119 people. The community safety director also serves as chief of campus police, with a staff of 22 sworn officers.

The UCSD police force is a 24-hour response service that serves 4,000 students who live on campus and a population which exceeds 27,000 during the work week.

Anderson said UCSD police are trained to emphasize a humanistic approach to law enforcement. "The community (on campus) is here because they want to be. They are not required to be here for social or economic reasons," he said, adding that the campus population is more socially and politically aware than many other populations which municipal and county police must serve.

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