



San Mateo County Sheriff Social Media Terms of Use Policy

Terms of Participation:

Transparent communication about County services and initiatives is important to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Since our community includes people of all ages and backgrounds, this disclaimer is intended to facilitate posted comments that are appropriate for all ages; courteous and respectful of others; and related to matters, activities, programs, policies, or operations of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. While, the Sheriff's Office welcomes such comments, its social media accounts are intended to be a **limited forum** for communications and discussion between the Sheriff's Office and members of the public about the specific topics described above. Therefore, anyone who posts a comment or posts to a San Mateo County Sheriff's Office social media site must agree to the following terms of participation:

- While the Sheriff's Office does not discriminate on the basis of the viewpoints or opinions expressed, users understand that Sheriff's Office social media is for matters, activities, programs, policies or operations related to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and comments should be limited to the topic originally posted and may be moderated and prohibited content removed.
- Users will treat others with respect.
- Users warrant that they own or have permission to post the information contained in their postings, including but not limited to video, photos, or digital reproductions and that the posting does not infringe on a copyright or trademark.
- Users of this site will not retain any rights over their postings. Postings are intended for public view, and any personal information posted constitutes a waiver of any rights to privacy or confidentiality.
- Users must comply with any and all terms or statements of use of specific third-party services (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office reserves the right to report any violation to the specific service in accordance with the policies to the third-party service.

The following are examples of content that are prohibited by these Terms of Use and will be removed:

- Threatening, discriminatory, obscene, hateful or profane language or content;
- Offensive terms that target protected classes;
- Explicit sexual or harassing content, including links to such content;
- Suggesting or encouraging violent or illegal activity;
- Solicitation of commerce, commercial activities, fund-raising or sponsorship.

- Information that may compromise the safety of an individual or security of the public or public systems.
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party, such as trademark or copyright infringement.
- Personal information about employees;
- Off-topic discussions or postings;
- Making or publishing of false or defamatory statements concerning any individual;
- Links that are:
 - Primarily commercial in nature; or
 - Charge a user-fee for access.