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President's Message

Unions Take Notice of POA Home-Grown PR

by Chris Cunnie

I recently attended a police/community relations workshop that was convened by the editors of *American Police Beat* magazine. Among the attendees were executive officers from the largest law enforcement unions in the country. I learned a lot. In one sense, it was a real eye-opener. Many law enforcement organizations around this nation are drastically under-paid. Some enjoy little more than bare-bones compensation packages. A few have no MOU or contract at all. I was surprised at the meager benefits under which the law enforcement professionals in some of America's largest and most popular urban areas work. These men and women risk their lives to preserve peace and security. They are under-paid because they are virtually under-valued.

The seminar talk groups focused on police/community relations, post 9/11 impact on preparedness and security, the effects of public opinion on contract bargaining, civilian oversight, and other issues related to law enforcement and employee benefits — all areas profoundly effected by the value

and trust a community places on its police officers. Several common threads tied all of these discussions together: The need in the twenty-first century for police agencies to partner with the community they serve; the value of a diverse and creative work force; and the essential importance of positive public relations.

One thing became increasingly apparent over the course of the discussions: those associations that had embraced community involvement, positive PR campaigns, and active political lobbying were the same unions and organizations that enjoyed the best salary and benefits packages. As president of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, I am pleased to report, I found myself answering more questions about those topics than I was asking.

Association directors in other agencies have noted with great interest the enhanced image of the SFPOA. Our video effort is of particular interest. In fact, experts addressing the seminar referred to the SFPOA as one of the most sophisticated and politically effective unions in the field. I took that as a great compliment, and so should

you. It was a validation of our general philosophy and plan of action: Set reasonable goals; appeal to the community favor through dedicated service; work in partnership with the department and civic leaders toward common ends; understand well the political dynamic of the city and the region.

As I said, the most common questions that I was asked were about our community outreach efforts. My explanation was always the same. The path to equitable wages and benefits is direct, but progressive. The PR and community outreach lead directly to effective political interaction and success at the bargaining table.

I believe more than ever that we were on the right course of action. The concept of self-generating spin and PR has come relatively late to our profession. Our *Hearts of the City* video series, Officer of the Month campaign, *POA Journal* themes, and special neighborhood and voter editions of our paper have served us well in presenting the professional and human side of San Francisco police officers to the people they serve. Everyone agreed — experts and union leaders alike — that the sort of positive image outreach that



we have undertaken could be very rewarding. The community develops trust and a keen understanding about their police officers, and our members feel more confident and valued. It all pays off down the road. The community receives the best police service possible, and our members reap the tangible and intangible fruits of that heightened appreciation. Everyone wins.

Several other POA presidents admitted to me that the time had come for their organization to retool their bargaining strategy to include these outreach efforts. As law enforcement professionals, we all understand that we can not rely on mainstream media to accurately portray the professional police organization to the public. Outreach is crucial.

Nor can we avoid the practicality of political action. We are leagues ahead of many other organizations in developing an effective political action plan. Without the respect of local civic leaders, bargaining efforts are severely hampered. In San Francisco, we enjoy a superb working relationship with all of our local political leaders. Gary, Jack, Tom, and I all work very hard to maintain that level of trust and respect, and we enjoy entrée to key City Hall leaders as a result.

As we head toward November, it is more important than ever that each of you continue to interact with the people of this city in the most professional and conscientious manner possible. As I stated earlier, all of the outreach begins with you — the street cop. You are the most visible and most relied upon members of our organization. Keep up the good work. I am proud to represent such a dedicated and enlightened group of law enforcement professionals.

Hard work, expertise of SOD sergeant benefits City households

SFPD Launches Family Emergency Contact Plan

Staff Report

Following the well-received release of the Family SFPD 911 handbook, SFPD Sergeant Jerry Salvador has another project receiving community and media kudos — the Family Emergency Contact Plan.

What identified the need was the widespread citizen fear and panic that occurred during the attacks on 9/11. Public agencies and the private business sector had their contingency and continuity plans to continue operations. The issue was, "What about my family? Or, would they know what to do if I were injured or missing?"

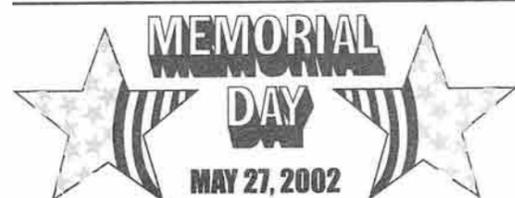
Sgt. Salvador convened his "Police/Community Think Tank Team" once again to help develop the Guide. With

the help of Mr. Pat Preminger SFUSD (Ret), Ms. Rebecca Speer, Esq. of Speer and Associates, and Mr. Keith Headman, of Charles Schwab together with representatives from The City's emergency and health services. The Guide and its strategy were kept simple: First, empower citizens to overcome fear and panic during emergencies by being

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Mayor Willie Brown speaking to media about City preparedness. Sgt. Jerry Salvador, fourth from left, stands with Chief Fred Lau.



Remember All Who Gave Their Lives
In Service To This Nation
And All Peace Officers Killed In The Line Of Duty



WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Ray Crosat at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by our President, Ray Crosat.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Ray Crosat, Vice President Al Aguilar. Trustees Mike Kemmitt, Joe Garrity, George Jeffery, Joe Reilly and Bob Kurpinsky. Also present were Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley, Jr. Past President Dave Fontana and Past President Bill Hardeman.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING: Motion by Jeffery and seconded by Hardeman that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Due to the recent mailing of the ERISA letter to the membership, more than the normal amount of monthly calls have come in changing their Beneficiary Status or mailing address. This is great for us to have the correct information in your folders so that YOUR wishes are carried out at the time of your death. Any questions give us a call @ 681-3660.

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the normal bills. Motion by Reilly and seconded by Garrity that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution (non payment of dues for six months) Scott Kendall. Under Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws. (Did not complete probationary period) Kevin Buseiglio and Leonard Tran. Pursuant to Section 4, Article III of the Constitution. (Non payment of dues for one year) Ronaldo Caldito, George Cima, Timothy Fitzgerald, and Romeo Delavega. These members will be notified by certified mail.

NEW MEMBERS: None at this time.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bruce Bain and David Cassaro of the Bank of America gave us a report on the condition of our account. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan spoke on Capitol Hill and basically said, "Steady as she goes." With inflation tame, The Fed can sit back and watch the course of the economy for a while before raising rates. Our account is flat. However,

recent reports on personal income, consumer confidence, factory orders, housing starts and industrial production all point to an economic recovery. Our Asset Allocation for our total portfolio 10% in Cash, 34 % in Stocks, and 56% in Bonds.

