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## OC Sheriff's Technology Center grand opening and ribbon cutting

**TUSTIN, Ca. (June 27, 2024)** – The Sheriff's Department today hosted the grand opening of the new OC Sheriff's Technology Center, which will bring three divisions under one roof for enhanced operational efficiency and effectiveness.

The 120,000-square-foot facility located in Tustin will be home to the department's Technology Division, Operations Support and Intelligence Division and components of the Special Operations Division.

The Sheriff's Technology Center grand opening also marks the launch of the OC Sheriff's Real Time Operations Center, which leverages technology to improve public safety and response to critical incidents.

The Sheriff's Technology Center is a state-of-the-art facility that addresses a variety of incidents by combining real-time crime analysis with public safety resources, such as emergency communications, federal partnerships and technology.

"The heart of providing exceptional service is our people, but giving them the space and tools they need enhances their ability to protect our community," said Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner. "We are driving a culture change in the way we utilize technology, and I look forward to seeing the solutions-focused ways we will prevent crime, solve cases and improve quality of life for our residents."

In June 2022, the County of Orange purchased the building. The facility is estimated to cost \$110 million, which includes all security, audio/visual and structural upgrades.

The Sheriff's Technology Center will house the department's Technology Division, which is comprised of six teams with varying critical roles. Their responsibilities include maintaining the county's 800 MHz radio infrastructure, conducting information technology services and providing technological vehicle up-fitting for more than 100 county agencies.

The Operations Support and Intelligence Division also will operate out of the new center. That division includes the Real Time Operations Center, Sheriff's dispatch and Control One, and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center.



## SHERIFF-CORONER DON BARNES

As part of the Special Enforcement Bureau, the SWAT team and Hazardous Devices Section will also run their operations out of the Sheriff's Technology Center in a space that can adequately support the bureaus' personnel, tools and assets.

In addition, the facility offers large training and meeting rooms, a media briefing room, collaborative spaces and eventually will include a museum space dedicated to preserving and honoring the rich history of the Sheriff's Department.

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