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San Diego Superior Court Moves to Appointment System at Busiest Traffic Facility.

Scheduled Appearances Now Required at Kearny Mesa Facility.

In order to make a traffic court appearance move more efficiently, the San Diego Superior Court is now scheduling appointments at its Kearny Mesa facility. Effective March 1, 2015, the Kearny Mesa Traffic Court, at 8950 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, will require all courtroom appearances be scheduled in advance.

With the volume inherent to traffic court and the reduction of staff, maintaining court calendars and scheduling appearances, via appointment, is the best way the Court can effectively serve the public. Last fiscal year alone, the Kearny Mesa Traffic Court staff processed more than 170,000 cases. "This will make a traffic court appearance operate more smoothly for the public. With advanced notice, files can be pulled and processed so that when members of the public arrive at the courthouse, cases are prepped and ready to move forward immediately," says Mike Roddy, Executive Officer of the San Diego Superior Court.

The Court is providing several methods to schedule a Kearny Mesa courtroom appearance via its website (<u>sdcourt.ca.gov</u>), via phone and via personal contact at the public counters.

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Courtroom appearances on traffic ticket collection cases, which have been scheduled by

court staff in the past, will continue with fewer exceptions. This new traffic court procedure

follows similar policy decisions in Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Superior

Courts.

Non-appointment or "walk-in" services are still available at the Court's other three traffic

courts located in North County, East County and South County.

In an additional effort to assist the public in completing court business as efficiently as

possible at the Kearny Mesa Courthouse, new payment windows have been installed outside the

facility so the public does not have to wait in line for security or spend time searching for a

payment window once inside the courthouse. The windows are open daily for express

payments.

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