WE HAD ONE DEATH THIS PAST MONTH:

MAX A. SCHENK: 82 years. Max was born in Tacoma, Washington. He moved to San Francisco at a young age and grew up in the Mission and attended Mission High School. He enlisted in the Army and served in the South Pacific with most of the action in the Philippines. Upon returning home, he worked as a refrigeration repairman before entering the Police Academy in 1950. His first assignment was Ingleside, then Mission, and on to Taraval, where he retired in 1976. Max was a journeyman as far as Policeman go. He received numerous Captain's Comps. and was very dependable in his everyday job as a Street Cop.

NEW BUSINESS: President Crosat appointed Trustee Joe Reilly to look into the possibility of getting a Web Site for the membership. He will report back at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: As of the meeting we have several retired members who have not paid their dues. I wonder if they do the same with their car insurance, taxes, and homeowners policy. Our association needed the dues in January so we can put the money to work for all the members. If you have a problem remembering to pay on time, next year join the 300 members that use our Credit Union to automatically pay their dues and send you a statement showing the deduction from your checking or savings. It couldn't be easier.

ADJOURNMENT: President Ray Crosat had a moment of silence for our recently departed members. He also remembered members of the Armed Services. He then set the next meeting for Wednesday May 15, 2002 at 2PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley

C&C Offers Veterans Services

Women Veterans Programs

There are services and programs specifically tailored for women veterans here in San Francisco. Women are veterans too and are entitled to the same VA benefits as their male counterparts.

For those who are disabled, on fixed incomes and are looking for residential stability, there are State Veterans Homes where a healthy living environment is provided.

For those in need of quality health care, the Women's Clinic at the VA Medical Center — Ft. Miley offers outpatient and inpatient services.

For those in need of counseling as a result of sexual trauma encountered while serving on active duty, the Vet Center is an "outstation" counseling center staffed with professional therapists and offer individual and group therapy/counseling sessions.

For those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, the VA has a new program for women veterans, at the VA Clinic/The Comprehensive Homeless Center located at 13th & Mission Street. This new program offers intensive case management, placement in residential treatment programs, support services, specialized outpatient therapy, emergency services and referrals and intensive case management.

Coordination of Benefits

The CVSO plays a vital role in saving the City welfare dollars from the City's General Fund by verifying all claimants applying for General Assistance, MediCal, Adult Services, Food

Stamps and AFDC. The process is an important part of making a determination of eligibility and serves as another funding source. Veterans and their survivors are required to contact their County Veterans Service Office for possible USDVA monetary benefits they may be eligible to receive.

We work closely with the San Francisco Public Administrator/Guardian & Representative Payee Program, Medical Examiner's Office, Laguna Honda Hospital, SFGH, VA Medical Center (Ft. Miley), The Women Veterans Comprehensive Health Center, the San Francisco Vet Center, and the non-profit multi—service veterans advocacy organization called, Swords To Plowshares.

Among the services and benefits the Veterans Service Office assists with are:

- Homeless Veterans** referrals for shelter, counseling, medical care, etc..
- Medical Care** for veterans and eligible dependents and survivors
- Burial reimbursement** and other death benefits
- Education and Retraining** for veterans and dependents
- Claims for Disability** service-connected and non service-connected
- California University and College** tuition fee waiver for the children and spouses of disabled veterans
- CalVet** home loan applications and **Certificate of Eligibility** forms
- Applications for Admission** to the California State Veterans Homes in Yountville, Chula Vista and Barstow, California

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San Francisco Veteran Police Officers' Association

On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:30 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

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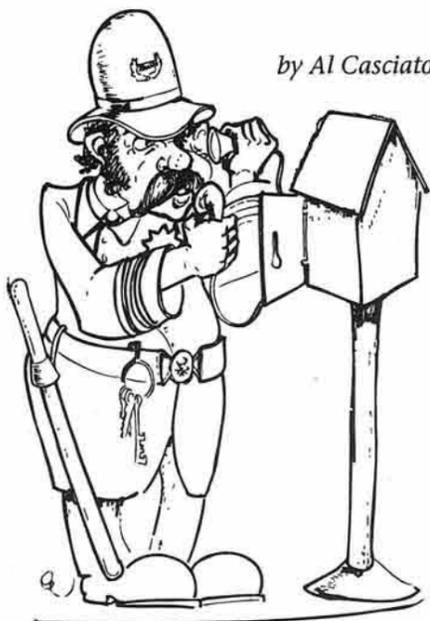
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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



by Al Casciato

...Heroic Effort:

On the night of April 23, 2002 Lt. Ken Cottura was walking through the Domestic Terminal #3 at SFO when he heard persons screaming for help from one of the men's restrooms. Upon entering, Ken found William Miller of Vancouver, Canada lying on the floor, an apparent stroke or heart attack victim. Ken immediately called for an ambulance. Police Service Aide Rigo Ortega, heard the call and went to assist. As they waited for the ambulance, Mr. Miller went into cardiac arrest. PSA Ortega assisted by Lt. Cottura performed CPR for an extended period of time but sadly Mr. Miller passed away. Their efforts were witnessed by the Miller family and several police employees. Captain Ron Roth has submitted a Captains Commendation to Chief Fred Lau recognizing Lt. Cottura and PSA Ortega. Captain Roth noted in the commendation that the Airport Bureau had recognized PSA Ortega as PSA of the month for March 2002...

...Poster Boy:

Jeff Brogan, Operations Center, is the "poster boy" for the Spine Center at the St. Francis Hospital. After undergoing 4 spine operations and spending nearly two years in rehab Jeff is back at work. So successful were the operations and recovery that the San Francisco Giants and Catholic Health Care West (owners of the St. Francis clinic) asked Jeff to star in their commercial. The commercial, which will air on Channel 2 (and on the Jumbo Tron during Giants games) shows Jeff swinging a golf club and trying to do an imitation of Tiger Woods' golf ball juggling act. Jeff wore his SFPD shirt proudly during the filming and notes that while filming at the Presidio he had the pleasure of meeting New York Yankee pitcher, Roger Clemens, who gave him encouragement. Welcome back Jeff...

...Escape from Alcatraz:

On May 8, 2002 — one of the windiest days of the year — Retired Lt. John Lynch celebrated his 80th birthday by swimming from Alcatraz Island to the South End Rowing Club located at the Foot of Hyde Street. The swim, which normally takes John approximately 40 minutes, lasted 1 hour 39 minutes because of the conditions. This birthday celebration, or should we say endurance task, was orchestrated by retired Captain Ray Minkel, a fellow swimmer who intends to make the same swim on his 80th b'day. (He has 4 years to train and pray for better conditions.)

— Happy Birthday John and we wish you many more...

...Money Laundering:

Richmond Station Caper. Officer Jim Strange was casually walking his beat past a Laundromat, when out came a patron carrying an empty laundry basket and fell in next to Jim. As both walked up the street, seemingly together, a couple walking past commented, "this must be a dangerous neighborhood, you need an officer to escort you to the laundry." Without missing a beat Jim replied (deadpan), "He's just laundering his money and needs all the protection he can get." The delivery of that line caused all four to break into laughter. The couple walked off telling Jim that they would be laughing all day long. A little humor goes a long way...

