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The Importance of Coalitions in Improving Policing

By Tony Montoya,
SFPOA President

Law enforcement has dramatically changed over the last ten years. From the impact of social media and the 24-hour news cycle, to the growing demands on police departments to be the first responder to nearly every social challenge a community faces—police work is fundamentally different and evolving constantly. Through these rapid changes, street cops keep doing their job and they adapt as best they can to meet the ever-moving expectations placed on them.

Despite our critical role in policing, however, it is nearly universal that the street cop is never included in the process of crafting solutions to the very public safety and social issues we are asked to address. We are ordered what to do, but never asked how it should be done.

This is why over the past two years, the SFPOA has worked to help build and grow two new organizations that have a focus of addressing public safety issues from the perspective of the rank-and-file: The United Coalition of Public Safety (UCOPS) and Protect California. The

drive behind both organizations is to be proactive and to provide solutions to the challenges we face in the field. In short, in a break from the perception of police unions, we're telling people what we are *for* as opposed to what we are *against*.

UCOPS is a coalition of law enforcement associations from across the country. From Seattle to New York City to Omaha to San Francisco and beyond, the law enforcement associations that represent rank-and-file officers are working together to improve how we interact with our own communities as well as the public at large.

In May, UCOPS teamed with the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, a member organization on looking at the innovative solutions the Honolulu Police Department utilizes to a common problem America's cities face: homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness. We're learning how HPD balances an approach of compassion with firm but fair enforcement. There are good ideas being implemented that we can advocate for in our hometown—as opposed to waiting for our chiefs or elected officials to tell us how to do our job.



Here in California, law enforcement associations took the initiative to address the push by anti-police activists to change use of force laws in a way that put law enforcement and the public at risk, by proposing our own solutions to the issue. As an early member of Protect California, we pushed for stronger police polices on use of force and an overhaul of training for police officers in areas

such as safely resolving mental health crises. We stood up to groups like the ACLU who purposefully distorted facts about policing and fanned the flames of discontent aimed at police. Rather than just saying “no,” however, we provided a solution for our elected leaders to meet their goals: reduce uses of force while ensuring the safety of the public and officers. An amended AB 392 (use of force) and SB 230 (policies and training) are well on their way to passage.

Whether its homelessness, mental illness, or promoting economic opportunities for residents who live in neighborhoods overly impacted by crime, SFPOA and Protect California will be pushing for policies, funding and ideas that will make our state safer.

What's the upside for the officer in a patrol car to all this? Safer conditions on the street that will lead to lower crime rates, and policies and tactics that are feasible for the cops who are actually doing the work.

By building strong coalitions, we can protect our profession and help steer it into the future.

Amendments to AB392 Use of Force Legislation

Major Law Enforcement Opposition Withdrawn

To: Active & Retired Members
From: Tony Montoya, President

Recently, significant amendments were agreed to by the author of AB 392. Without those amendments, we would have continued our strong opposition to the bill. The amendments to AB 392 were so substantive, every major law enforcement association in California that opposed AB 392 has now withdrawn their

opposition including the San Francisco Police Officers Association, Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, PORAC and the California Association of Highway Patrolmen. We have all now taken a neutral position on the bill.

It is important to state up front, the ACLU and the author of the bill did not succeed in changing the standard to evaluate the use of deadly force from reasonably objective to necessary. Here's what's changed. The amended bill does not expand criminal liability and the application of second-guessing to the actions of police officers who are forced to make split-second decisions. The definition of “necessary” in the previous version of the bill that would have required officers to exhaust a mental check-list of alternatives before using deadly force has been stricken.

The amended version of the bill that will be voted upon states that an officer can use deadly force:

“only when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary for either of the following reasons – (c)(1)”:

“To defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person.” (c)(1)(A)

“To apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or

resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless immediately apprehended.” (c)(1)(B)

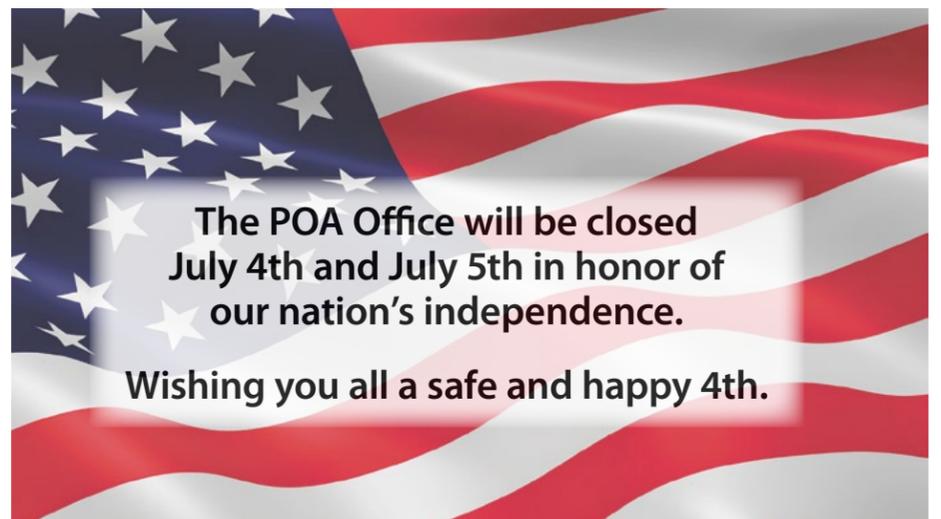
The language above is consistent with current case law, but would now be codified in California law. This new language is no different than what we already are held accountable to by the Department.

Make no mistake about it, we would have never removed our objections if we felt that this legislation put you in greater danger of losing your life, job or freedom. The leaders in Sacramento listened to our concerns and that is reflected in the new version of the legislation.

Now, we will continue to push SB 230, which we support, that we believe will actually improve the likelihood of safe outcomes between law enforcement officers and the community. SB 230 will standardize and enhance training across the state in areas such as safely resolving mental health crisis situations and de-escalation tactics.

We will keep you updated on any significant developments related to AB 392 or SB 230. But you can rest assured that the ACLU was not victorious. No matter how much they spin in the media, they did not succeed. They pushed lies to support a dangerous bill and tried to bamboozle the legislature and we called them out on those lies and in the end, facts prevailed.

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Minutes of the June 3, 2019, Emergency Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Tracy McCray called the meeting to order at 1302 hours.
2. Sgt-at-Arms Tracy McCray led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

3. Secretary Lobre conducted roll call. 30 Board of Directors were present, 6 were excused.

President's Message

4. President Montoya took the meeting into closed session. It was during this closed session in which a discussion was held amongst the Board of Directors. After much discussion, no motions were made.

Financial Request

5. Director Vernengo made a financial request of \$2,000 for a motorcycle competition scheduled for August

1st. Director Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

6. Meeting Adjourned at 1418 hours unanimously after motions by Treasurer Perdomo and seconded by Sgt at Arms McCray.

Submitted by
Matt Lobre

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Minutes of the June 19, 2019, General Membership Meeting

Call to Order

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Tracy McCray called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Sgt.-at-Arms Tracy McCray led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tracy McCray asked for a moment of silence for our service men and women, as well as for law enforcement, who have lost their lives serving our country and communities.

Roll Call

3. Secretary Lobre conducted roll call. 27 Board of Directors were present, 7 were excused, 2 were absent.

Presentation by Randy Houston re Purple Heart Anglers

4. Randy Houston made a presentation regarding this group, as he has over the last few years. Purple Heart Anglers is a 501(c)3 organization that takes disabled military veterans who received purple hearts and brings them on different activities for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

Approval of May 2019 Board Minutes

5. A motion to approve the May 2019 meeting minutes was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Obot. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

President's Message

6. President Montoya discussed the

upcoming raises set for July 1st as well other relevant matters with the contract.

7. President Montoya reminded the Board to remind members to please keep track of their time come July 1st regarding longevity pay.
8. President Montoya reminded the Board of Law Enforcement Night on July 18th at Oracle Park. There will be pregame food and drinks at the Mariposa Yacht Club for those who purchase a ticket through the POA to attend the game.
9. President Montoya discussed the DA/SFPD MOU regarding Officer Involved Shootings and In-Custody Death incidents, as well as the role of the District Attorney Independent Investigation Bureau. President Montoya recognizes that the department has done little in explaining this process to the members but emphasized that this MOU is in effect.
10. President Montoya discussed the Elia Lewin-Tankel trial. Members are encouraged to attend if off duty, and to please coordinate through Tenderloin Station. Director Obot advised that he has been in contact with the District Attorney's office and will provide updates regarding attendance.

Vice President's Message

11. Vice President Andreotti discussed the Body Worn Camera policy and the recent meet and confer with the

Department and the City. One of the main sticking points is being able to mute the camera while the Department would like the camera simply turned off. This raises a number of issues.

12. Vice President Andreotti reminded members to review your body camera footage before writing a report, use of force incidents, etc. Taking the time to review the footage may prevent the member from picking up an unnecessary complaint from DPA. There was a brief discussion amongst members regarding this matter.

Treasurer's Report

13. Treasurer Perdomo was excused from today's meeting. President Montoya advised that the Association has currently spent 41% of this year's budget through May 2019. Additional costs in May were attributed to the recent General Membership meeting held at the Irish Cultural Center.

New Business

14. Director Laval inquired about the process for having an SFPD patch for other events, such as St Patrick's Day. There was a brief discussion by the board regarding this.
15. Director Khmarskiy inquired about the uniform and grooming standards and where the process is with possible changes. President Montoya advised that there had been a recent

meeting of all the different labor groups, but as of now, no changes to the policy have been made. There was a brief discussion amongst board members.

Old Business

16. Sgt at Arms McCray reminded the Board of the upcoming POA Poker Tournament scheduled for Friday September 20th. All money that is raised goes to our scholarship fund. The POA will be covering Uber/Lyft/Taxis for those attending. Board members were asked to participate and to help with finding those willing to donate prizes for the event.

Financial Requests

17. Director Laval made a motion donation \$5000 to Purple Heart Anglers. Director Obot seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment

18. President Montoya adjourned the meeting at 1315 hours after motions by Secretary Lobre and Sgt at Arms McCray.

Submitted by
Matt Lobre

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General Membership Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, June 19, 2019

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AFLAC Insurance update

To: Active & Retired Members
From: Tony Montoya, President

Effective Friday, June 14, 2019, James Garner, is no longer associated in any way with AFLAC.

Please delete any contact info you may have for James Garner as it relates to AFLAC.

Please contact the POA if you have any questions.

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Close Encounters

We received an excellent article describing the workload and expertise required to participate as a member of the SFPD's Tactical Unit in the below commentary. We chose to reprint his assessment because TAC is an essential unit within the Department where the members rarely receive the credit which they more than deserve:

The view from inside TAC, submitted by one of the team members

"It's rare that TAC is mentioned in Close Encounters. The Unit tirelessly and quietly works ever changing hours, constantly trains in a multitude of high stakes disciplines including hostage rescue and barricaded subject operations, maritime/ferry takeovers, tubular (bus, train, plane) assaults, rappelling, breaching, and active shooter response to name a few. We constantly train and test new methodologies and equipment within in the SWAT world to become more professional, responsible, and proficient in their craft. And part of that craft is teaching. One of TAC's many collateral duties is to teach and provide instruction at the academy for recruits and PSAs, in service Officers, and host training courses for other SWAT teams. We all are passionate about our craft and enjoy passing knowledge on to the students but also learning from the students themselves.

"The Officers at TAC do not do the job for the limelight as many of our operations and work go unseen. This is sometimes due to the mission set (low profile) or simply the hours (High risk search warrants at 0400). Officers often are up hours before dawn and well into the day and night collecting intel, planning, and serving high risk search warrants for any and every unit within the department. And TAC would have it no other way. Ask any TAC Officer and they'd all say the same thing. "We love the work and we want more of it!"

"Not counting the dozen or so Counter Assault Team/Large Event Protection deployments, during the past few months, TAC, (alongside our Specialist Team counterparts as well as EOD) has responded to 4 critical incidents, planned and/or served 33+ high risk search warrants throughout the city and Bay Area including Oakland, Daly City, El Cerrito, San Pablo, and Vallejo. These warrants were in regards to homicides, shootings, manufacturing of improvised explosive devices, violent assaults and burglary cases within the city.

"After each mission, before anyone goes home, we debrief and go

over lessons learned and share it amongst TAC officers that weren't present at that operation, so we may grow as a unit, to better serve not only the Dept, but the citizens as well.

Don't believe the rumor of TAC is all hair gel and bicep curls (although we try and maintain a professional appearance). Come by the Special Operations Building, say hello, see what we do, bring your partner or unit by for some training, and as always, never hesitate to reach out to TAC for assistance.

"Keep up the good work gentlemen. Lead by example, lead from the front. Ad Victoriam!"

"Regards, Your Tactical Unit."



SFPD's Tactical Unit.

Unfortunately, the issues raised by the writer are not limited to TAC. We hear about outstanding police work all the time through the grapevine but never receive any further specifics. So, in the future it would be great if you could just forward a copy of your Captain Commendations to the SFPOA and we'll do the rest.

In addition, we'll always include the name of the supervisor submitting the commendation since they deserve to be recognized as well for taking the time to thank the officers under their watch.

It's 4:00 a.m. and **Officer Andrew Kidd** along with his partner, **Officer McDowell #1042**, were patrolling the unit block of Chumasero Drive in the Taraval District when they come upon a parked and occupied vehicle which had a history the officers seemed to recall involving firearms. **Sure enough, a brief contact with the driver revealed a high-capacity, "drum"-style magazine on the rear seat of the car that could, illegally, hold over 50 rounds and it appeared to be loaded to capacity.**

Upon further investigation the officers also located a 9mm semi-automatic weapon that was easily accessible to the driver who, once again, was going to jail for a weapons violation.

(Our compliments to Sergeant **Erick Anderson, Co I**, who submitted this outstanding work!)

The officers working the midnight watch at Northern Station were about to sign off when **Officer George Tano** asked for assistance in trying to arrest an individual who had been eluding capture for some time wanted on too many burglaries to count. Officer Tano tailed this individual to Alamo Square Park and didn't want to lose him as he also had a \$1,000,000 dollar arrest warrant hanging over his head. **Officer Cassie Avila, Officer Raymond Estrada, Officer Timothy Neves, and Officer Steven Oesterich** jumped back in their cars and surrounded the area resulting in the suspect's capture. (What in the world do you have to do to get a \$1 Million dollar warrant issued for your arrest . . . ?!)

called 9-1-1 and said they heard someone force entry to their kitchen and they could now hear him moving about downstairs. The terrified residents sheltered in place as the officers responded. **Sergeant Eric Anderson, Officer Alexis Dedet, Officer Eric Tindall, Officer Jonathan Lee, Officer Simon Wong, Officer William Petersen, Officer Eric Roberts, Officer Andrew Sargenti, Officer Marco Alvara, and Officer Francis Cooke** responded. The officers quickly formed a perimeter around the home at the direction of Sergeant Anderson. Officer Dedet located an open window in the rear of the home and, fearing for the safety of the residents and without hesitation, made entrance and opened a back door to allow the other officers access to the inside. **The officers located the suspect in the living room attempting to hide in the fireplace. He was taken into custody and found to be armed with multiple-bladed weapons including several that were felonies to just have in his possession.** Just when they thought their work was done, **Sergeant Anderson found a second suspect hiding in a nearby backyard.** Turns out the 2 suspects had also burglarized another residence on the street that was unoccupied at the time.

