# CUSTOMER SERVICE

SJPD COMMUNICATIONS BASIC ACADEMY 2019

### SJPD MISSION STATEMENT

To promote public safety

To prevent, suppress, and investigate crimes

To provide emergency and non-emergency service

To create and maintain strong community partnerships

To adapt a multidisciplinary approach to solving community problems

To develop and promote a diverse, professional workforce.

### SJPD Vision



"The San Jose Police Department is a dynamic, progressive, and professional organization dedicated to maintaining community partnership which promote a high quality of life for the City's diverse population. The Department is committed to treating all people with dignity, fairness, and respect, protecting their rights and providing equal protection under the law"

# What are some benefits of providing quality customer service in our position?

- Positive image of the police department to the city
- Fewer complaints
- Instills trust in our department
- Raises self-esteem and Control Room morale
- Citizens feel well served
- Creates supply/demand
- Promotes cooperation
- Self gratification



### **PERCEPTIONS**



# ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Community policing
  - Events, CPCs, etc.
- Crime prevention
  - Neighborhood watch
- Tours/Presentations
  - Sit-along, ride-along
- 911 for Kids



# THE POWER OF THE FIRST IMPRESSION

#### The 7/11 Rule:

➤ In the first SEVEN seconds of contact, a customer forms ELEVEN impressions about you and your organization



You never get a second chance to make a first impression!

II Impressions that the Customer is left with....

- Clean
- Attractive
  - Credible
- Knowledge
- Responsive
  - Helpful
  - Friendly
- Empathetic
- Courteous
- Confident
- Professional

### HOW PEOPLE COMMUNICATE

#### CONTENT

>What you say

#### TONE/VOICE

> How you say it

#### VISUAL

**▶** Body language

VERBAL 35%

NONVERBAL 65%

Facial Expressions
Tone of Voice
Movement
Appearance
Eye Contact
Gestures
Posture

#### **Good Service Makes the Difference**

- Make callers feel like they did their part in helping
- Make them glad they talked to us for their emergency because we were
  - ✓ Helpful
  - ✓ Efficient
  - ✓ Empathetic
- Make sure their needs are met, make sure they truly understand what you are doing for them
  - ✓ Resources and options
  - √ Educate them
  - ✓ Thank them
  - ✓ Treat them with respect
  - √ Patience



# THE FOUR C'S TO CREDIBILITY

- \*Competence
  - **&**Character
- **&**Composure
  - **&**Courtesy

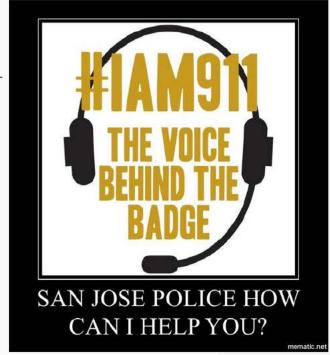


# ON AND OFF THE PHONE

- Reassure the caller
- Advise them you have to place them on hold
- Check back in while you are trying to find your answer.
- If you have to transfer, ensure the connection and give the # in case they are disconnected.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE IS A LEARNED SET OF SKILLS

- Give a 5 star attitude
- Make a personal connection
- Act quickly
- Offer choices
- Follow through



Treat others the way you would like to be treated in their situation

# CUSTOMER SERVICE IS A LEARNED SET OF SKILLS

- Setting expectations
  - 911 vs 311
- Available resources
- · "Verbal Judo"
  - Never take anything personally
  - Be prepared to deal with people who are not calm
  - Say what you want, but DO what I say
  - Never lose professional face



### TYPES OF CALLERS



Frustrated
In shock
Rage / anger

Rage / anger

Drugs / alcohol



Tired

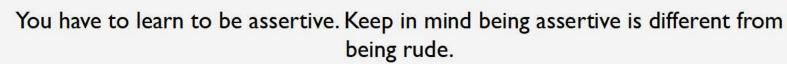
Stressed

Anxious

Despair / distress











### SIX STEPS TO ASSERTIVENESS

- ✓ Shelve your feelings
- ✓ Suspend judgments
- ✓ Gather information
- ✓ Focus on facts
- ✓ Acknowledge emotions
- ✓ Take ownership → Solve the problem

**Passive** 

You step on me

**Assertive** 

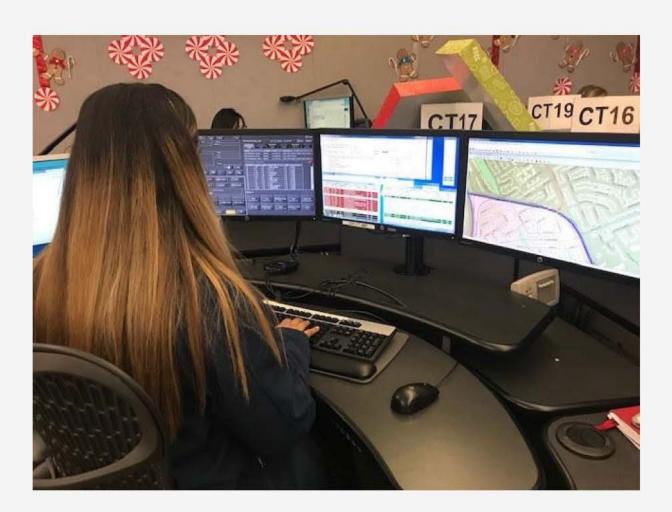
Both are protected

Aggressive

I step on you

### LETS LISTEN











### ACTIVE LISTENING



- Repeat their words in your mind
- Concentrate on the unspoken message
- Refocus yourself when your minds wanders
- Ask "dumb" questions to ensure understanding

Bias is the #1 barrier to effective listening



- > It is not just citizens who are our "customers", we interact with...
  - Officers
  - Other agencies
  - Each other

# OVERCOMING HURDLES IN TEAMWORK

- Adopting proactive attitudes
- Accepting responsibility
- Getting to know team members
- Setting personal performance goals
- Being friendly, harmonious
- Admitting mistakes
- Accepting empowerment
- Solving problems
- Appreciating the job
- Continue to learn



## GOAL