...Sick Call:

Lt. Frank McDonough, Co. B, and Officer John Wyman, Solos, are both seriously ill and undergoing treatments. Frank for tumors and John for a stroke. We pray for their recoveries. The Behavioral Science Unit is assisting them...

Chief Thomas Murphy is suffering from cancer. He can be contacted at 20 Glover St. S.F. 94109. Any cards would be appreciated.

...Births:

Retired Sgt. Mike McNeill writes that he and Linda have become grandparents for the fourth time. Their daughter Tammy gave birth to Angela Rose McNeill-Jones 9 lbs. 2 oz. 20 1/2 inches on December 18, 2001. She joined big sister Heavyn, 2 years. On May 5, 2002 daughter Michelle gave birth to Hailey Aryanna McNeill-Young 7 lbs. 11 oz. 18 1/2 inches. She joins big brother Zachary 9 years. Congratulations to all, especially the proud grandparents...

...Rest In Peace:

Robert V. Gibbons "the Gipper" March 27, 1922-April 20, 2002. Bob was a kind man and a great friend to all. If you ever visited the Police Athletic Club at Hunters Point you probably met him. He was the guy who greeted you kindly and warmly without fanfare. The following was passed out at his funeral and tells us who he was. — *If you want to honor the memory of a man that spent his life in service of his fellow man...treat someone kind today...give someone a dollar today with no sermon...if someone asks you for directions, tell them "Follow me, I'll drive us there"...stand the room a drink...tell someone you love them...* — May the

memories we leave be filled with such respect...

...Mark Your Calendar:

On Wednesday, June 5 there will be a joint meeting of Police and Firefighters to kickoff the November Charter Amendment Campaign. See your representative for details as to time and place. Remember, anything you do for the campaign must be done while off-duty. Get your family involved. Remind them your retirement affects them. We need all the help we can get...

...Special Olympics:

The annual fundraiser for the Special Olympics is in full swing and is being coordinated by Sgt. Bob Guinan, Solos. Bob has volunteered countless hours to the Special Olympics, and if you can help out give Co.K a call at 415-553-1245 and leave a message for Bob. Also, you can also send donations to Bob at Co.K. Be sure

to make checks payable to "Special Olympics"...

...Police-Fire Mass:

On Sunday, May 19 @ 1000 hours a memorial service will be held at St. Monica's Church Geary Blvd at 23 rd Ave. The Ecumenical Service honors all our deceased police and firefighters. Please come join their families in remembering and honoring those who have gone ahead...

...Calling All Mounties...

The Mounted Unit is attempting to have a reunion and many retirees' address and phone numbers are out of date. All former Mounties should call Lt. Bob Armanino at 415-671-3100 to update address and phone number.

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to AlCasciato@lycosmail.com, faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to Around the Department, 510-7th St., S.F., CA 94103.

TRAFFIC TIPS

By Rene LaPrevotte
Traffic Company



In mid-2000 the department came out with a legal update that included 5201(e)(2) cvc that permitted clear covers over license plates to prevent theft of registration tabs. The bulletin stated:

"Allows for the installation of a license plate security cover over the registration tabs so long as the device does not obstruct or impair the recognition of the license plate information."

Many officers, myself included, believed this amendment to allow the clear plastic covers that cover the entire license plate but prohibited the tinted ones as they "impair the recognition of the license plate information."

Well, a question came up regarding the specifics of the section and an actual reading of 5201(e)(2) prohibits

any cover that completely covers the entire plate. The cover allowed by this new section can only cover the registration tabs. I have yet to personally observe a cover that is in compliance with 5201(e)(2) in that only the registration tab is covered.

Any motorist who has any type of cover that covers the entire plate (front or rear) is in violation of 5201(e)(2) cvc. And subject to an enforcement stop, and naturally, a check of their drivers' license validity.



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Homage To Captain Jake Stasko

by Mike Hebel
Welfare Officer

On January 16, 1999 Captain Jake Stasko was killed when he fell asleep at the wheel of his police vehicle and crashed into a tree on Highway 101 north in Santa Rosa. He had been up for 20 hours and had recently completed a 13-hour tour of duty as commanding officer of the Crime Prevention Company. After a three year legal battle, Jake Stasko's family (Linda and her 3 children Tara, Meagan, and Brian) has been awarded the death-in-the-line-of-duty benefits that Jake earned and paid for with his life.

An independent hearing officer from the State Office of Administrative Hearings, after a 5 day trial, concluded: "there is compelling evidence supporting applicant's theory that her husband's fatal accident occurred not because he was intoxicated, but because he fell asleep while driving." Blood and urine samples taken at autopsy had revealed an alcohol content exceeding the legal limit for driving a vehicle. From the start the family and police officer associates asserted that these results could not be correct. A forensic expert agreed stating that the results were probably due to sample error. San Francisco's chief medical examiner, though not involved in this case, has commented that the procedures used by the Sonoma County Coroner's Office do not meet current standards.

Immediately following his death the editorial page of the *San Francisco Examiner* commented: "You know the scene: Two detectives are deep into the files in the bureau when one turns to the other, knots his brow and says, 'Something's fishy about this case.' That's just how the aftermath of the death of San Francisco Capt. Jake Stasko strikes us. It doesn't all add up."

Another editorial from the *San Francisco Examiner* concluded: "More than anything, Stasko's memory will be honored by an investigation that is as honest and as thorough and as tough

as he was. That's what a cop's life is about." Mrs. Linda Stasko's application for spousal benefits did bring about an honest, thorough, and tough investigation — one that honored the memory of her deceased husband, Captain Jake. And one that will forever restore, for his family and his memory, his extraordinary good name and reputation within the San Francisco Police Department and within the California law enforcement community.

More than 3,500 people — including 2,500 fellow peace officers gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral on January 21, 1999 for Captain Stasko's funeral. A 300-car cortege followed the Mass, lights flashing, up US 101 to Petaluma's Cavalry Cemetery, where he was buried. Three days later toxicology results, now disregarded, marred the accomplishments of an exceptional police career. The independent hearing officer's decision and the unanimous vote of the City's Retirement Board taken on May 7, 2002 to accept that decision has restored the Jake Stasko legacy to its proper position — a position of homage, respect, and grateful acknowledgment to him for his constant "efforts above and beyond the call of duty."

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their assistance in the three year battle for pension justice for the Stasko family: attorneys Jim Collins and Yale Jones, private investigator Jack Immendorf, forensic expert William Giguere, Sgt. Mike Stasko, Deputy Chief Heather Fong, retired Deputy Chief Richard Holder, retired Deputy Chief Joaquin Santos, Sgt. Mark Porter, retired Lt. James Hall, Off. Thomas Sweeney, Lt. Bruce Marovich, SFPD chaplain Ryan, Lt. Robert Armanino, Captain Edgar Springer, retired Off. James Hennessey, and Lt. Michael Slade. Thanks and acknowledgment is also offered to the SF Police Officers' Association, through its President Chris Cunnie, for the financial and emotional support needed and required to sustain a 3-year legal battle.