It started off as a minor vehicle accident at 19th and Pacheco but then turned deadly when the driver of one of the vehicles involved attacked the other driver. The victim was knocked unconscious, laying on the ground and the suspect still continued the beating. **Officer T Chu 4200, Officer D. Hoang 1661, Officer J. Sayasane 312, Officer J Ishida 2035, and Officer G Griffin 1502** responded to the crime scene. They immediately rendered aide to the victim and then tracked down every video image they could find from within the immediate neighborhood. They successfully found footage of what had transpired just before the beating, video which also gave the officers a license number to work with as well as a photo of the suspect. A follow-up investigation in the Mission District resulted in the arrest of the suspect wanted for such a vicious assault.

The officers of the SFPD have a difficult enough job trying to protect those who can least afford to protect themselves but sometimes the job gets even more complicated. Like when **Officer Gallagher 1422 and Officer Cummings 2261** were on patrol along Divisadero at Eddy when citizens started flagging them down to where a person was lying unconscious. The officers immediately requested a medical response but **it was pretty obvious from the signs they detected that the individual was in dire straits due to an overdose.** Fortunately, the officers had received training in the use of Naloxone, a life-saving drug, and, after administering a dose of the medication the individual started to respond. The officers let the paramedics take over and went back on patrol.

Some people say that police work is a thankless job – and it is. But is there any better feeling when someone asks you what you do for a living and you simply answer, "I'm a police officer." And then they usually ask where and when you tell them "in San Francisco" you'll almost always see a look of admiration because it's a job very few people can do.

And, always remember, there is no one who could do it better.

It's 2:00 a.m. and a hot prowling burglary is reported on the unit block of San Pablo Avenue in the Taraval District. The frightened occupants of the home

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Primer for Dealing with the Independent Investigations Bureau of the San Francisco District Attorney

By Paul Chignell,
Former President and
Current Legal Defense Administrator

Collegial or Adversarial?

Those are the two words that epitomize the relationship between rank and file police officers and a segment of the District Attorney's office in San Francisco.

For decades the general tenor of the relationship between cops and prosecutors was professional and particularly

due to the innate nature of ensuring criminals were prosecuted to the full extent of the law consistent with the overriding principles of justice. In a nutshell the officers and the prosecutors "were on the same page".

The adversarial challenges existed between criminal defense attorneys and the prosecutors with a judges and juries making the final decision after all the evidence, motions and testimony was in.

Of course that has changed and not all in the negative. It has always been the

case that when police officers are under investigation that they are subjected to the same scrutiny as the average citizen or alien and that is wholly appropriate.

Here comes the adversarial:

With great fanfare the Office of the District Attorney created the Independent Investigations Bureau. It did not matter that the office already has a Special Prosecutions Unit and a Bureau of Investigations, such entities already versed in prosecuting public corruption, law enforcement officers and complicated investigations.

It is always interesting to see the semantic twists that politicians and ensconced bureaucrats engage in to come up with a name for an organization. It is the height of euphemistic enterprise.

The Independent Investigations Bureau is anything but independent.

Beset by staff turnover and inconsistent investigations, our relationship has been anything but collegial.

The appropriate non euphemistic name should be "Investigate San Francisco Police Officers Bureau".

We will not comment on the tactics and specific cases that this "Bureau" has engaged in so as to not jeopardize ongoing investigations but suffice to say their track record has been illusory.

Here is a template for active duty police officers contacted by members of this "Bureau", either investigators or attorneys:

1. Their modus operandi is to send



Paul Chignell

emails to officers regarding subpoenas or requests for the officers to contact them. Call the POA, your POA representative or me prior to responding. We will have a knowledgeable POA attorney consult with you prior to any interaction.

2. Be cognizant that though police officers work every day with professional prosecutors and interact with them in the pursuit of justice, the "Bureau" are normally conducting criminal investigations of police officers and you have the same constitutional rights as anyone else. Your rights are not abrogated because you are a police officer.
3. Always be professional in dealing with these individuals.

Is it the DPA, or the DOA?



By Kevin Martin
Assistant Legal Defense Administrator

All members of this Association who receive Department of Police Accountability "Notices To Appear" or "Member Response Forms" are very quick to notice something on each of these forms that grabs their attention. Printed in the upper left corner of the document is the City Seal. Immediately to the left of the seal are three very large block letters printed in red so that even a blind man could see that read..."DPA". There is absolutely no mistaking these three letters. They are larger than life and certainly leave the impression of being designed to foster the impression of intimidation and imposing trouble, a foreshadowing of warning or danger.

Based on recent events involving our members and the continued farce and hypocrisy of the DPA's life sustaining existence of "Added Allegations" it would only seem right for this agency to change its letters from DPA to DOA!

DOA (Dead on Arrival) would be infinitely more apropos because that is exactly how the majority of the cops in the Department feel when they walk through the front doors of 25 Van Ness Avenue and make their way to the sixth and seventh floors for their "fair and unbiased" investigation interviews. More often than not, the officers feel they are fighting an uphill battle under the guise of "Napoleonic Law" where they have to prove their innocence rather than the burden of proof falling on the complainant or investigating agency. It seems current "DOA" Director Paul Henderson is following in the footsteps of one of his predecessors, Mary Dunlap, who subscribed to and championed the practice of Napoleonic Law when it came to San Francisco cops.

In the minds of most officers, there is a foregone conclusion that the case will be "sustained" regardless the facts or issues surrounding the case. Often, the officers wonder why they even have to go through the charade of an interview. This joke is only perpetuated further

when an officer goes through the disciplinary process. Once a preliminary finding of "sustained" has been rendered, the real fun begins. The officer receiving the preliminary sustained finding can request a "Case Review" wherein the officer and his representative can review the DPA case summary and learn how the "DOA" came to its finding. The next step in the process is for the officer and his representative to request an "Investigative Hearing". The "DOA" granting an Investigative Hearing to an officer happens about as often as some carpet bagger from Los Angeles coming to San Francisco as a Police Chief having success and the enjoying the support of his troops.

In over twenty-one years of representing cops at OCC/DOA, I have known of only two cases in which Investigative Hearings have been granted.

The "DOA" sends its findings to the Internal Affairs Division of the Department where the case is reviewed further and most often forwarded downtown for the Chief to rubberstamp "DOA's" finding and impose a recommendation of discipline quite often sidestepping the "Progressive Discipline Standard" and imposing Written Disciplinary Reprimands and retraining and not considering "Admonishments and Retraining" in instances where reasonable human error and no mal intent exists.

The named officer then decides whether or not to further fight the case at a Chief's Hearing or bite the bullet and "cut one's losses." It can be a difficult decision and quite often is based on the politics of the matter as much as the facts or circumstances surrounding the incident. The Deputy Chief's hearing the case are fair and reasonable. Especially when they are able to put themselves in the shoes of the officer before them. The POA has done extremely well to fight the good fight at Chief's Hearings and are quite successful at that level. Of course, the Deputy Chief provides his/her findings to the chief Dodger fan who ultimately decides the fate of the working cop.

It can be a grueling, frustrating process and quite often feels like spitting in the wind...but we live to fight the good fight and will continue to do so.

The DPA would be better served to stop engaging in the practice of false advertising and at least be up front about themselves. Paul Henderson should heed the words of Spike Lee and "Do the right thing!" Rename your agency "DOA!"

Bonus Question of the Month...Now that the dearly departed Jeff Adachi is no longer with us, who is Paul Henderson answering to over at the Public Defender's Office?

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Death of Common Sense

An Obituary printed in the London Times.... Absolutely Dead Brilliant!

Forwarded to the *Journal*
by Greg Corrales

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouth-wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools

were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
 - by his wife, Discretion,
 - by his daughter, Responsibility,
 - and by his son, Reason.
- He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;
- I Know My Rights
 - I Want it Now
 - Someone Else as to Blame
 - I'm a Victim
 - Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Police-Fire Post 456 News



By Greg Corrales
SFPD 1969-2014

At the 11 June meeting the election of Post 456 officers for 2019-2020 was held. Gary Gee was elected for another term as Commander. Frank Wood was again elected First Vice-Commander, Darby Reid Second Vice-Commander, and Michael O'Yang Sgt.-at-Arms. Commander Gee reappointed John Scully as Finance Officer, Jeremiah Morgan Chaplain and me Adjutant.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled 7-2 in the case of American Legion -vs- American Humanist Association that the Blandensberg, MD, WWI Memorial cross honoring those who gave their lives defending freedom, does not violate the Establishment of Religion Clause and may remain as it is, where it has been for almost 100 years. The decision overturns a Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal decision that the Cross must be destroyed as requested by the atheists, agnostics, and secular extremists of the American Humanist Association, on their claim it is unconstitutional as an establishment of religion. The only two dissenters were Justices Ginsberg (former General Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), who did not recuse herself although the ACLU has sued to destroy crosses at veterans memorials across the country); and Justice Sotomayor.

This Blandensberg Veterans Memorial Cross case decision sets a precedent which will have a nationwide effect to protect veterans memorials which include a cross honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice, particularly including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

On June 6 parachutists were jumping over Normandy again, just as soldiers did 75 years ago for D-Day — but this time without being shot at. Engines throbbing, C-47 transport planes dropped group after group of parachutists, a couple of hundred in all - including a 97-year-old D-Day veteran, Tom Rice.

"It went perfect, perfect jump," Rice said after his jump. "I feel great. I'd go up and do it all again." The jumpers were honoring the airborne soldiers who descended into gunfire and death ahead of the June 6, 1944, seaborne invasion. The landing zone for the operation was fields outside Carentan, one of the objectives of the thousands of paratroopers who entered occupied France from the sky dropped over Normandy in the D-Day prelude. Rice, of San Diego, jumped into roughly the same area he landed in on D-Day. He said it was dark when he touched down in 1944 and he can't be sure exactly where he was. Rice jumped with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division on that momentous day 75 years ago, landing safely despite catching himself on the exit and a bullet striking his parachute. He called the 1944 jump "the worst jump I ever had."

The Boston Red Sox nabbed Navy pitcher Noah Song at the end of the fourth round of the Major League Baseball draft. And as the 137th amateur player selected, Song, 22, became the loftiest first-year pick in the school's his-

tory. Navy baseball stats show that the previous highest picks were 10th round selections — Stephen Moore, a right-handed hurler who went to the Atlanta Braves in 2015, and Alex Azor, an outfielder landed by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Standing 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighing 200 pounds, Song is a gifted right-handed starter from Claremont, California. As a senior, Song went 11-1 and notched a measly 1.44 ERA across 94 innings, a campaign that made him one of four finalists for the Golden Spikes Award for the nation's best amateur player, MLB reported. Although President Donald J. Trump has mulled letting star athletes at the academies forgo active duty to play ball, the Pentagon's current policy mandates that they serve an initial two-year tour in uniform before entering the reserves. MLB estimated Song's fourth round selection could garner a \$406,000 bonus, if the Navy allowed him to join the Sox.

MLB notes that only two Navy grads ever made it to the big leagues. After serving on board the amphibious transport dock Ponce and the guided-missile frigate Carr, Mitch Harris made his debut with the St. Louis Cardinals on April 25, 2015, pitching in relief of injured starter Adam Wainwright. Graduating from Navy in 1921, southpaw pitcher Willard Roland "Nemo" Gaines compiled exactly one strikeout during a four-game career with the Washington Senators that same summer before reporting to the fleet. Gaines retired from the Navy as a captain in 1946 and died 33 years later. He's buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

A Marine veteran saved his daughter from a life-threatening shark attack in North Carolina by punching the shark five times on the nose until it released the 17-year-old girl from its deadly grip, according to local reports. Paige Winters had deep lacerations and bites in her leg, pelvis and hands when admitted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville just after the 12:20 p.m. attack on Fort Macon Beach, the hospital reported. Paige lost several fingers and her left leg had to be amputated above the knee, but her injuries could have been fatal if not for her father. Vidant Medical Center, where Paige was being treated, released a statement on behalf of her family calling her father's actions "heroic." "Her family expresses their appreciation for the first responders, the individuals on the beach who helped and her heroic father, Marine, Firefighter and Paramedic, who saved her life," the statement said.

The San Francisco Police-Fire Post meets on the second Tuesday of every month except July. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. We meet at the Park Station community room. Meetings start at 1600 hours. All veterans with a law enforcement or firefighter background are welcome. Questions should be directed to Post Adjutant Greg Corrales at (415) 759-1076 or at gc1207@comcast.net.

The June meeting was closed with a moment of silence in memory of long-time Post 456 member, Marine, retired captain and very good friend Willis Garriott, who transferred to Post Everlasting.

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Specially Scheduled Events

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Contact See flyer, page 23

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SF VETERANS SERVICE INFORMATION

Where POA Building
When Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Noon-1 pm
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SF GIANTS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

Where Oracle Park, 3rd and King Sts., SF
When Thursday, July 18, 2019
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KEITH PASQUINZO RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Where Don Ramon's Restaurant, 225 11th St., SF
When Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:30 pm
Contact Heather Fegan 650-834-0661

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Where San Francisco Zoo, Great Room
When Friday, August 23, 2019, 6:00 pm
Contact Holly Stoumen Rm 525, HOJ
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VETERAN POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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When Second Tuesday of every month, 11:00 am
Contact Larry Barsetti 415-566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com

WIDOWS & ORPHANS AID ASSOCIATION

Where Hall of Justice, Room 150, (Traffic Co. Assembly Room)
When Second Tuesday of every month, 12:30 pm
Contact Mark McDonough 415-681-3660, markmac825@comcast.net

AMERICAN LEGION SF POLICE-FIRE POST

Where Park Station Community Room, 1899 Waller St., SF
When Second Tuesday of every month, 4:00 pm
Contact Greg Corrales 415-759-1076

POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Where POA Building
When Third Wednesday of every month, Noon
Contact POA Office 415-861-5060

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Statement on Department of Police Accountability's Decision Regarding the Lethal Use of Force by Sgt. Nathaniel Steger and Officer Michael Mellone

To: Active and Retired Members
 From: Tony Montoya, President

"When police officers are being physically attacked by an armed subject, they must be allowed to defend themselves. In this particular incident, our officers used de-escalation tactics and deployed less-lethal force, tragically, the subject chose to continue to advance on our officers with a knife. It is rare that we agree with District Attorney Gascon, but he made the correct decision based on the facts of this case not to charge our officers with any wrongdoing. In fact, his report validated the duress and danger our officers were under. It is unfortunate that the Department of Police Accountability disagrees with the District Attorney and does not have the courage to do what is right. Their efforts to continuously Monday morning quarterback dangerous encounters with armed subjects will lead to police officers or innocent bystanders getting killed."

Read The Examiner Article

Police watchdog finds officers who fatally shot homeless man should face suspension at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3hpgn5w>



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Striving — The Struggle for The Very Minimum of Safety

By Rich Cibotti
Tenderloin Station

Of all the new policies being created, amended, or discarded, the new ballistic helmet policy really struck me. If you have not been issued one yet, we are all getting new black ballistic helmets. Quite the marked improvement over the old blue helmets. The "old blues" looked like the UN Peacekeepers helmets and offered about the same level of protection as the old leather helmets that football teams used in the 1920s.

