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All San Diego Superior Court Divisions Now Require Traffic Appointments *East, North and South Traffic Divisions follow Central in Requiring Traffic Appointments*

If you are planning to address a traffic citation in East, North or South County soon, you will need an appointment. Starting **March 1, 2018**, these Court locations will require a prescheduled appointment for courtroom appearances, including the initial appearance date that appears on a ticket. The move is designed to make the traffic court appearance process more efficient for court users.

The three Traffic Court divisions are following the Central Traffic Court in Kearny Mesa which adopted the appointment system three years ago. The Court is providing several methods to schedule an appearance: one can schedule via its website (<http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov>), phone or personal contact at the public counters. Courtroom appearances on traffic ticket collection cases, which have been scheduled by court staff in the past, will continue with fewer exceptions. “We have seen the appointment system successfully work at our Kearny Mesa courthouse. By having a date/time certain, people can take care of their court appearances more quickly and make the appearance around their schedules. On the other hand, the appointments help the court as well: files can be pulled and processed so that when the public arrives at the courthouse, cases are prepped and ready to move forward immediately.

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In addition, the online court appearance scheduler is continually updated and provides detailed information to the person who may be trying to decide if they actually need to spend the time in court,” says Michael Roddy, Executive Officer of the San Diego Superior Court.

With the large volume of cases inherent to traffic court and the reduction of court staff, maintaining court calendars and scheduling appearances, via appointment, is the best way the court can effectively serve the public.

The traffic court appointment procedure follows similar policies in Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino County Superior Courts.

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