Captain George "Jake" Stasko

Death of Crash Victim Declared as Line of Duty

By Jack Immendorf
Immendorf and Company Investigations

A grave injustice may soon be righted and the good name and reputation of a much-decorated San Francisco police officer will be restored. Thanks to the unwavering support of Chris Cunnie and the POA, and the hard work of Attorneys Michael Hebel and Jim Collins, this unfortunate matter may soon reach a successful conclusion.

My son, Gene, and I participated in a pro bono investigation into the facts and events leading up to the tragic and untimely death of Captain George Stasko.

Captain George Stasko, known affectionately to his friends as "Jake," commanded the Crime Prevention Company that includes the Tactical Squad, Honda Unit, Mounted Unit, and the Bomb Squad. He was an expert witness on police matters for the City Attorney's office, a member of the Department's Crisis Intervention Response Team, and taught at the San Francisco Police Academy. He routinely worked 12 to 14 hours a day, and in 1998 worked the most overtime of anyone in his department. In addition to official duties, he worked for police consulting firms and volunteered his own time to serve as a board member for Operation Dream. Operation Dream is a non-profit program that Captain Stasko, together with other members of the Tactical Squad, organized in 1995 in order to mentor children in San Francisco's housing projects.

I had met Jake previously, but I got to know the real man while assisting my wife, Beverly, in her voluntary work with underprivileged children. Together with Captain Stasko, she served on the Board of Operation Dream. This non-profit program provides educational and recreational activities for underprivileged children in San Francisco's public housing. Some of these activities included the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Treasure Island and the "Holiday Toy Patrol where thousands of toys are distributed annually during the holidays. Jake was always deeply involved in these projects; he was a workaholic who enjoyed mentoring children. He was an inspiration, and was described by many as "non-political and color blind," treating everyone with equal respect and dignity.

Captain Stasko's long hours at work, coupled with his additional duties and volunteer activities, left little time for sleep. He usually slept no more than four or five hours a night and had frequently been cautioned about driving home to Santa Rosa after being up for 18 or 20 hours. He had occasionally "nodded off" while driving, which resulted on one occasion in his driving off the road. Several of his colleagues had cautioned him that if he did not

stop burning the candle at both ends, he was going to kill himself.

On January 15, 1999, at 5:00 p.m., and having been up for about 14 hours, Captain Stasko was finishing his regular shift when he responded to the scene of a bank takeover in which two officers and a civilian were shot and wounded. The suspect was shot and killed, and Stasko remained at the Command Post until about 7:00 that night. As the Commanding Officer, Stasko then visited his wounded officers, including two who had been injured in an automobile accident while responding to the scene. He traveled between SF General and St. Mary's hospitals counseling the officers and their families before arriving back at his office at about 9:00 that night. Sometime after 10:00, he visited his twin brother, a San Francisco police Sergeant, who had kept up his young children in order to see their uncle. They shared a meal, and he departed shortly before midnight for the trip back to Santa Rosa. At about 1:20 a.m., having been up for more than 20 hours and having traveled more than 50 miles, Jake was about ten minutes from home when he apparently "nodded off" and veered off the road, striking a tree, and was killed instantly. Scene investigation at the time of the accident seemed to indicate that he had probably fallen asleep.

Four days following the accident a B/A sample, "questionable" by current SFPD standards, resulted in findings which have placed a dark cloud over Captain Stasko's good name for the past two-and-a-half years.

Forensic expert, William Giguere, has concluded that the B/A sample was at best "unreliable." After much evidence and testimony by experts and witnesses, Administrative Law Judge Michael C. Cohen concluded that "there is compelling evidence to support the theory that the fatal accident occurred because Captain Stasko fell asleep while driving." This resulted in a finding that Captain Stasko's death occurred as the result of duty.

San Francisco Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Boyd Stephens, who was not directly involved in this case, was later quoted as stating, "I wouldn't be at all surprised if Stasko's blood specimens were "suspect." He further indicated that if the specimen had been collected by more reliable tests — which are now standard practice in San Francisco — this issue probably never would have arisen. Dr. Stephens, one of the state's leading forensic toxicologists, is further quoted as stating, "This could have saved everybody all the money, grief, and time."

I can fully understand and respect the opinions of those responsible individuals with differing viewpoints. I would point out to you, however, that I conducted a thorough and objective investigation including a "most unusual" interview with the former employee of the Sonoma County Coroner's Office who obtained the original specimen. I will not comment further at this time except to state that I absolutely concur with the opinion of several acknowledged forensic experts, and with an extremely competent judge, who have concluded after much review that this good and decent man died in the line of duty.

God bless you, Jake, and all of those who are sworn to Protect and Serve.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

April SFPOA Board of Directors Meeting — April 17, 2002

Call to Order/Pledge Of Allegiance/Roll Call

Vice President's Report

V/P Gary Delagnes chaired the meeting. The meeting began with the presentation of a plaque of appreciation to the Edison Charter School. Students at the school, primarily from the Bay View, Hunters Point, and Mission district, raised \$3,100 for the survivors of the September 11th terrorist attack.

V/P Delagnes advised the Board that members of the Executive Board meet with those members attending Continuing Professional Training (CPT) at 12 Noon every Wednesday at the Academy.

Gary acknowledged the rampant rumors concerning Chief Lau possibly retiring from the SFPD. He said a new chief was a real possibility.

The POA is meeting with the Department on a number of issues, including changes to P-1. However, any tentative agreement will be brought back to the Board of Directors. "We are not going to sell our members out. Any changes agreed to would have to create opportunities for all our members."

Discussion concerning the 3%@55 Charter Amendment. Support for the measure continues to grow. The kick-off is tentatively scheduled for early June at the Irish Cultural Center. Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano will be attending. The meeting should take two hours (0900 to 1100 hours) and will consist of training and strategy sessions to get things off the ground. Campaign events will begin in August and run all the way through October.

G. Lynch (Co. C) asked about the final language. Our labor attorney Vin Harrington is looking at the suggested ballot language. The measure's final language should be completed by mid-May.

New Building Report

Treasurer Jack Minkel updated the Board on the construction of the new POA building. Things have slowed down for a few weeks due to problems with the phone lines and Internet at the new temporary location on Bryant Street. The actual move out from 510 7th Street is still scheduled for the middle of May. All planning permits have been submitted. Over half the permits have already been approved. Letter of commitment should be received any day. Concerning the financing, money to be borrowed is to be repaid over 30 years. No environmental evaluation study is needed. The POA's neighbors in the area have been notified concerning the re-building. No adverse reactions (45 day clock to complain started running on March 25th).