The rollout of this new protective equipment went as well as expected. Botched. The only part that went well, shockingly, was the delivery of the actual helmet and new numbers with it. In typical fashion, no bulletin accompanied the new helmet. Were we supposed to still use the old blues? Were we supposed to put the numbers in the same place? Were we immediately supposed to use the new black helmet? Who knows because the department, again, failed to provide guidance. Not a shock, just look at the frequently ignored DOJ Report Finding 74.

Then lo and behold a few weeks after the helmet was delivered, on April 9th, DB 19-052 was issued to answer the question. However, with all that the new changes and updates for this new helmet. The line of the new DB that struck me most was the first line. "The San Francisco Police Department strives to issue its members the safest and highest quality equipment possible." In fact, it was not even the line, but one word, "strives."

What Does It Mean To Strive?

Notice the department does not guarantee, provide, or promise the best. This is deliberate. The department uses the word strive, because they know they cannot give us the best or safest equipment. They use strive as a feelgood word, like well we really, really tried, without actually delivering.

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word strive as, "Make great efforts to achieve or obtain something" or "Struggle or fight vigorously."

Where Else The Department Has "Strived"

I am sure we all have our own stories of the department "striving" to give us the safest and highest quality equipment. Do not forget, they have enshrined this in policy now. So, if the safety equipment provided is subpar, or possibly dangerous, we should be calling it out. Here, are just a few examples of

the striving for safety done by the SFPD.

Bullet Resistant Vests

The one thing you wear every day that really does not change. They, like our new helmets, expire every 5 years, so you must request a new one every time. I remember when my first vest expired. At even such an early point in my career, I already knew there was no way that a vest would just be ready at the 5 year mark. So, I made sure to put in for it on my anniversary date. All of my other uniform requests were approved, but the vest one was left in limbo. When I inquired about it, I was told I would need to wait until they created a new order with the vendors. No projected time for completion just "maybe months." Well that seemed a little unreasonable, since we were told at 5-years the manufacturer would no longer guarantee its resistance quality because it was now expired.

The POA agreed and worked with the department to get it done. In a couple weeks the order was put in, better than months. Then a couple of weeks after that my new vest arrived.

As everyone who has received a vest in the past few years knows, calling these vests the safest and highest quality, may leave some to be desired. I remember my first vest, a Second Chance, was very comfortable. It broke in rather easily out of the box and I would have chosen to wear it forever.

Since then Armor Express has been the department's manufacturer of choice for my last two vests. Not only does the company sound like a cheap knockoff of an actual body armor company, the product feels that way too. The vest has never become more flexible and still restricts movement as it gets older, so much for breaking it in. It feels like wearing a giant-sized hard cardboard toilet paper roll. There are plenty of body armor manufacturers and many who make a much lighter, more flexible, and higher quality products, but again in the "strive" to be the best, the department seems to have given us the lowest bidder at minimum standards.

Ballistic Panels in Cars

Here the department made two attempts to "strive." One, they inserted a panel (lead plate) in the door of the Explorer. Two, they put this large, thick bullet resistant, plexiglass pane over the front driver and passenger side windows.

The first "fix" was not done by Ford, who actually does offer ballistic panels built into the door from the factory.

Instead, we used the SFPD way, a third party essentially super glued a lead plate into the door panel. Anyone who has driven these knows them immediately by the weight of the door and that loud "pang" sound when opening and closing the door. The noise comes from the panel inside flopping around inside the door panel. I guess they should have used Gorilla glue or a better adhesive because now the panel is dislodged and floating around. In a collision the panel will go somewhere. Hopefully not into the occupant's limbs, but eventually we will find out. I hope whoever ends up being affected by this possible negligence is not seriously injured. If they are I am sure the injured party's attorney will actually strive to make them whole again.

The bigger problem is the plexiglass window insert. This thick piece of bullet resistant glass covers about two-thirds of the driver and passenger windows. It is made to help block bullets if you are being shot at. The panel is also removable, which you can yank on the handle and pull it out of the window opening. On its face, it seems like a logical upgrade.

However, you also may have noticed our vehicles have side curtain airbags for side impact collisions. What do you think will happen to your head, during a side impact collision, when the window panel starts to move and then the airbag blows open into it? I imagine something similar to the old comedian Gallagher smashing a watermelon with a giant hammer. Or a similar fate to that of Lord Ned Stark. Did the department do any testing prior to installing these? Did the department purchase something made for this purpose? Or did they just "strive" to ensure a large window was installed to maybe protect you in an ambush?

Now I am sure these fixes were done in good faith. Someone saw the need to protect us in case of an ambush, which have been on the rise. I applaud their desire to help. But, the execution seems lacking and appears downright dangerous.

The Short-Lived Ford "Knee Capper" Taurus

When Ford announced the end of the Ford Crown Victoria, they also brought out its replacement, the Ford Taurus. For a time, the department considered the Taurus as the future patrol vehicle for the SFPD. Its futuristic look, improved fuel economy, improved collision safety, and better steering capabilities were all big selling points. Never mind the tiny door openings and the lower head clearance. The low overhead also makes this car problematic getting into and out of for anyone over about five and a half feet tall. After using that car for a week, I think I lost a solid row of hair trying to drag my head against the door frame and get into the thing.

But again, in the department's "strive" for the best, they added some great "unsafety" features to the car. Most notably the mount for the computer. Anyone who has ever sat in the passenger seat of one of these Taurus' immediately notices the mount from the computer remains rather unsecured, so it can be adjusted, and jets out into the left leg area of your seat. In a front-end collision, where do you think that computer mount is going to end up? I imagine the computer and its metal mount will jet out right into your left knee. If the mount doesn't seriously damage your knee, or maim you, well then maybe it burrows into your left thigh. There's only the femoral artery, one of the largest arteries in the body, in your thigh. A femoral bleed could cause death within minutes. Just so much striving for safety.

Aging (Ancient) Patrol Cars

If you do not have to worry about the new cars killing or maiming you, there is always the option of putting your life in the care of the turn of the century Fords. I am of course talking about the last of the Crown Victorias that mostly range from 2000-2008. Yes, these cars do pre-date my career in the department. Yes, they are way past their prime. Yes, they do have more rust than paint, but we can keep them running, so it must be safe.

Some of these cars are about to be older than the officers driving them. These cars have been pushed hard for far too long. There are cars with no weather stripping, missing components, missing foam in the steering wheel, slipping transmissions, soft brake pedals. A few of the cars the paint situation has gotten so bad, I would not blame a defense attorney for saying their client honestly did not know or believe it was a real police car.

The current fleet of these vehicles seems to be kept alive by harvesting parts of other totaled brethren and then Frankensteining a car back together. If pulling parts from the aged totaled fleet and putting them into "serviceable" car is striving, well I'm sure it did take a great deal of effort to put it back on the road, and a monumental struggle to call it a police car with a straight face, but striving for safety? Come on. If you believe that well then, I've got some Ocean Front Property in Arizona for you.

The Actual Policy

The word strive connotes a struggle or vigorous attempt. It does not mean a veiled attempt. If our policy is to "strive," when we barely seem to attempt at all, why doesn't the department put in its next DB what the actual policy is, not in the fluffy language:

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But I guess that's not as appealing, I wonder why?



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By Al Casciato
SFPD Retired

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Do you have something you'd like to see in this column?

You can contact me at alcasciato@stisia.com.

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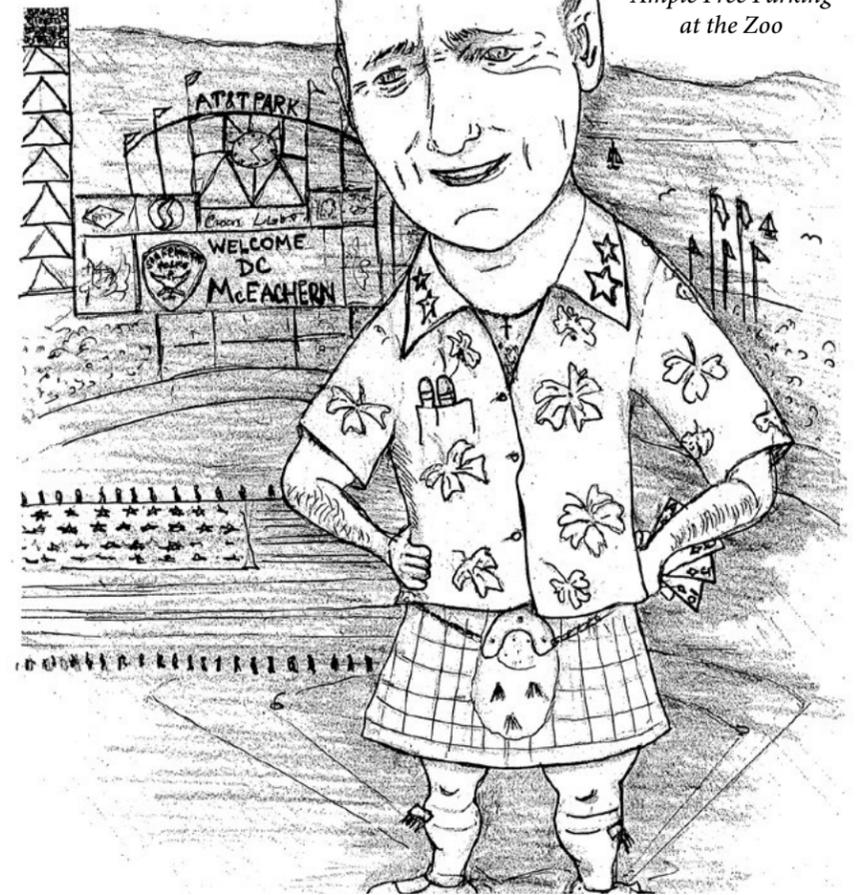
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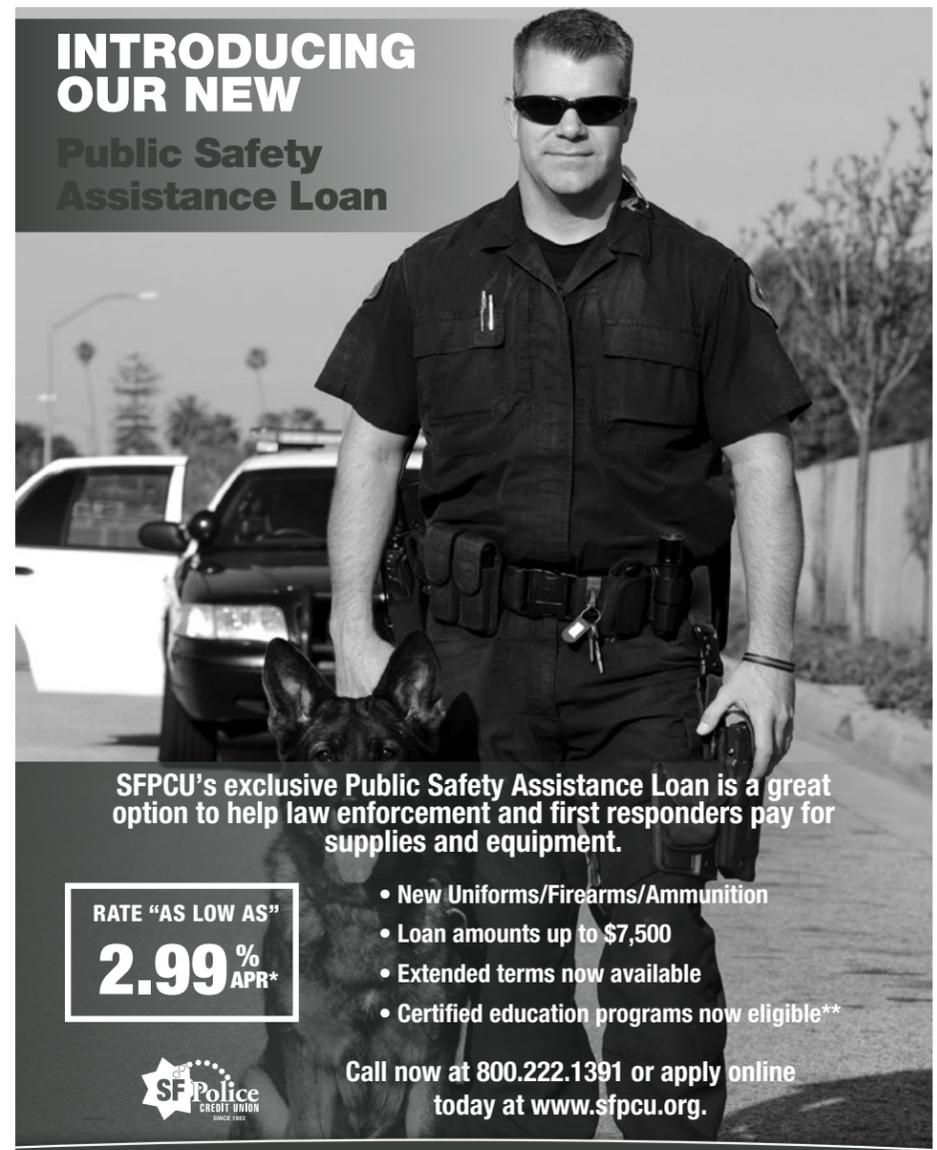
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Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers Association congratulates the following members on his or her recent retirement from the SFPD. These veterans will be difficult to replace, as each takes with them decades of experience and job knowledge. The most recently retired members are:

- **Sergeant Michael Browne #1893** from Ingleside Station Investigation Team
- **Lieutenant Randy Caturay #372** from Park Station
- **Lieutenant Marina Chacon #638** from Community Engagement Div.
- **Deputy Chief Michael Connolly #2129** from Investigation Bureau
- **Lieutenant Michelle Craig-Silas #884** from Staff Services
- **Officer Noel Deleon #565** from Tactical Company Honda Detail
- **Captain Edward Delcarlo #5** from Southern Station
- **Officer Michael Hutton #401** from Richmond Station
- **Officer Tedman Mark #1785** from Muni Division Muni Response Team
- **Captain Valerie Matthews #429** from Bayview Station
- **Officer Nancy Mazur #1541** from Richmond Station
- **Captain Joseph McFadden #2236** from Tactical Company
- **Sergeant Jon McMahan #106** from Medical Liaison
- **Officer Steven Murphy #2232** from Tactical Company Honda Detail
- **Lieutenant Keith Pasquinzo #1199** from Richmond Station
- **Lieutenant Molly Pengel #2187** from Field Operations Bureau
- **Sergeant Michael Radanovich #343** from Field Operations Bureau
- **Officer Nelson Reyes #1223** from Bayview Station
- **Assistant Chief Hector Sainez #1667** from Chief's Office
- **Inspector Ronan Shouldice #2054** from Crime Scene Investigations
- **Sergeant Kevin Stancombe #747** from Academy EVOC
- **Lieutenant Alvin Yee #1980** from Special Operations Bureau

All of the above listed on SFPD Personnel Order #11 (May 29, 2019), #12 (June 12, 2019), and #13 (June 26, 2019).

Seeking Info about Old SFPD Rolling Stock

By Lt. Chris Creed
Northern Station

I am attempting to put together a history of vehicles driven by the SFPD since 1907. I went through several years of the old POA journals. I learned a lot and found some great information on our past vehicles.

