### Sexual Harassment

San Jose Police Communications

## **Group Activity**

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Year

What happened?



# What types of behaviors would be considered Sexual Harassment?

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If you're not sure about your behavior what question should you be asking yourself?

### What <u>not</u> to do



# 4 catagories of Sexual Harassment

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### Sexual Harassment refers to behavior that is:

- Unwelcome
- Personally offensive

Which creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment

# Key point which makes certain behavior sexual harassment

- The complainant's <u>interpretation</u> of the behavior regardless of the person's intent behind the behavior
- If you think you are being humorous it could be considered offensive

# Sexual Harassment Definition

- Unwelcomed & unwanted sexual advances
- Requests for sexual favors
- Other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature

\*Interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimindating, hostile, offensive working environment.

\*For sexual harassment behavior **must** be:

- Sexual in nature
- UNWANTED

# 2 catagories/types of Sexual Harassment

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#### 12940 Government Code

#### Unlawful practices in the workplace

- Sexual Harassment is an unlawful employment practice
- Employer responsibilities in taking a corrective action against sexual harassment

#### **Illegality of Sexual Harassment**

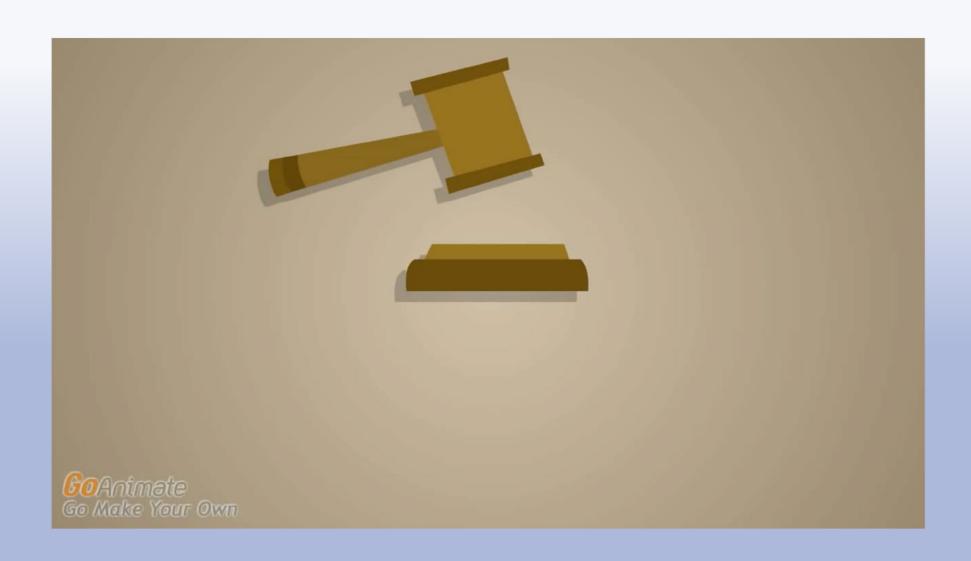
- Mandates distribution of information of illegality of Sexual Harassment
- Protects against retaliation for filing a complaint

### Abuse of power position

- Requsting a date or sex
- Excluding an employee from work related activities
- Subservient status ("Get me a cup of coffee", etc)
- Patronizing (Honey, Babe)
- Not reporting someone who is harassing

### What can I do to get the harasser to STOP?

- Ask them to STOP
- Tell your supervisor (What if your supervisor is the problem?)
- Report to Affirmative Action Liaison/Office
- File complaint with EEOC
- File a lawsuit



### **Bottom Line**

• ETHICALLY WRONG

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

• ILLEGAL