Financial Requests

Any units seeking POA help in obtaining gym equipment funds must submit a purchase order to the POA Treasurer. D. Foss (Co. K) said that he found limiting the POA's financial help to gym equipment is limiting and wanted the Board to consider providing funds for furniture. J. Minkel stated that anything other than gym equipment would have to be brought up before the Board of Directors via a motion. J. Minkel: "The Board should make the decision. Also, no checks will be made out to the floral fund." Jack reminded the Board that the POA

would own the gym equipment. He also stated that if a unit wanted the POA to underwrite a TV or couch, for example, then make a motion before the Board.

D. Foss (Co. K) made a motion on behalf of the Traffic Company. His motion requested \$500 plus tax to offset cleaning costs for a recliner in the Traffic break room. Ben McAlister (Co. K) seconded the motion.

Doug said the proposed purchase in lieu of gym equipment would be deducted from the \$2,000 (every 5 years) approved for units at the last Board meeting. J. Zachos (Co. D) asked why the Department doesn't pay for these costs and if there are any minimum standards in this area? M. Dempsey (Co. G) suggested that Doug request from the Captain monies from the Building Capital fund. Additional discussion ensued.

M. Dempsey (Co. G) made the following motion:

Motion: That the preceding motion requesting \$500 plus tax to offset cleaning costs for a recliner in the Traffic break room be tabled

Move: M. Dempsey (Co. G)

Second: D. Sorgie (Co. G)

The motion to table was approved 13 - 12 on a roll call vote.

D. Foss made a request for \$500 for the School Safety patrol. This was referred to the Community Services Committee.

New Business

D. Foss raised the issue of a possible Muni Transit Authority (MTA) police force with no connection to the SFPD. There have apparently been discussions concerning this matter within the MTA. He also mentioned that the merger of DPT and the Muni was approved several years ago by the voters and that this merged entity could conceivably be involved in traffic enforcement. V/P Delagnes said that the Transit Workers Union remains 100% behind SFPD officers handling law enforcement duties on Muni vehicles and would oppose anyone with less than full peace officer status from carrying out that police function.

G. Rosko (Co. A) made the following motion:

Motion: That the SFPOA Board of Directors opposes the creation of an independent police force for the Municipal Transit Agency.

Move: G. Rosko (Co. A)

Second: P. Martinez (Co. F)

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

New Business (cont.)

G. Lynch (Co. C) mentioned that sensitivity training sessions were being held at Bayview Station. He wanted to introduce a motion by which the POA would donate \$1,500 to obtain baseball equipment (e.g. gloves and bats) for youths in the Bayview/Hunters Point area. S. Murphy (Co. E) expressed concern about such a donation as it seemed more appropriate for the Community Services Committee to entertain. V/P Delagnes to talk with the Department and the Community Services Committee.

Treasurer Jack Minkel raised the issue of the compensation for the office of the POA Vice President. He pointed out how the Vice President of Local 798 (Firefighters Union) receives a monthly compensation \$1,600. Cur-

rently the POA Vice President receives \$800 in monthly compensation.

Jack Minkel made the following motion:

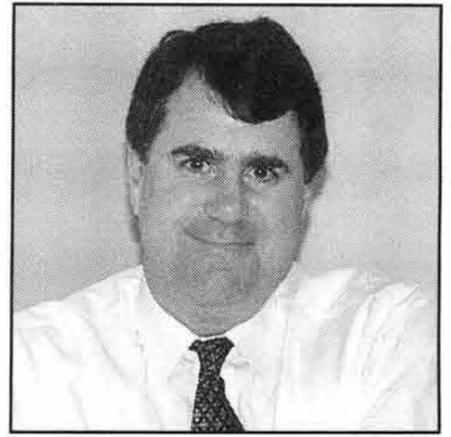
Motion: That the SFPOA Board of Directors approve a monthly compensation of \$1,600 for the office of POA Vice President.

Move: Jack Minkel (Treasurer)

Second: D. Householder (Co. E)

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The issue of the upcoming Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) overtime opportunities at the Airport was discussed. Training for the Airport overtime will be taking place shortly. Current Airport officers should require no more than 1 day of training, while non-Airport officers may require longer (2 or 3 days). TSA Overtime at the Airport is scheduled to commence on May 11th. D. Foss (Co. K) raised a concern that Solos working this overtime slot be paid at the appropriate rate of pay, so that no bad precedent would be set, i.e. no member would be paid less than their rank.



Steve Johnson advised the Board of Directors that the POA now has a new employee, Kelly O'Donnell.

Trial Board Report

The Board of Directors met in confidential Executive Session concerning matters associated with the Gale Wright Trial Board. Judge McBride has taken them matter under submission. There is no timeline as to when the matter will be ruled on.

Meeting was concluded at 1454 hours by Vice President Delagnes.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By,
Tom Shawyer
 SFPOA Secretary
 Sunday, April 21, 2002

POA Board of Directors' Meeting POA Building, April 17, 2002 1300: Meeting Convened Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call and Attendance

Unit	Present	Excused	Absent
President		Chris Cunnie	
Vice Pres.	Gary Delagnes		
Treasurer	Jack Minkel		
Secretary	Tom Shawyer		
Editor	Ray Shine		
Co. A	Judith Riggle George Rosko		
Co. B	Ed Santos		Kevin Martin
Co. C	Greg Lynch Joe Buono		
Co. D	Tony Montoya John Zachos		
Co. E	Steve Murphy Dave Householder		
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Co. I	John Scully Joe Finigan		
Co. J	Jesus Pena		Theresa San Giacomo
Co. K	Doug Foss Ben McAlister		
Tac	Mike Favetti Mark Madsen		
Narcotics	Brian Olcomendy		Lynne Atkinson
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San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

Eternal Life

by Dan Hampton

Have you ever asked yourself the question where will I be after I die? Maybe you haven't given it much thought. One thing for sure in this world is death and taxes. I think we all should be concerned about this subject since 9/11. We are only here on earth for a short period of time.

Did you know that Jesus Christ guarantees Eternal Life to those who believe and obey Him? He proves He can give you this gift by His death and resurrection from the grave.

You already knew that He was crucified on the cross for our daily sins. It was God's will that His only begotten Son would take onto Himself the judgment and penalty of sin. It is good news to know that when we believe in Jesus Christ, god the Father wipes our slate clean and purges our minds regarding the guild of sin, so we can begin to serve in the ministry of the body of Christ and love our fellow man.

Let me share with you verses in the gospel of John located in the New Testament. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For god did not send the son into the world to judge the world, but that the

world should be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Jesus Christ spoke these verses to the Jews and the gentiles (non-Jews). The Jews, if you will, represented organized religion and the gentiles represented secular values of organized government. Isn't it incredible that organized religion and secular government were instrumental in putting Jesus Christ to death! Both thought that if they put Jesus Christ to death, He would no longer be a threat to their power. But Christ's Kingdom is physically located in Heaven and also in the hearts of those who believe in Him. His followers are empowered by the Spirit of God to make it a priority to worship God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, love fellow believers, perform good deeds and kind acts of mercy to mankind, and to share this truth about Christ with others. Jesus Christ is the only religious leader who rose from the grave and started a following called Christianity.