I have attached a few photos of a 1953 Chevy 150 PD car. This vehicle was owned by Broadmoor PD for many years. They took it out of service but kept it as a show piece for parades and such. Al Casciato and Michael Connelly both claim the vehicle in the photos was once an SFPD vehicle. Apparently, SFPD used to donate surplus items to Broadmoor PD in the 50s which included vehicles.

I would like to verify that story, but

all records of any transactions are long gone. The car is now owned by the *Guardians of the City Historical Society*, which I am a part of.

Do any of you *POA Journal* readers recognize the 1953 Chevy as a vehicle SFPD had once driven? I would also like to verify the story about how it was donated to Broadmoor PD. I am wondering if anyone out there may be able to shed some light on whether or not SF drove marked '53 Chevys.

Based on my research, I don't believe this vehicle was in our fleet as a marked car. Maybe an unmarked that Broadmoor painted black and white?

If so, contact Lt. Chris Creed, Northern Police Station, or send email to journal@sfpoa.org.

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Ask Mike ... The Retirees' (& Actives') Corner



Mike and Gity Hebel in Trier – Germany's oldest city. It is the birthplace of Karl Marx (1818–1883). Mike and Gity stand in front of his home on Simeon Straffe, near the Porta Nigra, where he grew up. The building is now a EuroShop — the equivalent of a Dollar Store in the US. Marx, the author of the three volume work titled *Das Kapital*, is considered to be the intellectual father of the modern socialism and communism. I wonder how he would view the current use of his family's home in Trier.

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

COLAs

Q. Mike, I retired from the SFPD in 2014 with 30 years service. Will a supplemental COLA be paid in FY 2019–2020?

A. Probably Not! Supplemental COLAs (cost of living adjustment) are paid from the Retirement System trust fund's excess earnings. As of May 31st, the trust fund value (\$25.2 billion) was up 5.08% fiscal year to date. Remember that excess earnings are those in excess of the trust fund required 7.4% annual earning mandate. I say "probably not" for the supplemental COLA since the fund would have had to earn over 2.4% in the month of June – a very tall order indeed. We will have to wait until after July 1 for a final determination on the trust fund's FY earnings. It appears highly unlikely that members, like yourself, who retired after November 6, 1996 will be eligible for this supplemental COLA.

With regard to members who retired before November 6, 1996, the California Court of Appeal in the case of *City and County of San Francisco v. Retirement Board* has ruled that pre-1996 retirees are indeed subject to the dual requirement (excess earnings, 100% market valuation) before they are entitled to a supplemental COLA. The Retirement Board had argued that it had the legal

authority to exercise its discretion to treat all SFERS retirees equally in the issuance of supplemental COLAs. The Board believes that the pre-1996 retirees are entitled to the supplemental COLA in the same manner and extent that post 1996 retirees are so entitled and paid. The Court said NO: 1 requirement for those retired after November 6, 1996 (excess earnings) and 2 requirements for those retired before November 6, 1996 (excess earnings plus 100% market valuation). The trust fund is currently at about 90% market valuation.

The November 6, 1996 date is important because it was then that a Charter amendment passed first creating the supplemental COLA. There were 3 subsequent Charter amendments affecting the supplemental COLA: November 2002 when this COLA was authorized to compound, November 2008 when this COLA's maximum was increased to 3.5%, and November 2011 (Prop C) when awarding the COLA was subject to the second test – that the trust fund, in addition to having excess earnings, must be at 100% market valuation. A previous law suit filed by *Protect Our Benefits* successfully challenged the 100% market valuation test; however, the Court of Appeal limited its decision to those who retired after November 6, 1996.

Q. Will a supplemental COLA ever be paid to those who retired before November 6, 1996?

A. Perhaps, when and if the Retirement System's projected future expected return assumptions consistently exceed 7.4%.

When the *Protect Our Benefits* law suit was filed in 2013 challenging Prop. C, there were approximately 26,000 retirees and surviving beneficiaries receiving monthly pension checks issued by the CCSF Retirement System. 8,314 of those retired before November 6, 1996; 18,100 retired after November 6, 1996. My best estimate is that the number of pre-1996 retirees/beneficiaries has now shrunk to about 5,500.

On June 12, 2019 the Retirement System's consultant NEPC presented its annual 2019 Investment Outlook. Its 5 – 7 year assumed expected return earned by the trust fund assets was listed as 7.7% and the 30 year assumed expected return earned by the trust fund assets was listed as 8.6%. Both of these numbers bode well for future supplemental COLAs for those who retired after November 6, 1996 and are hopeful for those who retired before that date.

The Retirement System is now funded at about 90% - market valuation. Consistently exceeding 7.4% in fund returns will allow that market valuation percentage to move, albeit slowly, to the 100% full funded status allowing pre-1996 retirees to receive a supplemental COLA in years in which there are also excess fund earnings. Fully funded at 100% within the next 10 years is a reasonable probability for the trust fund given its current investment strategy and plans to add to its investment management staff.

My answer "Perhaps" is cautionary since both the trust fund assets its liabilities are growing. For my perhaps to be "Yes" the assets must consistently grow at a faster rate than the liabilities (pension benefit promises/requirements).

Q. Mike, will a basic COLA (2%) be paid to all Tier II members who retired on/before July 1, 2019? Will Social Security pay a COLA in January 2020?

A. Yes to both items. In March the Retirement Board voted to pay the 2% basic COLA for all Tier II members who retired on/before July 1, 2019.

Remember that Tier I retirees' annual basic COLA is based on the pay raises received by active members. As of July 1, active police officers will receive a 3% pay raise. Therefore, Tier I retirees will receive ½ of the dollar amount of the active raise for the rank/position held at the time of retirement. This is first paid for the month of October issued on October 31st with a retroactive supplement for the months of July, August & September.

For those receiving social security "old age" checks, there was a 2.8% COLA for calendar year 2019 with an anticipated COLA of about 2.5% for 2020.

Mike Hebel has been the POA's Welfare Officer since January 1974. He is an attorney and a certified financial planner. He has received awards/recognition as a Northern California "super lawyer" and included amongst "America's top financial planners." He represents POA members at the City's Retirement Board and at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He also advises on investment matters pertaining to the City's deferred compensation plan. He is currently the chair of the SF Police Credit Union's Board of Directors. Mike served with the Police Activities League (PAL) as president and long-term Board member. Mike retired from the SFPD in July 1994 with the rank of captain after a distinguished 28 year career. He served as the POA's Secretary and on its Board of Directors for 19 years. Mike is a frequent and long-time contributor to the POA Journal. If you have a question for Mike, send an e-mail to mike@sfpoa.org or call him at 415-861-0211.

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The Latest Advances in LASIK Eye Surgery Make Superhuman Vision Possible

Since he was young, Kevin Gil could not see clearly without corrective eye wear. "I could barely read a foot past my nose and it was inconceivable to leave the house without contacts or glasses, let alone go on patrol," says the 33-year old SFPD officer. Kevin described an incident where contact lenses became a liability to completing a task safely, "I was guarding a prisoner at the General and my contacts dried out. I had to ask a nurse for a tube of saline solution because I could not leave to get drops since I was by myself."

It was a chance 585 during a Vision Zero LIDAR operation that led Kevin to ask his optometrist about LASIK, who recommend he see Dr. Ella Faktorovich, Director of Refractive Surgery at Pacific Vision Institute in San Francisco. What Kevin soon discovered, was Dr. Faktorovich and her team had been working with the SFPOA members for

over twenty years—working to correct the vision of the SFPOA community of officers and their family.

In February of this year, Dr. Faktorovich performed LASIK on Kevin, using Contoura Vision LASIK, the most recent advancement in LASIK eye surgery. "Kevin's timing was really good," said Dr. Faktorovich, "as Pacific Vision Institute recently became the first clinic in San Francisco to offer Contoura Vision, the latest FDA approved LASIK technology available in the U.S. for laser vision correction."

Since LASIK was first approved by the FDA nearly 25 years ago, surgeons and scientists focused on treating large imperfections in vision—nearsightedness (myopia), astigmatism, and farsightedness (hyperopia). The goal was 20/20 vision without glasses or contacts. Once that goal was accomplished, attention turned to improving the quality of vi-



sion under challenging conditions, like at night or in foggy or misty weather. It turned out that the quality of vision in challenging environmental conditions had to do with smaller imperfections in vision, called higher order aberrations, which required an approach that was individualized. This custom approach, known as Wavefront LASIK, resulted in mapping technology that could guide the laser treatment along specific data points.

Contoura Vision improves upon the traditional Wavefront LASIK procedure by using today's most advanced mapping technology to map the unique contours of the surface of each patient's cornea (the clear window of the eye where most vision imperfections are located). The scanning procedure samples up to 22,000 elevation points on each eye

to create a unique vision profile scan for each eye of each patient. In contrast, the older, Wavefront LASIK technology, maps only 1,200 points. "Contoura Vision is seen as one of the most significant advancements in laser vision correction, resulting in an unprecedented number of patients seeing 20/15 or better—which is 5 or more feet further than a normal-sighted person with a 20/20 vision," says Dr. Faktorovich.

"I have 20/15 vision now and I could not be happier—I can read license plates with ease, and my last rifle qual was some of the best shooting of my life," says Kevin, now seeing better than he did with even his best glasses prescription.

Who is eligible for LASIK vision correction?

On July 30th, Pacific Vision Institute will be conducting FREE LASIK screening at SFPOA to determine eligibility for laser vision correction. As with all laser vision correction procedures, a thorough evaluation from an expert LASIK staff member is needed to determine candidacy for LASIK. Specific screening will be done for Contoura Vision LASIK, FDA approved for patients with myopia up to -9.0 diopters and who may have astigmatism up to 3.0 diopters. There are additional eligibility requirements, including adequate corneal thickness, normal corneal topography scans and other advances measurements. The FREE LASIK screening location is the POA Building, 3rd Floor, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. No appointments are required, this is a drop in clinic.

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By Officer Matt Maciel #1767

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Also, this is Cover Your K-9's sole fundraising event for the year. Proceeds from this event help pay for dog vests, heat alarms, and first aid kits. Louise at Cover Your K-9 has generously donated thousands of dollars worth of equipment to our unit over the years from this fund. Most recently, the 4 heat alarm systems in our new cars. To help promote the event, K-9 units around the state hold meet and greets and do dog demos at their local Pet Food Express store. We have never done a full demo but usually have K-9 teams on hand at the three stores in San Francisco throughout the day.

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Mary Ellen Carroll
Executive Director

Date: June 1, 2019

To: **Jolynn Darnauer, Public Safety Dispatcher**

From: Lisa Marie Gerard, Employee Recognition Coordinator

Re: **Communications Dispatcher of the Month — June 2019**

The Department of Emergency Management has selected you as **Communications Dispatcher of the Month for June 2019**.

In April 2019, while assigned to Fire Control Channel 2 an engine was assigned and responding to a suspected cardiac arrest. Once the engine arrived, they advised that they were unable to locate the exact address. Upon further review of CAD, you found that this call was received from another Police agency and was reported to them by the patient's son. The reporting party's mother (who spoke Cantonese) informed her son that his father was unconscious and having breathing difficulty.

In an effort to confirm the address, (and while handling your fire control channel) you immediately contacted a translator and facilitated a call-back to the reporting party. This involved multiple calls to that individual, for they were evasive in response and kept disconnecting. This proved to be quite a test of patience and a true demonstration of persistence; for after a few phone calls and discussions with the son, you were able to confirm the address. You immediately notified our colleagues in the field.

We commend you for your dedication to our citizens during this trying situation. Your actions are a representation of a true professional dispatcher and we are proud of you here at DEM in the Division of Emergency Communications. **Congratulations.**



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By PAL Staff



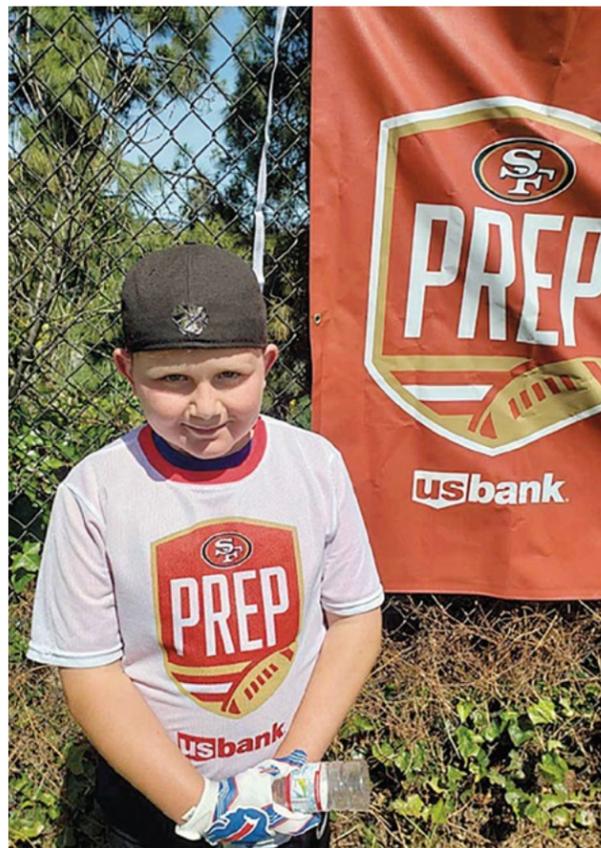
Greetings from the SFPAL Team. The 10th Summer PAL Cadet class started their Academy on June 10th and we are excited to report on their progress and activities this far. Let's find out how they are doing!

The Cadets started the Academy by doing some upper body reinforcements aka push-ups in the warm San Francisco sun. Monday and Tuesday were record-breaking heat days and our Cadets had to dig deep to get through the days. We are proud to say that our Cadets made it through those initial days with flying colors. They completed every task that was thrown at them; whether it was a new marching formation, public speaking, or a radio code test the class gave 100% effort. Even though the heat made things a little more difficult at times, our future crime fighters did not stop or make excuses.

On June 12th, our Cadets got to take a deep breath and let their hair down at the Ropes Course. This year we held the event at the course located at Fort Miley overlooking the historic Cliff

House and the Pacific Ocean. The Cadets bonded early on and new friendships were formed. The Ropes Course allows the class to come together and to build trust. It also drives home our message of how important teamwork is in the Police Department. A big SFPAL Thank You to Drew and his staff for hosting such a great day!

The Cadets then had a valuable lecture on the basics of policing from Sgt. Dharmani. This block of instruction allows the Cadets to see exactly why police officers do some of the things they do. It is also a great opportunity to share how difficult and challenging community policing can be. The week ended with some role-playing and a lecture from Sgt. Padmore on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, and some PT/ DT with Officer Reich. All in all a successful first week. The 10th Cadet class is off to a great start and we can't wait to see how they will do over the course of the program. Keep up the great work!



The SFPAL Jiu Jitsu program continues to be a huge success. The instructors are seeing improvements in all age groups. Recent promotions show exactly how hard this group works. We asked an instructor which age group works the hardest and this is his reply "All of them, there are no slackers in this class," which says it all.

In The Spotlight

Another successful season concluded on a fun and energetic note, with a collection of motivated kids from all walks of San Francisco. A dynamite pass downfield, a spectacular catch in traffic, a nice cut, and spin around the edge along with a multitude of positive acts of sportsmanship ruled



the days. Our Flag Football teams had Until next month, folks.



an abundance of talented kids in their own right. Highlighting the remarkable athletic prowess of Owen Kiss, a

Your SFPAL Team

Upcoming Events



determined fireplug with unassuming speed and coordination. The prominent baseball catcher showcased his varied skills on the gridiron, with relentless determination, deliberate focus, and light-hearted comic relief. A special thanks to Owen Kiss for participating and sharing his special gifts and uplifting personality.

Our SFPAL 49ers Football and Cheer program registration is now open, please visit our website for more information and to register.

Our Annual Golf Tournament at Crystal Springs Golf Course will take place on September 19th, 2019. Registration is now open. Please contact our office for sponsorship information.

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The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department held their monthly meeting on Tuesday June 11, 2019. The meeting was held at 850 Bryant Street, room #150 in San Francisco, California.

Roll Call: President Ray Kane, Vice President Jim O'Meara (Conference Call), Secretary Mark McDonough, Treasurer Dean Taylor, Trustees Al Luenow, Ryan Walsh and Leroy Lindo (Conference Call), and Bookkeeper Sally Foster were present. Trustees Rob Forneris and Lou Barberini were excused.

Approval of the Minutes: Trustee Al Luenow made a motion to accept our minutes from our May 2019 meeting. Trustee Ryan Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Receiving Applications; Suspensions and Reinstatements: There were no new applications or suspensions this month. However, all suspended members from April 1, 2019, who have not paid their dues and fines for reinstatement, will be dropped on July 1, 2019. A member who is dropped from the roll shall, by our By-Laws and Constitution, pay their dues and fines, **and submit a note from their physician that the member is currently in GOOD HEALTH.** If a member pays their dues and fines during suspension they are NOT required to submit a note from their physician. Currently there are 43 members who are on suspension for non-payment of dues in 2019. I sent out suspension letters to over sixty WOOA members in April this year. Fifteen suspension letters were returned to sender. Each year I diligently search public records in an effort to find suspended member's address(s). In the past year, we received an enormous effort from Paul Chignell of the POA. Sally Foster sent hundreds of members names for address verification. I sent the names to Paul for address verification. Paul sent out notifications to the members to contact me. A high percentage of the members contacted me and many had addresses that were different than the address we had on record. I can't thank Paul enough. The effort was a huge success, however, it was not 100 percent. I wanted our membership to understand the extensive effort we have

exercised to find the members who have relocated without giving us notice. I was recently informed that one of our retired members complained on social media that we put him on suspension in the past, and that the "old regime" would have resolved his suspension and never printed his name in the POA Journal. If I locate a member prior to being suspended or dropped the matter will be resolved. I take no pleasure in printing the names of suspended or dropped members. I am mandated by our By-Laws and Constitution to put the names on record. Please remember to inform the WOOA if and when you relocate, or if you have two addresses. We are trying to retain our members, not drop them. Treasurer Dean Taylor reported two suspended members for reinstatement; Gary Jimenez and Belinda Kerr as having sent their dues and fines. Trustee Al Luenow made a motion to reinstate Jimenez and Kerr. Trustee Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Both members are now reinstated as members in good standing.

Communications and Bills: Treasurer Dean Taylor reported the monthly bills, and paid death benefits. Trustee Al Luenow made a motion to pay all reported outstanding bills and benefits. Trustee Ryan Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection. The benefit for George Schreck was approved to be paid to his beneficiary.

Report of Visiting Committee: No report this month.

Report of Trustees: We received the sad news of the passing of the following members:

Willis Garriott, age 74: Willis Giesman Garriott was born in San Francisco, California on May 15, 1945. Willis had a prior occupation listed as "Driver". Willis entered the San Francisco Police Department at age 22, on June 16, 1967. Willis was assigned to Star #1185 and worked the following units during his 30 year career: Academy to Potrero Police Station (September 11, 1967), Central Police Station (February 20, 1969), Police Station (April 24, 1974), Potrero Police Station (March 20, 1975), Mission Police Station (July 19, 1978), Willis was promoted to the rank of Q-50 Police Sergeant on July 4, 1979, S-Squad and back to Central Police Station (October 21, 1981), Willis was promoted to Q380

Asst. Inspector of Police on October 22, 1982, Co. A to Park Police Station (July 27, 1985 and promoted to Q60 Lieutenant of Police), Technical Services (January 5, 1991), Central Police Station (February 29, 1992), Investigations (August 26, 1995), Traffic (March 9, 1996), and his service record concludes with his promotion to Q80 Captain of Police on February 7, 1997. Willis retired with a service pension on March 21, 1997. Willis was awarded with a Bronze Medal of Valor for services rendered on February 13, 1970. At 0206 hours Willis responded to a call of a man who threatened a citizen with a gun. Willis and his partner approached the scene and recognized the suspect from the description that was broadcasted. The Officers ordered the suspect to stop. The suspect attempted to brandish the gun but Officer Garriott grabbed him and engaged in a physical altercation preventing the suspect from controlling his firearm. The suspect was disarmed and placed under arrest. Officers Harry Brown, Dennis Carlomagno, and James T. Evans received Captain's Commendations. Willis was awarded his second Bronze Medal of Valor (and second in the same year) for services rendered on June 5, 1970. Willis and his partner Douglas Powell were on routine patrol in Chinatown. At 0510 hours, they observed a vehicle traveling westbound with the trunk lid open and containing a safe. Willis and Powell conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle that had two occupants. The Officers questioned the suspects and one suspect pulled a .32 Caliber revolver from the trunk and pointed it at the Officers. The Officers immediately lunged at the suspect and disarmed him. Both suspects were placed in custody. The Commission report did not mention any information in regard to the safe. Willis and his partner Michael Mahoney were awarded with a Bronze Medal of Valor for services rendered on July 20, 1970. The Bronze Medal of Valor was the third for Willis in six months. On that date at 0241 hours, Garriott and Mahoney observed four men rob a man at Pine and Grant. Garriott and Mahoney advanced to aid the victim and effect an arrest. After a lengthy standoff with the Officers ordering the suspects to drop their weapons, Garriott and Mahoney were able to take the suspects into custody. Willis and Officers Thomas Horan and Walt Scott were awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor for services rendered on October 2, 1970. It was Willis' fourth Bronze Medal of Valor, and his fourth in less than eight months. On this date at 2227 hours, the Officers' attention was directed a man with a gun who was pointing it at another man's head (no location in the report). The Officers intervened causing the suspect to flee on foot. The suspect would periodically stop, turn, and point the firearm at the Officers. The Officers would take cover preventing the suspect from being able to aim at them. The Officers continued to give chase and eventually caught up to the suspect before he could turn and shoot. The Officers knocked the suspect to the ground, disarmed him, and placed him in custody. Willis was awarded his fifth Bronze Medal of Valor and his fifth in less than eight months. For services rendered on October 11, 1970 (9 days after being awarded with his fourth Bronze Medal for his performance on October 2, 1970), Willis and his partner Michael Mahoney apprehended six suspects who were involved in a stabbing and were at-

tempting to leave the scene. Garriott and Mahoney arrested all six suspects and seized loaded pistols and a 10' butcher knife with blood evidence. Willis was awarded with a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on March 12, 1971. Garriott, and Officer Michael Mahoney, John DeMartini, and Ross Spinner arrested a robbery suspect who had been preying on his victims at Union Square. The Officers pooled their knowledge and information and "ferreted out the suspect". Willis was awarded his second Police Commission Commendation for service rendered on July 30, 1980. Now a Sergeant, Garriott and Officers Patricia Correa, Francisco Mendez, James Balovich, and Kelvin Lai responded to an insane person at 405 Valencia Street. Sergeant Garriott and Officers Correa, Mendez, Balovich and Lai combined their efforts to prevent a suicide attempt. The man was prevented from hurling himself out of a third story window.

Paul Lawler, age 94: Paul A. Lawler was born in San Francisco, California on November 27, 1924, and enlisted in the United States Navy just as soon as WWII broke out. Paul became, at that time, the youngest non-commissioned Officer on record. Later Paul became the Captain of Detectives for the San Francisco Police Department. Paul and was in charge of the Vice Division. Paul was later the Chief of Police at the San Francisco Airport. Paul like things orderly, everything in its place. Paul was fastidious. Paul suffered from complications of a stroke and passed away peacefully in the arms of his loving wife Doris on May 29, 2019. Paul was an avid golfer, and lived with his wife in the community of Oakmont, Santa Rosa, California. Paul leaves behind a legacy of love. A loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Paul loves sports of all kinds, dancing, playing poker, drinking manhattans, traveling, chocolate milkshakes, and attending the San Francisco Giants Spring Training every year. Amongst it all, Paul was happiest at his home on the hill in Oakmont among all of his family and friends. Paul Lawler will be missed greatly. Although his friends are many, Paul's memorial service will be private as he requested. Paul entered the San Francisco Police Department on November 17, 1947, and was assigned to Star 437. Paul was listed as a "clerk" prior to entering Law Enforcement. Paul worked the following assignments during his 30 year career: Academy to Taraval Police Station (December 1, 1947), Central Police Station (May 22, 1950), Northern Police Station (July 20, 1955), BSS (February 16, 1956), HQ Intelligence Unit (March 16, 1957 and promoted to the rank of Asst. Inspector), Detailed to the Narcotics Bureau (October 1, 1958), Paul was promoted to the rank of Inspector on March 16, 1959, and to the rank of Sergeant of Police on April 10, 1964, HDQ Sup. Capt. (February 11, 1970 and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Police, Investigations (March 1, 1970), Intelligence (February 1, 1971), BSS (July 1, 1976), Airport (September 13, 1976, and promoted to the rank of Captain of Police on January 3, 1977). Paul retired on June 8, 1978 with a service pension.

Alfred Matteoni, age 85: Alfredo Matteoni, born on 12-12-34, and joined the San Francisco Police Department on December 24, 1969. Al was a Butcher prior to entering the S.F.P.D. Al was assigned to Star #1128 (later #27) and

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Deaths

The POA Journal was notified* of the recent deaths of the following SFPD members, non-sworn employees (n/s), or affiliated persons:

THOMAS A. GORDON
Age 94, Retired SFPD
Died June 12, 2019
Notified by Tom Gordon

ALFRED MATTEONI
Age 85, Retired SFPD
Died June 2019
Notified by M. McDonough

PAUL LAWLER
Age 94, Retired SFPD
Died May 29, 2019
Notified by R. LaPrevotte

*Notifications are made by a POA member, family member, or other reliable source. The POA Journal believes the information to be true and correct, however the staff or employees of the SFPOA make no official confirmation.

Submitting Obituaries and Memorial Tributes

Any member may submit a separate memorial tribute to a deceased member. Any such piece will not appear in the matrix, but will be placed in the Mail section, or, with prior approval of the editor, as a sidebar piece. The Journal will also accept and publish in the Mail section short letters about a deceased member written by a person in the immediate family. However, the Journal will not reprint obituaries or photos that were published in any other print media, web site, or Internet blog.

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worked the following assigned locations during his 31 year career: Academy to Park Police Station (February 27, 1970), Taraval Police Station (April 20, 1972), Operations (June 17, 1973, Park Police Station (February 10, 1974), Southern Police Station (May 31, 1978), Investigations Personal Crimes/ General Work Detail (September 20, 1978, promoted to the rank of Police Inspector), Medical Liaison (April 14, 1990). Al retired with a Disability Pension on February 28, 1991. Alfred Matteoni and Lloyd Ritter Jr. were awarded with a Bronze Medal of Valor for services rendered on Saturday January 2, 1971 at 1657 hours. Al and Lloyd entered a building that was engulfed in flames and ascended to the top floor where they located and elderly woman and her invalid son. The son had to be carried bodily down flights of stairs through the intense heat and thick black smoke. Matteoni and Ritter saved the lives of two people while risking their own lives. Al was awarded a Police Commission Commendation on Wednesday April 30, 1980. Sergeants James Bailey and Donald Blaine, Inspectors Alfred Matteoni and Paul Schneider, and Officers James Bloesch, Richard Barber, Kevin Callanan, Michael Cowhig, Brian D'Arcy, Don Hensic, Richard Holder, Douglass Kidd, Mark Potter and Robert Sudano, acting on information about a jail break, responded to 18 1/2 Valley Street attempting to locate the escapees. The team arrested six suspects. Four suspects attempted to escape the building out of the rear door but were arrested at Gunpoint by the Officers. Two of the suspects were County Jail escapees Richard Ramirez (unknown if Ramirez was the Night Stalker Killer), and Michael Sequeira. Al was awarded with a Meritorious Conduct Award for an outstanding investigation. For services rendered on August 28, 1985 when a man picked up a prostitute on the corner of Post and Taylor Streets. The suspect, while driving to a hotel for the act of prostitution, pulled a .38 caliber revolver from the left side of his seat and shot the prostitute twice to the side of her body. The prostitute was immediately paralyzed from the waist down. The suspect then drove to a dark parking lot at the corner of Bush and Hyde Streets, placed a bag over the head of the prostitute and proceeded to rape her. The suspect then drove around the area threatening to throw the prostitute off the Golden Gate Bridge. However, the suspect threw the prostitute from his vehicle at Leavenworth and California Streets. Inspectors Alfred Matteoni and Donald Hansen were called to investigate. Matteoni and Hansen could not interview the victim for several days because she was paralyzed and in critical condition. Matteoni and Hansen contacted other Law Enforcement Agencies collecting information on similar crimes involving prostitutes and learned of a suspect in an Alameda County stabbing case where the suspect's Modus Operandi matched that of their suspect. The Inspectors travelled to Oakland, California and obtained a mug shot of the suspect. The victim prostitute identified the mug shot as her attacker. She identified the Alameda County suspect photo from a photo spread line up. The Inspectors obtained an arrest warrant within a few days. The suspect was arrested for attempted murder, kidnapping, and rape. Matteoni and Hansen conducted a determined and thorough investigation which resulted in the expeditious arrest of a dangerous criminal.