All other religions have leaders who have gravesites. Christ's resurrection proves He is the Son of God and He says this, "for this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the son and believes in Him, may have eternal life' and I Myself will raise him up[on the last day.

Now, wouldn't you like to have a resurrected body like Jesus Christ Our Lord? All you have to do is believe in Him and obey Him. Why not do this today?

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Helicopters In Pursuit Operations

Sgt. Dan Linehan
Air Support Unit

Last month I wrote that the Department's helicopter program was ready to go and that the only issue to be resolved was the Unit's funding. I asked our readership who had an interest in the program to contact me. I am pleased to say the response from patrol officers was overwhelmingly positive. Without exception, the conversations included comments of surprise and disappointment that money was the only reason the helicopters were not operational.

This month I would like to talk about the primary role of a helicopter unit — that being pursuit operations. While information exists on the uses, costs and effectiveness of helicopters as a valuable law enforcement tool, until recently little research examining the uses and productivity of helicopters in pursuit operations had been completed. The U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice has completed such a study.

Baltimore City and Miami-Dade County

The DOJ study focused on two geographically and demographically contrasting sites that have been successfully using helicopters during pursuits. Baltimore City is very similar to San Francisco. It is approximately 80 square miles in size and it is laid out in narrow streets. The city is densely populated, with roughly 750,000 people. Baltimore PD is divided into nine districts and its helicopter unit is responsible for all areas of the city. The helicopter unit's primary function is to perform routine patrol, at an altitude of 500 feet and to respond to calls for service. The observer in the helicopter can provide detailed support information to ground units.

Miami-Dade County extends over 2,000 square miles, with a population of approximately 3 million people. The county covers a variety of areas less densely populated than Baltimore City, including rural, commercial and residential neighborhoods. The Miami-Dade air unit also has a routine patrol function but adds a response to calls duty due to its rural countryside.

The study reviewed each department's pursuit policy for patrol cars and air support. Baltimore has a discouragement policy for vehicular pursuits and Miami-Dade has a policy that only permits ground pursuits for violent felonies. Once a ground unit initiates a traffic, investigative, or felony stop and the suspect refuses to pull over and begins to flee, the ground units slow down and turn off all emergency equipment (unless the pursuit is justified by policy) to avoid pushing the fleeing vehicle. When the helicopter is available, the ground unit terminates its pursuit and turns the fleeing suspect over to the air unit. The ground officers rely on the helicopter crew to transmit directions and other information to determine when to resume pursuit activity. In both departments, suspects are observed until they stop and exit the vehicle, at which time the ground units can move in and take the suspect(s) into custody.

During the study period Miami-Dade helicopters were involved in 43 pursuits, while Baltimore City were involved in 89. The types of pursuit varied from carjacking, armed robberies and vehicle thefts. The most common pursuit scenario involved a helicopter following a vehicle from which



one or more suspects had bailed-out and attempted to escape on foot. Both departments reported that when the helicopter became involved in the pursuit, the most likely outcome was an arrest.

The DOJ study concludes that helicopters can provide a valuable service to law enforcement in general, and to the pursuit function in particular. The helicopter provides the ground units a platform from which to observe, track and illuminate people or places on the ground. Specifically, the helicopter serves as a backup to the ground officers. Flight crews can provide a perspective that cannot be achieved on the ground. They can communicate with ground units and provide information to direct them towards an intended position or away from a dangerous one. The helicopter's altitude and onboard equipment, particularly the 30 million-candlepower searchlight and GPS mapping systems, create a tactical advantage to the police by providing them with assistance and aerial cover.

San Francisco's Vehicle Pursuits

Several years ago our Department looked at the pursuit our officers engaged in and modified our policy to reflect the current trends in law enforcement. As a patrol supervisor it was incumbent upon me to monitor and supervise all pursuits from beginning to end. It was also my responsibility to terminate a pursuit if it did not meet the Department's policy or became too dangerous to continue. The balance of risk versus reward was always a deciding factor.

I always talked to the officers and tried to make the analogy that a vehicle pursuit was tantamount to a shootout. The only difference was the size and speed of the projectile.

The helicopter provides another option — another tool to catch the fleeing suspect without endangering the members of our Department or the public at large.

It is my understanding that during the years the Department had the helicopters in the hangers — ready to go — we had four accidents during pursuits in 1997, six in 1998, nine in 1999, 10 in 2000, seven in 2001.

In the first quarter of this year we have totaled nine radio cars. Let's assume each accident cost the City \$500,000. That might be a low figure when — for starters — you consider that each department car costs

\$40,000. Now add the costs of the police supervisors, fire, paramedic responders and hospital care. Let's not forget the costs of the station investigation and DABOR. Not to mention the loss in human terms — police officers to disability — temporary and possibly permanent or death.

Civilian loss of life or injury to those caught in the path of our fleeing suspect(s). We surely can't forget the civil litigation costs — City Attorney time, court time (judges and bailiffs) and the cash awards. A half a million per accident — very low but let's say that in 1997 we spent 2 million, 1998-3 million, 1999-4.5 million, 2000-5 million and 2001 3.5 million dollars in pursuits.

The budget for the helicopter all year is \$425,000. I can't say that if the helicopter were operational during this

time period we would have stopped all of these terrible accidents. I can say that we could have stopped one or more. In money terms it would be cost effective. In human terms it would be satisfying. After all we are out to save lives.

San Diego PD states in a video tape about their air unit, that during the ten years they have had helicopters, not one of their officers has ever been in a serious accident during a pursuit when their helicopter has been overhead.

Think about it. Can we afford to keep them on the ground? Please give me a call to share your thoughts on this subject. I can be reached at 671-3138. Some people say helicopters cost too much to operate — I say it costs too much not to have them.

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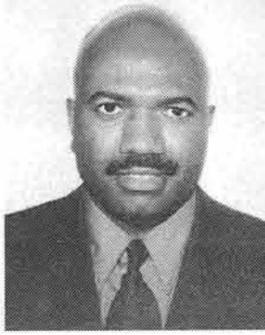
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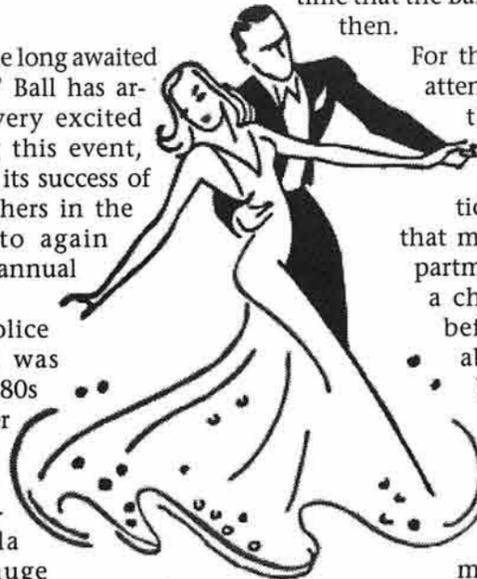
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fundraising event. This will be the first time that the Ball has been held since then.

Greetings, the long awaited Police Officers' Ball has arrived! We're very excited about hosting this event, and hope that its success of will inspire others in the Department to again make this an annual gala.

The first Police Officers' Ball was held in the 1880s as a fund raiser for the Widows' and Orphans' Association. The gala was such a huge success that it was held on an annual basis either at the Civic Auditorium or the Dreamland Auditorium at Post and Steiner Streets well into the 1960s. The organization began making investments in the 1960s, and as those investments grew, they stopped hosting the Police Officers' Ball as a

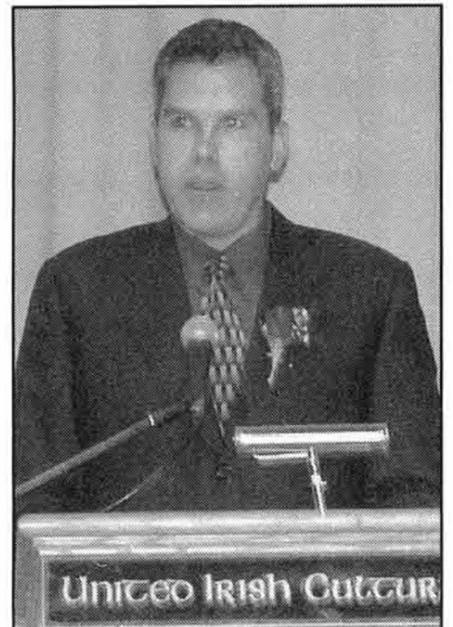


For those of you who are attending and supporting the Ball, you'll be making history. Not only will you be participating in an event that most of us in the Department have never had a chance to experience before, you'll also be able to honor members in our Department as they receive the first ever Excellence in Performance Award. It's the first time that members of each employee organization, as well as a civilian and uniformed civilian, have been honored together, and it's my hope that this type of celebration will continue to unite all of us rather than push us apart. Enjoy the Ball and the spirit in which it was produced.

San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society Fourth Annual Dinner Dance Saturday, May 4, 2002



Back Row, left to right: Det. Sgt. Joe Keenan, NYPD; Jean Keenan; Phyllis Moylan; John Moylan, Emerald Society Citizen of the Year; Sonoma County Undersheriff Richard Lonergan, Officer of the Year; Consul General of Ireland Donal Denham; Siobhain Denham. Kneeling: Emerald Society Director Pat Burke; Secretary Joe McFadden; President Val Kirwan; Mary Lonergan; Director Steve Murphy. The young lad standing between Mary and Richard Lonergan is their grandson.



Emerald Society Treasurer, Marty Halloran, addresses the audience at the Dinner Dance

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SFPD & Make-A-Wish Team Up Again

by Maggie Ortelle
FOB

From March 12 to March 15, 2002 Andrew Wawrow, a resident of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, visited San Francisco as a guest of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. His favorite movie is "The Rock" and Andrew wanted to see the place where it was filmed as well as surrounding points of interest.

He toured Alcatraz with the Presidio Fire Department and National Park Service, spent time with the U.S. Coast Guard as an honorary boatsman and

then to Northern Station for a tour of the station and presentation of gifts which included a declaration from Mayor Brown proclaiming March 15th Andrew Wawrow Day. Lt. Mike Jeffries, a native of Canada himself, had the honor of giving Andrew the proclamation.

Anjali Adukia, Make-A-Wish's San Francisco representative, spoke with Andrew's family after their San Francisco visit. His mom said she'd not seen such a look on his face; the smile and joy he couldn't hide made her cry. She said it was the most magical thing that ever happened. Fifteen-year old Andrew's comment was, "It was really cool!"

WHEREAS, Andrew Wawrow of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada is visiting the San Francisco Bay Area thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2002, one of Andrew Wawrow's wishes was fulfilled when he toured Alcatraz with the Presidio Fire Department and National Park Service to see where "The Rock," his favorite movie, was filmed; and

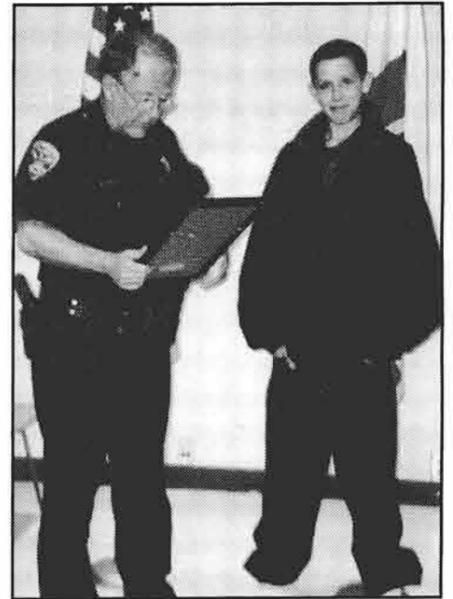
WHEREAS, March 14, 2002, Andrew Wawrow

Guard as an honorary boatsman and experienced the Marin Headlands from a fire engine; and

WHEREAS, today, he is spending time with our very own San Francisco Police Department; officers from Northern Police Station and the Traffic Bureau will show Andrew what it takes to be a San Francisco Police Officer: now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, welcome Andrew Wawrow to our City and do hereby proclaim March 15, 2002 as...

ANDREW WAWROW DAY
IN SAN FRANCISCO!



Lt. Mike Jeffries presents Andrew with the "Andrew Wawrow Day" proclamation



Officers Dave Herman and Matt Faliano pose with Andrew, his mother, brother and sister.



Officer Seve Marquez assists Andrew as he rides one of SFPD's horses.

experienced the Marin Headlands from a fire engine.

Once again Captain Alex Fagan of Northern Station and his officers were able to give Andrew a day he'll never forget. Officers Matt Faliano and Dave Herman met Andrew, his mother, sister and brother at their hotel (his dad had to remain at home to work) and took them to the Range where they met the Solos who were in shooting school. Andrew was able to watch the officers train to shoot while on their bikes and really enjoyed seeing them in action.

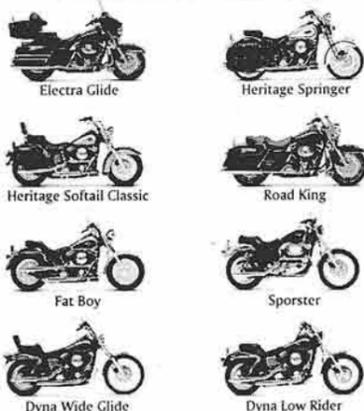
From the Range they went to the Stables where Andrew was able to briefly ride one of our horses under the guidance of Officer Steve Marquez. Officers Herman and Faliano took the family to lunch at Johnny Rocket's and

spent time with the United States Coast

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Location: Hall of Justice Police Auditorium, 6th Floor. Registration will begin at 1:15 p.m. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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Help educate your brothers and sisters (siblings) and give them the peace of mind you have about protecting tomorrow and enjoying today. Request a CalPERS Long-Term Care application kit for your brothers and sisters (siblings) by calling 1-800-338-2244 or visit the Web site at www.calpers.ca.gov/longtermcare.