Bruce Marovich, age 75: Bruce Frank Marovich was born on July 1, 1944, in San Francisco, California. Bruce worked as a PG&E Lineman before entering the San Francisco Police Department on October 16, 1967 at age 23. Bruce was assigned to Star #1703. Bruce worked the following assignments during his 34 year career: Academy to Central Police Station (February 12, 1968), Co.K Traffic Solos (May 18, 1975), Crime Specific Task Force (CSTF) (January 25, 1976), Ingleside Police Station (July 19, 1978), Central Police Station (August 6, 1978), Bruce was promoted to the rank of Q50 Sergeant of Police on December 3, 1980, Field Operations Task Force (PBTF) (July 27, 1983), N.E.T./Metro (July 27, 1987), Narcotics Task Force (April 16, 1988), Ingleside Police Station (January 5, 1991), C.S.U. (May 13, 1992), Headquarters-Night Enforcement (January 16, 1993), Bruce was promoted to the rank of Q60 Police Lieutenant on October 12, 1994, Robbery Detail (October 16, 1999). Bruce is the most decorated member of the S.F.P.D. that I have written about since taking the position of WOOA Secretary in 2012. Upon request of Bruce Marovich's awards for performance and bravery, the Police Commission sent me 19 pages. For services rendered on April 13, 1968 Bruce received a Second Grade Medal of Valor for the arrest of an armed holdup man who fired a shot at Bruce from approximately 10 feet. Bruce could not return fire due to a panic stricken citizen who was now positioned between Bruce and the suspect. For services rendered on June 1, 1970, Bruce was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor. Bruce and Officers Daniel Dragos and George Kowalski responded to a call of a man with a gun threatening a cab driver at Chestnut and Franklin at 2225 hours. The cabbie directed the Officers to the corner and identified the man standing on the curb as the armed suspect with the gun in his sweater pocket. The Officers quickly advanced on the suspect who attempted to pull the gun from his pocket. Marovich, Dragos and Kowalski simultaneously grabbed the suspect and placed him in custody. The Officers grabbed the suspect's hand during the apprehension and disarmed him. For services rendered on September 16, 1971 Officers Bruce Marovich, Grant Fahs, Nick Mahoney, Roy Hicks Paul Bertsch, and Sergeant James Martinez received Police Commission Commendations for their part in the apprehension of five armed robbery suspects. The suspects fired shots and one Officer had his hair parted from a bullet fired by the suspects. Officers James Borg, Allan Mould, Jerome Senkir, and Thomas Suttmeir received Bronze Medals of Valor for their part in this arrest. Partners Bruce Marovich and George Kowalski received a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Friday October 16, 1970. The Officers responded to Harbor Emergency Hospital at 0206 hours and apprehended a suspect who was threatening the Doctor with his surgical scissors. Officers Bruce Marovich and Benjamin McAllister received a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on February 17, 1973 when they arrested an armed suspect who attempted to kill three innocent persons. Bruce, with Sgt. Don Blaine, and Officers John Brandt and Stephen Gough were awarded with a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Thursday July 27, 1977 at 2205 hours. The Sergeant and Officers apprehended a suspect they observed from a wanted bulletin for

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Willis Garriott Memorial Service

Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio, 45 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco, at noon, followed by a reception at the Officers' Club, Ortega Ball Room, 50 Moraga Avenue. Willis's ashes will be scattered at sea on a later date.



SFPOA Mourns Slain Sacramento Police Officer

By Tony Montoya,
President, SFPOA

I speak on behalf of all the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association as I extend sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Sacramento Police Officer Tara O'Sullivan. Officer O'Sullivan died on Wednesday June 19, 2019 from gunshot wounds. She was just 26, and recently entered the SPD Training Program following graduation from Sacramento State University's Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars program.

Officer O'Sullivan had responded to a domestic violence call that erupted into a violent shootout with a man using a rifle to fire at responding officers.

A Memorial Fund has been established to honor this fallen hero. Donations can be made to the California Association Highway Patrol Credit Union, or be made online at cahpcu.org or through mail at the following address:

Officer Tara O'Sullivan Memorial Fund
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In Memoriam...

The following San Francisco Police Officers were killed or died in the line of duty in the month of **July** of ...

2006: Officer Nick-Tomasito Birco, killed by an evading felony vehicle.

2003: Brian Dominique Olcomendy, died from complications from on-duty knee injury.

1982: Sergeant John S. Macaulay, shot during felony traffic stop.

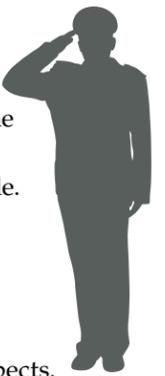
1971: Officer Arthur D. O'Guinn, shot during traffic stop.

1922: Officer Joseph Walsh, shot while arresting armed robbery suspects.

1912: Officer Charles H. Bates, shot by armed robbery suspect.

Learn more about San Francisco's Finest who died in the line of duty:

Visit the *Officer Down Memorial Page* at
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Read *Men of Courage*, by Captain Thomas G. Dempsey (retired)



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Escaping San Quentin Prison. Bruce and his partner John Brandt received a Police Commission Commendation on June 8, 1979 for making over 100 arrests in the Tenderloin and Bay Street Housing Projects, in a short period in 1979. Marovich and Brandt arrested suspects for robbery, narcotics, burglary, and weapons violations. Bruce and his partner John Brandt received a Silver Medal of Valor for services rendered on Wednesday August 1, 1979. On this day Marovich and Brandt spotted a vehicle used in two robberies in the North Beach Financial District. The Officers followed the vehicle to Sansome and Merchants Streets where the two of the three suspects exited their vehicle and drew their weapons and attempted to rob a fireman in front of the fire station. Plainclothes Officers Brandt and Marovich moved in to make the arrest causing the suspects to flee. Marovich and Brandt ordered the suspect to "Freeze". One suspect raised his gun and fired at Brandt and Marovich who returned fire from their service weapons and wounding all three suspects. The suspects were taken into custody. Bruce was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor for services rendered on October 6, 1979. Bruce responded to the area of a major hostage-sniper incident at 1275 Market Street. Bruce volunteered to rescue a drunk man who was directly in the sniper's line of fire. Bruce used his personal vehicle and drove into the area. The suspect had already fired in excess of 50 rounds of ammunition onto the Market Street area. Marovich, with no regard for his own safety and life, exited his vehicle while still in the line of fire and was able to drag the drunk man to his vehicle and safely drive out of the area. Bruce most likely saved a life while exposing himself to great bodily harm and maybe death. Bruce and his partner John Brandt received Meritorious Conduct Awards for services rendered on Tuesday November 13, 1979. Marovich and Brandt, at 0231 hours, conducted an investigation of two people acting suspiciously at 2417 Polk Street. As Marovich and Brandt approached the subjects, the subjects boarded a bus that had drove up and blocking them away from the approaching Officers. Marovich and Brandt pursued the bus and stopped it. The Officers

boarded the bus which led to the arrest of the two suspicious subjects, one male and one female, who were in possession of 19 handguns, ammunition, and stolen items from the trunk of a vehicle at 2550 Van Ness Avenue. The male arrested suspect had just been recently released from Prison. Marovich and Brandt received a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Friday March 28, 1980 at 0159 hours. Sgt. Bruce Marovich and Brandt arrested three armed robbery suspects on the 1400 block of Taylor Street. Investigation revealed that the arrested suspects had robbed a man while stabbing him in the back, and had stabbed a man to death on the 600 block of Geary Street two hours earlier. Bruce Marovich received a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on November 6, 1980. While patrolling in the area of Bush and Taylor Streets in an undercover vehicle, Sgt. Marovich investigated a person acting suspiciously. Marovich discovered that the man was in possession of a ladies wallet, a pantyhose mask, a knife, a screwdriver and a flashlight. The wallet was taken the previous night in a hot prowl burglary. The man matched the description of the hot prowl burglar. He was charged with the hot prowl and rape, and was subsequently charged with five additional rapes. Sgt. Bruce Marovich and Officer John Brandt received a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Friday December 5, 1980 at 2040 hours. Marovich and Brandt had responded to the Southern Police District as a back-up unit. Marovich and Brandt, in civilian dress, observed three men brake into the building at 15 Stillman. Marovich and Brandt pursued the suspects into the building and placed them under arrest. One suspect had discarded a .44 magnum automatic pistol. Sgt. Bruce Marovich was awarded a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Thursday January 1, 1981 at 1945 hours. Bruce was on patrol in the Fisherman's Wharf area and apprehended a suspect who had just snatched a purse from a victim's shoulder. Sgt. Bruce Marovich and Officers Peter Siragusa, John Payne, and Rich Hargens were awarded a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Monday February 8, 1982 when they arrested a suspect who had committed two armed robberies in

the Mission District, twenty minutes apart. The Officers seized a sawed-off stolen rifle, money, a ski mask, and other fruits of the crimes. Sgt. Bruce Marovich and Officer Rich Hargens were awarded a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered on Tuesday March 23, 1982 at 2110 hours. Marovich and Hargens, in civilian dress, watched the two suspicious men in the area of Francisco and Mason Streets. Marovich and Hargens set up a surveillance and observed the men commit a hold-up of the Kentucky Fried Chicken at 900 Columbus. The suspects exited the Chicken establishment and ran for their vehicle. Marovich and Hargens via police radio described the suspects, the crime, and the suspect vehicle, and directed nearby Police Units to the suspect's direction of escape. Police Units converged on the suspects and were able to place them in custody. The Officers made a complete recovery of the stolen money. Lt. Bruce Marovich with Sgt. Daniel Gardner, Sgt. Michael Cleary, Inspector Daniel Everson, and Officers Brett Higdon, Kevin Dempsey, Dino Zografos, Jay Dowke, Robert O'Sullivan Jr., Michael White, Alfredo Melendez, Eddie Yu, Michael Palada, Angela Spagnola, Anthony Manfreda, and Kyle Ching all received a Police Commission Commendation for their participation in armed robbery enforcement near the Stockton Street Tunnel in late 1997. On information developed by Al Melendez, Lt. Marovich, Sergeants Gardner and Cleary, and Inspector Everson met to develop an enforcement plan. The suspects were mixed ethnicities. Marovich, Gardner, Cleary, and Everson launched their plan that was subsequently carried out by all the named Officers which resulted in three arrests and stopped the onslaught of violent crime in the area. Lt. Marovich was awarded a Police Commission Commendation for services rendered in 1999. Lt. Marovich, with Sgt. Madden, Daniel Gardner, and Jerry Salvador, and Officers Kevin Dempsey, Brett Higdon, Michael Palada, Miguel Cosio, Daniel Cunningham, Robert Lee, Brian Oliver, Jay Dowke, Scott Lau, Angelo Spagnola, Robert Hart, Dwight Lee, Curtis Liu, and Robert Rickens carried out a robbery enforcement plan to combat the armed robberies which were again occurring near the Stockton Street Tunnel by mixed ethnicity suspects. Information was developed by Lt. Marovich's team that identified the robbers as the "Powell Street Posse". Team members set up a surveillance and spotted three members of the "Posse". Team members followed the three Posse member to the Stockton Street Tunnel and set up a surveillance. Marovich's team observed the three suspects position themselves at the South end of the Tunnel and one suspect on the stairwell. A hand signal was used by one of the suspects to alert the others that a man was approaching. Team member watched the armed robbery with a knife that was placed to the victim's throat. Officers converged and made the arrest of all three Posse members.

Clarence Smith, age 95: Clarence (Smitty) Smith was born on October 27, 1923 in Memphis, Tennessee. He passed away with quiet dignity and strength at the age of 95, in Cleveland, Ohio on April 25, 2019. Clarence had suffered for some time with dementia and developed a blood clot prior from hip replacement surgery prior to his passing. Three of his four children, his older granddaughter and his loving wife of Diane (married 37 years). Clarence joined the San Francisco Police Department on April 16, 1956 and was assigned to Star #1695. Clarence worked the following

assignments during his 26 year career: Academy to Potrero Police Station (July 9, 1956), Park Police Station (January 2, 1957), Southern Police Station (October 16, 1957), Park Police Station (November 17, 1958), Inspector's Bureau (September 16, 1966), Clarence was promoted to the rank of Police Inspector on January 1, 1975, and to the rank of Q50 Sergeant of Police on December 3, 1980. Clarence retired on February 23, 1982. Clarence retired as an Inspector at the Pawn Shop Detail. He was always pleased that he was able to assist in getting laws passed to reduce the trafficking of stolen goods through Pawn Shops. He commanded respect and lived his life with purpose. He had a great sense of humor in his later years and was just as stubborn as the day he and Diane met each other. Clarence was awarded a Second Grade Medal of Valor for service rendered on March 31, 1965. Clarence and Officer Harold Suslow arrested three suspects who had committed several burglaries and were attempting to cash fraudulent checks. One of the suspects was arrested at his residence, and brandished a firearm at the Officers. The Officers engaged in a physical struggle with the suspect and were able to disarm him and place him in custody.

Report of Special Committee: Bookkeeper Sally Foster reported that the WOOA By-Laws and Constitution rewrite is currently at the office of our designated Printer. Once printed, we will have the Postal Service mail out the proposal and the return ballot. Please read the proposed changes and send us your vote. President Kane will assign five WOOA members as the Committee to count the votes. Results will be printed in the following POA Journal.

Old Business: No report this month.

New Business: No report this month.

Good of the Order: No report this month.

Adjournment: President Kane led our board in a moment of silence for all our fallen members. President Kane scheduled our next monthly meeting for Tuesday July 9, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Traffic Solo Office at 850 Bryant Street, room #150, at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, California.

To All Members: Members can access WOOA Beneficiary Forms by visiting our website at sfwidowsorphans.org. Please click on the Resources box on the face page. The beneficiary link will appear. Print your form with all the requested information. The new Beneficiary Form must have a signature of a Notary, or, a signature of one of our board members (see Roll Call above). The SFPOA and the SFPCU reportedly have a free notary for members. Mail the form to **WOOA, P.O. Box 4247, San Rafael, CA 94913-4247**. If a member has any questions regarding the form or any other related business please contact me at **415 681-3660**, or by email at markmac825@comcast.net. I would like to thank the following people who assist the WOOA and its members: Retired San Francisco Police Captain and the current POA Defense Administrator Paul Chignell. Retired San Francisco Police Lieutenant and the current host of the Gold Country Reaper Website, Rene LaPrevotte. Retired San Francisco Police Sergeant and the long standing editor of the POA Journal, Ray Shine. Retired San Francisco Police Sergeant Rachael Kilshaw and Risa Tom of the Police Commission Office. David Ng of Personnel. And thank you to the entire Traffic Command who graciously afford us our needed venue for our files and our monthly meetings.

Mark J. McDonough,
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Parkland Officer Who Stayed Outside During Shooting Faces Criminal Charges

June 5, 2019

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — As bullets ricocheted and bodies fell in the hallways and classrooms at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last year, Deputy Scot Peterson was outside the building. Instead of storming in after the 19-year-old gunman, he retreated to a position of safety.

For more than a year after the February 2018 attack in Parkland, Fla., grieving parents have demanded that Mr. Peterson — along with the gunman who killed 17 and injured 17 — be held accountable in what would prove to be one of the nation's worst school shootings. On Tuesday, law enforcement responded with a sweeping list of charges that resulted in Mr. Peterson's arrest. His alleged crime: failing to protect the students.

America's long history of mass shootings have brought a variety of responses: Calls for tighter gun laws, civil lawsuits against companies that manufacture guns and firearm components, collective mourning. But Tuesday's charges represented a highly unusual case of a lawman arrested for failing to save lives.

Around Parkland, whose politically engaged students helped launch a national student movement for more gun control, there was both surprise and satisfaction.

"I have no comment except to say rot in hell," Fred Guttenberg, who emerged as an outspoken gun control activist after his daughter, Jaime, died in the attack, wrote on Twitter. "You could have saved some of the 17," Mr. Guttenberg added, addressing Mr. Peterson. "You could have saved my daughter. You did not and then you lied about it and you deserve the misery coming your way."

Mr. Peterson, 56, who had been suspended in the immediate aftermath of the attack and later resigned, faces 11 charges of neglect of a child, culpable negligence and perjury. He was booked into the Broward County jail with a bond of \$102,000.

The 15-month investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement that led to the charges, found that the former Broward County sheriff's deputy, assigned as a school resource officer to Stoneman Douglas High, "did absolutely nothing to mitigate" the shooting, the department's commissioner, Rick Swearingen, said in a statement. "There can be no excuse for his complete inaction and no question that his inaction cost lives," he said.

Officials determined that Mr. Peterson, as well as Sgt. Brian Miller, who was terminated on Tuesday but not charged, "neglected their duties." Mr. Peterson was taken into custody after an administrative discipline hearing.

The charges were an unusual instance of law enforcement officers being held criminally liable for not protecting the public.

Civil lawsuits have become par for the course following mass shootings in the United States. Families of the victims and survivors themselves use litigation to hold institutions, both public and private, responsible for not keeping people safe, as well as to push for policy changes or to collect compensation for emotional and physical trauma or death.

But experts say that criminally charging a law enforcement officer for allegedly being negligent in his response to

a mass shooting is new ground.

"This is the first time I have seen somebody so charged like this," said Clinton R. Van Zandt, a former profiler with the F.B.I. and an expert on mass shootings. "I think that every police officer, sheriff and F.B.I. agent understands that you have to go to the threat and stop it and that we are no longer going to wait for SWAT or set up perimeters."

The Department of Law Enforcement said its inquiry showed that Mr. Peterson did not investigate the source of the gunshots, retreated during the shooting while victims were still under attack and directed other law enforcement officers to remain 500 feet away from the building.

The sweeping investigation included interviews with 184 witnesses, along with reviews of video surveillance, to piece together what officials acknowledged was a slow and chaotic law enforcement response. Officials added a perjury charge alleging that Mr. Peterson knowingly made a false statement while under oath in stating that he did not hear shots fired after he arrived at the 1200 building, except for the first two or three shots he heard.

The warrant portrayed Mr. Peterson, the only armed guard on campus, as an officer with a wealth of active shooter training who knew the gunman was inside, but did not go in to try to stop him as he killed and injured students and staff. It details a series of students and faculty who remembered seeing Mr. Peterson outside.

One student, Arman Borghei, told investigators that during the shooting, he looked out a third-floor window and saw Mr. Peterson standing on the side of the 1200 building "with his gun drawn not really doing anything."

Since he was first interviewed by Broward detectives two days after the killings, Mr. Peterson has said he did respond, by alerting the police, locking the school down and evacuating children in the courtyard. "There wasn't even time to think," Mr. Peterson told The Washington Post. "It just happened and I started reacting."

He said he has run the shooting over and over in his head. "It was my job, and I didn't find him," he said of the gunman.

Mr. Miller, who was the first supervisor on the scene, had told investigators that he heard three or four gunshots as he was arriving and believed they were coming from outside the school building. The investigation found that he had gone behind his car, outside of campus, and put on his bulletproof vest, and did not make his first radio transmission to direct a response until five minutes after he arrived — 10 minutes after the first radio communications about the shooting.

Meanwhile, four officers from the nearby Coral Springs Police Department arrived and entered the building where the shooting was occurring, the investigation showed.

In January, Florida's newly elected Republican governor, Ron DeSantis, suspended the Broward County sheriff, Scott Israel, citing neglect of duty and "incompetence." He named as his replacement Gregory Tony, a former sergeant with the Coral Springs Police Department. In his new position, Sheriff Tony oversaw an internal investigation of seven deputies at the department, including Mr. Peterson.

Jeff Bell, the president of the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association, expressed concern about the decision to charge Mr. Peterson, who was not a member of his organization. He argued that prosecutors had adopted a sweeping interpretation of the state's negligence law that could put other officers at risk of charges in the future.

"I am worried that state attorneys and political officers can start to weaponize criminal charges against law enforcement if you don't meet their threshold for what you do or should not do," said Mr. Bell, who said he and others were still disappointed by Mr. Peterson's response to the shooting.

Mr. Van Zandt said prosecutors appeared to be sending a message to the community that "we hear you are disappointed, and we will let the criminal justice system determine whether he made significant mistakes, whether perhaps he was a coward or not, or whether he acted properly with the information that he had."

A lawyer for Mr. Peterson, Joseph A. DiRuzzo III, said Tuesday that the former deputy's team would fight "these spurious charges that lack basis in fact and law." He complained that the prosecution appeared to be "nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt at politically motivated retribution against Mr. Peterson."

"Today the individuals who have made this charging decision have taken the easy way out and blamed Mr. Peterson for the actions on February 14, 2018, when there has only ever been one person to blame — Nikolas Cruz," Mr. DiRuzzo wrote in an open letter to "the South Florida community and the American public."

Constitutional law, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, does not generally give people a right to expect the police to protect them against harm.

States can create obligations for the police under certain circumstances — for example, a crossing guard who is assigned to keep children from getting run over. But those would be civil liabilities, said Darren L. Hutchinson, a professor at the University of Florida School of Law, not criminal ones.

Professor Hutchinson noted that the criminal statutes under which Mr. Peterson was charged for his behavior during the shooting, neglect of a child and culpable negligence, were not specifically drafted for law enforcement officers and are usually applied to parents. "Normally we don't think of police officers as caregivers for children," he said.

The culpable negligence charge would require proof of behavior so reckless, like driving down a crowded sidewalk, that it could be inferred that the accused intended harm, Professor Hutchinson said. "Under a civil standard that's a very tough load, and now they're turning to the criminal standard, which

is somewhat tougher, because they have to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt," he said.

Andrew Pollack, whose 18-year-old daughter, Meadow, died in the attack, said he welcomed Mr. Peterson's arrest.

"It's about accountability, and there's to be more in Broward County," said Mr. Pollack, who previously filed a wrongful-death suit against Mr. Peterson. "We knew all along that this guy did something very terrible. He let my daughter die, and a lot of other victims in the school — teachers and children — and he didn't do his job."

In an interview on Tuesday, Mr. Pollack said he and his lawyer had turned over records — including a deposition of Mr. Peterson — in the civil case to law enforcement officials to consider during their criminal inquiry.

Mr. Pollack said he hoped Mr. Peterson would be convicted and sentenced to a lengthy prison term. "He brought his Bible with him to the deposition," he said. "Let him bring his Bible with him to prison. He can read the whole thing a bunch of times."

Daniel Bishop, 17, who was a sophomore when the Parkland shooting took place and was one of dozens of students who traveled to the State Capitol afterward to demand changes to state gun laws, said he was surprised by the news of the former deputy's arrest.

"It wasn't his fault," said Mr. Bishop, who will be a senior in the fall. "Who am I to place blame on anyone besides the one person who should be held accountable?"

The Parkland shooting has become woven into the fabric of Florida politics. Most national attention on the tragedy focused on the movement against gun violence launched by Stoneman Douglas High students. But parents of the dead — and the elected officials who joined forces with them — were a force in the halls of power in Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee, relentlessly seeking answers and accountability, not least from the sheriff's department.

The state attorney who filed the charges on Tuesday, Michael J. Satz, announced earlier in the day that he would not seek re-election next year. First elected in 1976, Mr. Satz said skipping a campaign for a new term would allow him to focus on the coming death penalty trial of Nikolas Cruz, the suspect in the Parkland killings.

Issues raised by the shooting are expected to continue to demand attention in Tallahassee, and not only on matters of gun policy and funding for safer schools. Also pending is how the state might compensate the victims' families — an issue the families have already taken to court, claiming negligence by the school district and sheriff's office.

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POA Mail

Dear Editor —

The report by Kevin Martin about the Department of Police Accountability exposes again the misuse of taxpayer funds and duplication of Police Commission responsibilities attributable historically to a “deal with the devil.” The so-called DPAs predecessor was an office created by San Francisco Police Officers’ Association leadership about 1980, in which the quid pro quo for an increased pension in return for abandonment of POA opposition to an ordinance creating the DPA’s predecessor, Office of Citizen Complaints. The deal makers were then-Supervisor Harry Britt and POA leader Paul Chignell. The DPA manifestly functions in a non-judicial manner, which offends this retired judge and continuing San Francisco taxpayer. Trying to cure the evils of the DPA with a ride-along or the Citizen Academy constitutes a further waste of money and time. The DPA should be abolished. San Francisco police officers possess sufficient integrity regarding internal affairs to investigate and submit recommendations to the Chief of Police and Police Commission. End the DPA; don’t bend it.

Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.)

Dear Editor —

“What’s wrong with this picture?” Would have been a nice caption for the primary photo on the front page of the June edition. For those haven’t seen the picture, it shows a man standing on a small ledge ten feet above the sidewalk. Below this man, four police officers are earnestly looking at him. Well obviously somebody thought it was very important to have a policeman look at this person. I get it. But why officers #2, #3, and #4. Obviously no Sergeants are working this section

today. You could also conclude that a dispatcher lost control of this call.

A week ago I saw a similar situation in a Safeway parking lot. There, seven Patrolmen were looking at a scrawny drug addict who was handcuffed and sitting on the pavement. I can’t imagine the number of officers that would be needed if they had two suspects. And of course, not one set of chevrons to be seen. Think something is missing?

Sincerely,
Edward R. Fowlie

Mr. Fowlie — Yes, what is missing are the actual facts of the situation. With so little information available, I would be uncomfortable assuming anything about the situation other than what is depicted in the photo, which was downloaded from the website www.kma438.com. — Ed.

Dear Editor —

Frequently in published death notices I read that a person’s age is “unknown”. I don’t understand that. The Police Department would have his date of birth, as would Civil Service, Retirement System, Health System, the POA, and the Credit Union.

Sincerely,
Ed Fowlie

Mr. Fowlie — The POA does not keep records about a member’s age. As for the other government entities, let us hope that none of those would release to an unauthorized person any confidential information about a member. When we publish a death notification in the Journal, we are only pasting into the matrix information that was forwarded to us by another. — Ed.

Tired of Vacant Storefronts, San Francisco to Punish Commercial Landlords

By Keith Rockmael
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San Francisco hardly looks like a ghost town however many vacant commercial spaces can be seen from Vis Valley all the way the Marina. Call it the Amazon and high lease rate effect. Some call it the “retail apocalypse.”

To cure this ill, San Francisco recently passed an ordinance authored by San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer, which “requires vacant or abandoned commercial storefront owners to pay annual registration fees [...], require annual inspections of registered vacant or abandoned storefronts, and update the penalty for violations of the requirement to register.”

Under the new legislation, a commercial storefront counts as “vacant or abandoned” if it’s been unoccupied for 30 days, with exceptions specified for units undergoing construction or repair work.

Fewer’s new rules specific that building owners pay a \$711 fee to register a vacant storefront. The new rules state that the money to be paid upon registration rather than more than 200 days later, as the previous current law specified.

The law further specifies, “The owner of a registered vacant or abandoned commercial storefront department shall provide a report from a licensed professional confirming the storefront’s inte-

rior and exterior has been maintained” every year or face further fees.

The new ordinance also removes the exception that a storefront is technically vacant as long as it’s being offered for sale or lease.

If that wasn’t enough for commercial building ordinances, Supervisor Peskin submitted a proposal that owners of commercial properties in Neighborhood Commercial Districts — areas where stores and services are clustered — that remain vacant for more than six months would face a fine of at least \$250 per day.

It remains obvious to anyone who walks down a commercial district that storefronts represent the visible face of the long-term vacancy problem, Peskin aims to target residential properties as well. Landlords with three or more units that sit vacant for six months would also pay \$250 per unit per day until the unit is leased.

The Board of Supervisors would need to approve Peskin’s plan to place it on the November ballot, where it would need to pass by a two-thirds vote to become law.

Other cites such as Boston, New York City and Arlington, Massachusetts are considering similar measures. More local residents in various cities continue to be frustrated with vacant retail spaces instead of coffee shops and bookstores so cities are taking measures. How soon will these new ordinances become a reality in other parts of the Bay Area?

Ashwaubenon Officer Who Golfed in Thong Should Not Have Been Investigated, Police Union Says

June 5, 2019

ASHWAUBENON – The Ashwaubenon police union is pushing back against the village after it investigated an officer who openly wore a thong at a golf outing.

The squabble began last August when Officer Jamie Zynda and other officers attended an event sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, according to records obtained by the Green Bay Press-Gazette. Those who golfed didn’t wear anything identifying themselves as Ashwaubenon Public Safety officers, but they were referred to as such in photos posted online.

During the event, Zynda wore short jean shorts and rolled his Hawaiian shirt into a halter top, records show. He then took off his shorts and golfed for some time wearing only the thong and shirt. Photos and videos of Zynda in that getup were circulated throughout the department and on Facebook.

An officer told the chief of police about the photos, saying, “Your boys are making you proud again,” according to village records.

The incident led to an investigation on behalf of the village by an outside attorney. The attorney, Geoffrey Lacy, contends the outing was a work-related event that officials could justifiably investigate, even though Zynda was off duty.

Though Zynda’s behavior was unusual, Lacy said, it wasn’t “per se unlawful or prohibited by policy.” Still, he concluded that Zynda represents the department when identified as an officer, on or off duty, and must consider whether his behavior could hurt its image.

“This is not a criticism or an expectation with respect to a particular man-

ner of dress, but rather, a reminder that intentionally provocative, particularly sexually provocative behavior, such as golfing while wearing nothing but a thong (at least as to pants) reasonably appears to be intended to be sexually provocative, whether done by a man or women,” Lacy wrote.

The attorney’s report also criticizes Chief Eric Dunning for choosing to “stay out of it” and not look into the matter, records show. Dunning declined to be interviewed for this story and referred a reporter to the village attorney.

In response to the investigation, Zynda received a non-disciplinary letter from Dunning in December asking him to review the village’s sexual harassment policy and dress code.

However, the Ashwaubenon Public Safety Officers Association immediately filed a grievance, noting the investigation didn’t stem from a complaint, and is requesting arbitration to resolve the matter. Arbitration provides a forum for dispute resolution between union members and employers.

At issue is whether Zynda did indeed breach village rules and if the letter constitutes discipline. Village officials say the letter wouldn’t prohibit Zynda from promotional opportunities down the line. The union, though, contends he didn’t violate the harassment policy and should never have received the letter.

An attorney representing the union did not respond to a request for an interview for this story.

Ashwaubenon village attorney Tony Wachewicz said the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission is in the process of scheduling arbitration.

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Book Review

Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and The Last Trial of Harper Lee

By Casey Cep
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

It isn't easy to find much biographical information about Casey Cep. A search of the Internet reveals no more information than can be found in the *About the Author* section of this book. Ms. Cep is a writer from Maryland. She has a degree in English from Harvard and earned a Masters of Philosophy at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Her writings have appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *The San Francisco Chronicle* and many other publications. *Furious Hours* is her first book.

As the subtitle indicates, this book is about the comingling of several subjects. In addition, as the author takes the reader on this journey of murder, courtroom battles and a miniature biography of the famous author Harper Lee, she also informs the reader of what life was like in the American South during a previous generation. There is even a very short history of the life insurance industry.

The history of life insurance is fascinating and introduces the reader to Reverend Willie Maxwell, a man well known for his ability to preach on Sunday. The author gives the reader a forewarning of Reverend Maxwell when she writes, "Men of the cloth may have more cause than most to avoid indiscretions, but they also have more opportunities to commit them." The word indiscretion does not adequately describe the Reverend's actions. Several members of his family die in mysterious, if not outright suspicious, circumstances. The Reverend had taken out sizeable life insurance policies on every one of the

deceased. He was arrested in only the initial death but was never found guilty of any crime. Insurance companies were reluctant to pay but, with the help of a local lawyer named Tom Radney, The Reverend always collected. To make the matter more interesting, many people in the area believed Reverend Maxwell practiced voodoo. The author states, "He might not have believed in voodoo, but he had a profound and abiding belief in insurance."

Reverend Maxwell's run of successful fraud, however, came to an end when, while attending a funeral of one of his relatives he likely killed for insurance money, he was shot to death

in front of several hundred people who were in attendance. The story gets more interesting when Robert Burns, the man who shot The Reverend three times in the head, is represented by Tom Radney, The Reverend's favorite lawyer. The book then describes the courtroom battle to prove that Robert Burns was not guilty of the crime because he was driven to insanity by the actions of the deceased. There is as much theater presented in the courtroom as there was the practice of law. Rather than provide too much information about how the case was resolved, I can only say that Mr. Radney comes across as very entertaining.

The last third of the book has the subtitle, *The Writer*. This is when Harper Lee enters the story. Here, the author provides a small but informative biography of Ms. Lee. She was christened Nelle Harper Lee, (Nelle was her grandmother's name spelled backwards) and was known for many years as Nelle. She chose to use her middle name for the publication of her novel, *To Kill a*

Mockingbird, as she felt people would mispronounce Nelle. We learn that Ms. Lee was struggling to become a writer while earning her living writing small pieces for magazines while living in Alabama and then later New York City.

We also learn that she and Truman Capote grew up as playmates in Monroeville, Alabama. Mr. Capote had much earlier success as an author, but through ups and downs the two stayed in touch. Ms. Lee was working as an airline reservation agent while writing in her spare time. The publisher, Michael Brown, had enough faith in her abilities that he gave her a gift of a year's wages so she could write full-time. That year, 1957, produced *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but the book was not published until 1960.

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After submitting *To Kill a Mockingbird* for publishing, Mr. Capote invited Ms. Lee to accompany him to Holcomb, Kansas to assist in research about the slaying of the Clutter family. The murder had made a stir and Capote believed he could write a story about the murder of a farmer and his family, living in the middle of Kansas. Capote's mannerisms and mode of dress was off-putting to the residents of the community. Capote once answered the door at his hotel room to be interviewed by the police in a pink negligee. Lee's friendship with Capote is also extensively discussed as well as her stint working with the people of Garden City (Kansas) "who had no idea what to make of the orchid that had suddenly invaded their wheat fields." What came of that research became Mr. Capote's classic book, *In Cold Blood*. Ms. Lee presented Mr. Capote with 150 typed pages of factual information about everything from postal workers of Holcomb to the interior of the Clutter's family home.



Ms. Lee was a stickler about facts, which eventually led her to a confrontation with Mr. Capote and his notion of a "non-fiction novel. This insistence upon presenting facts became a large problem later when she learns of the Reverend Maxwell's murders. The author, Ms. Cep, believes that Ms. Lee was prompted to write about the Maxwell murders and that product could eventually compete with *In Cold Blood*. It was not to be. Lee was seemingly beaten down by a combination of racial politics, an agent who wanted more gore, and a publisher who was eager for a best seller. Ms. Lee's statement defines her steadfast rule, "and I want a clear conscience, in that I haven't defrauded the reader."

There is mention made that Ms. Lee was imbibing alcoholic beverages and became intoxicated on a regular basis. It's difficult to arrive at deciding factor for abandoning writing the book, but Ms. Lee gave up on the project. It was not just a lost opportunity for her, but also a loss for the reading public.

There is a quote from Harper Lee that is great advice for anyone wishing to become a published writer: "I am more of a rewriter than a writer. There could be no substitute for the love of language, for the beauty of an English sentence, but there was also no substitute for struggling, if a struggle is needed."

Ms. Lee did not publish another book after *Mockingbird* and refused any interviews. Shortly before her death a novel that had lied dormant for many years was published, *Go Set a Watchman*. There has been speculation that her agent took advantage of her deteriorating health to secure an agreement to publish that book. Again, it isn't clear exactly what happened.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Cep to put it all together in *Furious Hours*. It is a complex book that extensively covers a specific segment of legal and literary history, forming what could be called an American Gothic tale.



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NYPD Suicides Part of a Larger Trend of Police Officers Taking Their Own Lives

June 19, 2019

The NYPD is a police force shaken by suicide. The death of an officer on Friday is the third suspected suicide in less than two weeks. Suicide is a growing problem — not just in New York — but nationwide.

The tragedy, the police commissioner said in a statement, is a part of “a mental health crisis.” He believes that law enforcement as a whole “absolutely must take action.”

Earlier this month, two other members of the department died by suicide: one was a respected chief, the other an experienced detective.

“Cops have to know that there are avenues for help, and it’s not a weakness to ask for help, it’s a strength,” said NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill on June 6.

The three deaths are part of a disturbing trend nationwide. In 2018, at least 167

officers died by suicide — 9% more than the number who died in the line of duty, according to Massachusetts nonprofit Blue Help.

According to one study, cops are 30% more likely to kill themselves than the general public.

After a string of police suicides in Chicago earlier this year, CBS News rode along with the police chaplain into Chicago’s most violent neighborhoods trying to reach out to vulnerable officers before it’s too late.

“Officers don’t want to go home and burden their spouse with the ugliness they have encountered the last eight to 10 hours,” said Chicago police chaplain Father Dan Brandt. “These officers see more evil in the course of a 10-hour tour than most people see in a lifetime.”

So far this year, 93 officers nationwide have taken their own life — already on track to exceed 2018.

July Word Find

Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca, Airport Bureau

Enjoy this relaxing and fun-to-solve puzzle! If you’ve never solved a puzzle like these before, it’s a good idea to read this before you begin.

Each puzzle has a grid of letters that conceals words reading in different directions — forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally — but always in a straight line. The words, abbreviations, or phrases one must find and circle are listed below the grid in capital letters. That’s all you need to know before you sharpen your pencil and begin your search!

For the month of July, find genres of music listed below. Take a listen and you might discover something new you’ve never heard before!

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Police Unity Tour 2019

By Katey Cavanaugh
Tenderloin Station

In May seven members of the San Francisco Police Department flew to Princeton, New Jersey to participate in the Police Unity Tour. The team met with other agencies and survivors that represented Northern California. As the ride would begin and continue down the eastern seaboard we met more survivors and officers from agencies across the country.

The Police Unity Tour was started in 1997 by members of the Florian Park Police Department to bring awareness to officers who have been killed in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifice. The Police Unity Tour started with only 18 riders and now has nine chapters from across the country with over 2500 riders completing the journey from New Jersey to Washington, D.C. The motto of the ride is "We ride for those who died."



Remembering SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza.

The seven members who represented Team SFPD were Lieutenant Ron Banta (Retired/Airport), Sergeant Pearl Rogers (Co. A), Sergeant Ed Barrientos (Co. A) Sergeant Brendan Carraway (SVU), Officer Mike Amoroso (Co. A), Officer Nick Rose (Co. D) and Officer Katey Cavanaugh (Co. J). Team SFPD rode for multiple officers that were killed in the line of duty. Team SFPD remembered SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza on the 15th anniversary of his line of duty death.

Day 1 started in Princeton, New Jersey at New Jersey State Trooper Headquarters. The day started with a memorial and then the team was off and riding. Day 2 started in Atlantic City and ended in Delaware. On our way to Delaware we stopped by a local nursery school where we received many cheers and support from the kids and their teachers. The kids enjoyed receiving SFPD stickers



from Sgt. Pearl Rogers. Day 3 started in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and continued with a stop at Greenwood Volunteer fire department who cooked us a delicious chicken brunch. We ended day 3 in Annapolis, Maryland with over 200 miles completed. All three days we received many cheers, thanks and support from the towns that we rode through.

Lt. Ron Banta, Sgt. Pearl Rogers and Off. Mike Amoroso were ride marshalls making sure that all of the riders stayed together and made it to each stop safely. Sgt. Brendan Carraway, Off. Nick Rose and I rode strong in the pack of riders. Sgt.



Sgt. Pearl Rogers and some of the local nursery school kids.



Team SFPD riders.

Ed Barrientos made sure that Team SFPD was in good spirits and had everything we needed.

Day 4 began with rain and cold wind, however Team SFPD did not let that stop them from completing the ride. As the rain got heavier we continually reminded ourselves that we were riding to remember those who died. As we arrived at the memorial it had stopped raining. We were greeted by many supporters cheering, thanking us and waving thin blue line flags. The somber sound of bagpipes were playing amazing grace. As I rode through the memorial, it was an emotional experience seeing all the mementos people had left on and along the wall to their fallen family members, friends and colleagues.



Team SFPD and Corporal Singh's family.



After the ride some of Team SFPD had the honor of meeting Corporal Ronil Singh's (Newman PD) widow, Anamika Singh; brother, Reggie Sing and his K9, Sam. It was an extremely humbling experience and put the last four days of riding into perspective. The Singh family greeted us with open arms and were extremely thankful that we were remembering their fallen hero.

The tour concluded with a candlelight vigil in the National Mall. During the vigil every officer whose name was added to the wall at the National Law Enforcement Memorial was read.

Team SFPD would like to thank the San Francisco Police Officers Association for their support and generous donation to the National Law Enforcement Police Officers Memorial. Thank you to our colleagues who worked to keep the city safe.

PUT 2020 will be accepting applications in September. If you are in participating in the ride talk to someone from Team SFPD. For more information visit www.policeunitytour.com.

Sports



By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Department Softball Wrap Up

CHECK IT OUT: The 2019 SF Police Softball League wound up its season recently with both the A Division and B Division playoff tournament coming down to the wire with championship games taking place at Lyons Field in San Bruno. On Tuesday June 11th it was Ingleside Station (lead by player/manager Serge Lopez) defeating the Tenderloin Rats by a score of 3-2. The next day on the 12th, it was Southern A (managed by Will "Backpack" Palladino) that defeated the Mission Diablos in the A Division final by a score of 4-1.

Solares), and TAC/Honda (Stevie Needham) contended along with Tenderloin and Ingleside.

The banquet was held the night of Wednesday June 12th at Gino and Carlo in North Beach. A fine dinner with fine beverages was enjoyed before the awards ceremony. At the ceremony, the first and second place teams in each division were given a team bat provided by Birdman Bat Company in the Bay Area. The players on the championship teams received snazzy ball caps as well.

The individual memorial awards were then given out. The Layne Amiot Most Inspirational Award was given to Southern A's Tim Brophy. Brophy attended all games, kept everyone loose with his contagious sense of humor, and played great as well, on the way to a championship for the team. The Brian Olcomendy Manager of the Year Award went to Serge Lopez of Ingleside Station. Not only did he take over the Ingleside Station team to lead them to a championship, he corralled the fellas into contributing toward league fees not only for this season but for last year's fees that were eight months overdue.

The Mike O'Brien Longevity Award went to Glen "GW" Wilson of the Diablos. He was happy to receive the award in honor of his dad Harlan Wilson (retired SFPD Captain) who passed away recently. Wilson has played in the



B Division Champs: Ingleside Station



B Division 2nd Place: Tenderloin Rats



A Division Champs: Southern Station



A Division 2nd Place: Mission Diablos

The B Division playoff bracket had seven teams competing in a double elimination format: the Northern Bulldogs (Kevin Daniele), Southern B (Colin Patino), Hall of Justice (James Funk), the Airport Checkers (Mike Etcheverry), and SF CHP battled along with Tenderloin and Ingleside to see who would be number one. The A Division playoffs had six teams in their bracket: Park/Taraval, the Central Diners (Nick "NB Jr" Stewart), the Bayview Pit Bulls (Eric

league for many years mostly for the Mission Diablos and has contributed to the league by also managing the Diablos toward championship seasons. The last award of the night was the Isaac Espinoza Memorial MVP Award and that was given to Dustin "Moose" Colclough for his outstanding play at third base as well as his incredible power hitting as a member of Park/Taraval.

The banquet was enjoyed by all that

attended and kudos goes to softball com-mish Kevin Worrell for not only doing a good job setting it up but also for running the league successfully as he always does year in and year out. Relating to the league, thanks also goes to the following: the POA for their usual support, Raffy Labutan and Mike Hara for umpiring games during the playoffs, Gino and Carlo in North Beach for providing their great location for the banquet, and of course to Mike Dunn (wonderful father of Chris/father-in-law of Amanda) for his tremendous help with the league athletic wear through T and B Sports.

This and That

Just received word at the writing of this column that the SFPD Baseball Team defeated LAPD by a score of 10-2 for the gold medal in the United States Police/Fire Games down in San Diego on Thursday June 27th (see pic of three members of the club with their medals). This is their second gold medal in a row which is not an easy feat with the heavy competition that usually shows up in SD. An article with a better description and more pics provided will be by Mark Obrochta in next month's sports section.

The 2019 George Brown Memorial

ALS Golf Classic took place on Monday, June 17th, at the Lake Merced Golf Club. I imagine it was a good turnout and a good day to be out there knocking around the course and supporting the cause. I'm hoping to get some pics and a write-up for that event for next issue.

Speaking of golf, the Emerald Society Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, July 8th, at the Crystal Springs Golf Course. Reach out to Kevin Lynch at Northern Station if you would like to get a late foursome in, as this is the first time in some years that this event is taking place and it's a very good time.

Will "Backpack" Palladino wanted to share some rumors going around for the Police Softball League during the offseason. I have quoted Palladino: "Matt Ryan has been picked up by Northern Station on free agency and a deal is in the works to return Cedric Hood to Southern to lock him up to a 20 year contract. Paul McIntosh is now at Central Station and is in talks with the Diners for a long term contract himself, but there is no cap space due to all the losers they already have on the team."

That's it for now....Stay well and safe and So See Ya next month.....



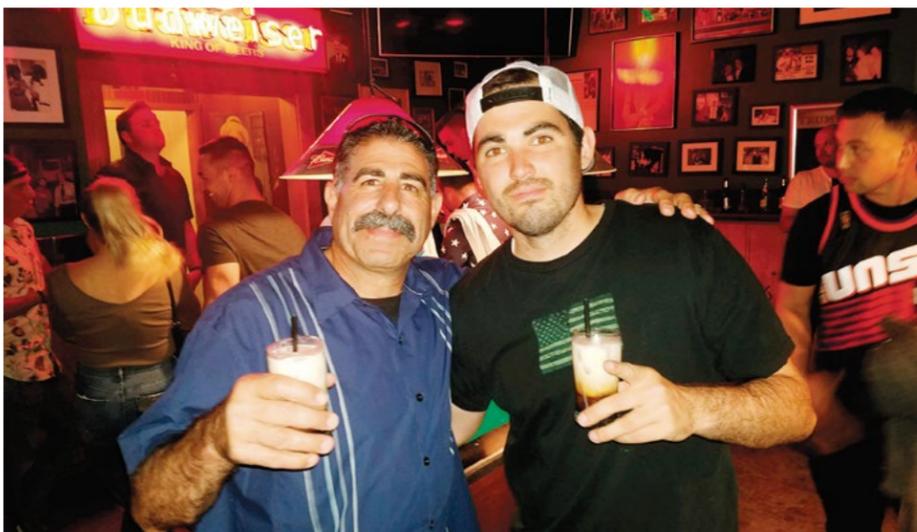
The Softball Hooligans outside of Gino & Carlo.



Kevin Worrell (left) and Eric Solares surround MVP Dustin "Moose" Colclough.



Kevin Worrell with Manager of the Year award winner Serge Lopez.



Nick "Iron Sheik" Shihadeh along with Tim Brophy, Jr. enjoying their milk over ice drinks.



(L to R) Mitch Rowan, Paul McIntosh and Steve Filippi displaying their well deserved Gold Medals for baseball.

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