Remember, you must apply before the deadline of June 30, 2002.

Officer Safety Alert

Watch for Hide-Away Gun Cubbies in "Gangsta Rides"

Submitted by Marshall Wong

On 13 March, Los Angeles police officers stopped a stolen vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, officers discovered a holster for a .380 semi-automatic handgun in the center console. The driver "swore" that there was not a firearm in the vehicle. Three separate officers searched the vehicle for firearms, with negative results.

The vehicle was taken to the impound yard for a more detailed inspection. Upon inspection of the carpet on the driver's side floor, the 12x8 inch plastic heel pad under the pedals did not feel right. It had no movement like

specification with a crow bar revealed that the floorboard had been cut out, and a trap door that pops up electronically had been installed. A .380 semi-automatic pistol with an extra magazine was recovered from this hidden compartment. The switch was hooked to the driver's electronic seat controls.

The driver was cooperative and told officers that many "gangster rides" have these trap doors hooked to different types of switches, such as air conditioning, radio, rear defroster, etc. The subject stated that it usually takes two buttons, pressed simultaneously, to activate the trap door.

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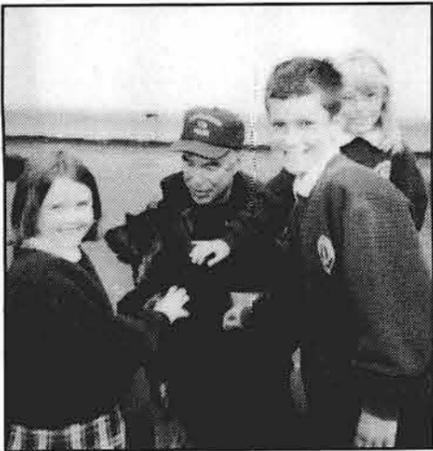
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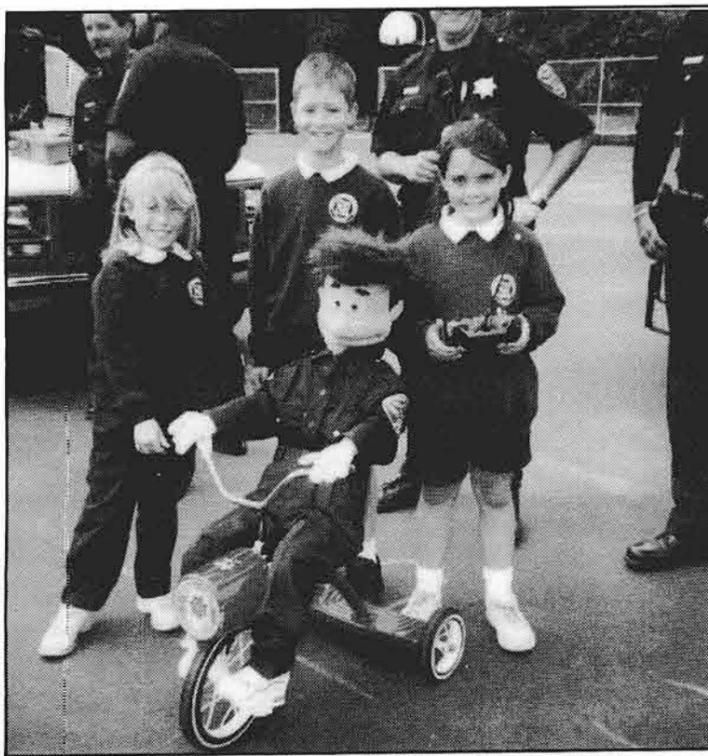
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In light of the recent 9/11 tragedy and the ongoing danger arising from its wake, this space is devoted to honor those, who through dedication, fulfilled their Civic duty, even when faced with risk and peril; and now, regrettably, are no longer with us.

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San Francisco Cops Wait Tables for Special Olympics



A group of uniformed San Francisco police officers spent their off-duty time waiting on diners at Chevy's Mexican Restaurant in Stonestown in a successful effort to raise money for the Special Olympics. Donning a large sombrero and gracious smile, each of the table-waiting cops served up platters of Mexican food to a packed restaurant of generous tippers. Also on hand to lend his support was retired 49er star Eric Wright. Look for more Tip-A-Cop events in June.



Sgt. Bob Guinan, Eric Wright retired from the SF 49ers and Frank Achim

Kyra Greenlaw, David Dockery, Mary Espinosa and Nelson Reyes



Sgt. Bob Guinan, Eric Wright, Sgt. Michelle Craig and Sgt. Rachael Kilshaw



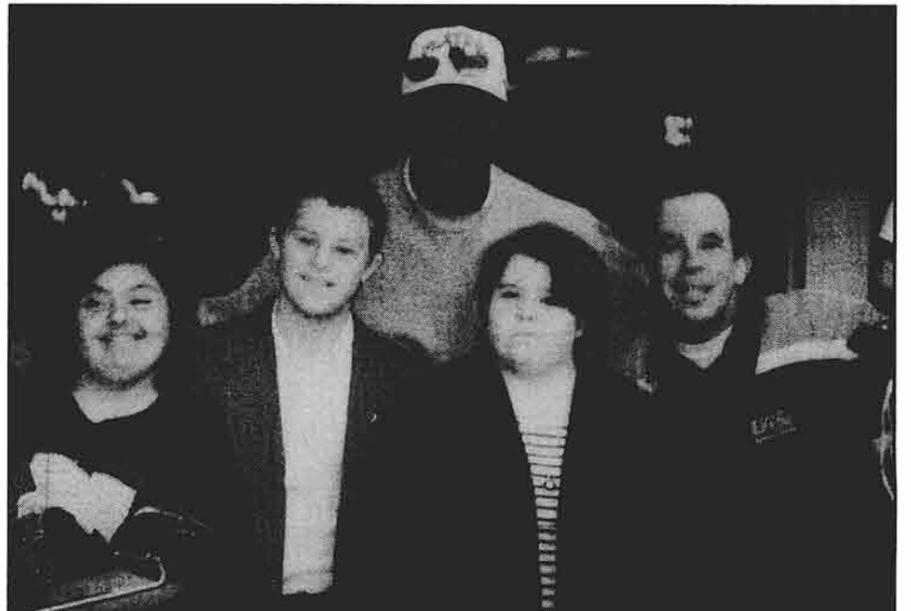
Solo John Fulwood and Sgt. John Fewer



Ted Mullins



Solos George Fogarty, Eddie Dare, Frank Achim, Lt. Don Carlson, Sgt. Bob Guinan and John Fulwood with athlete Gema Barraza



Eric Wright with some very special athletes: Gema Barraza, Robert Gargen, Allison Gargen and Jason Romero

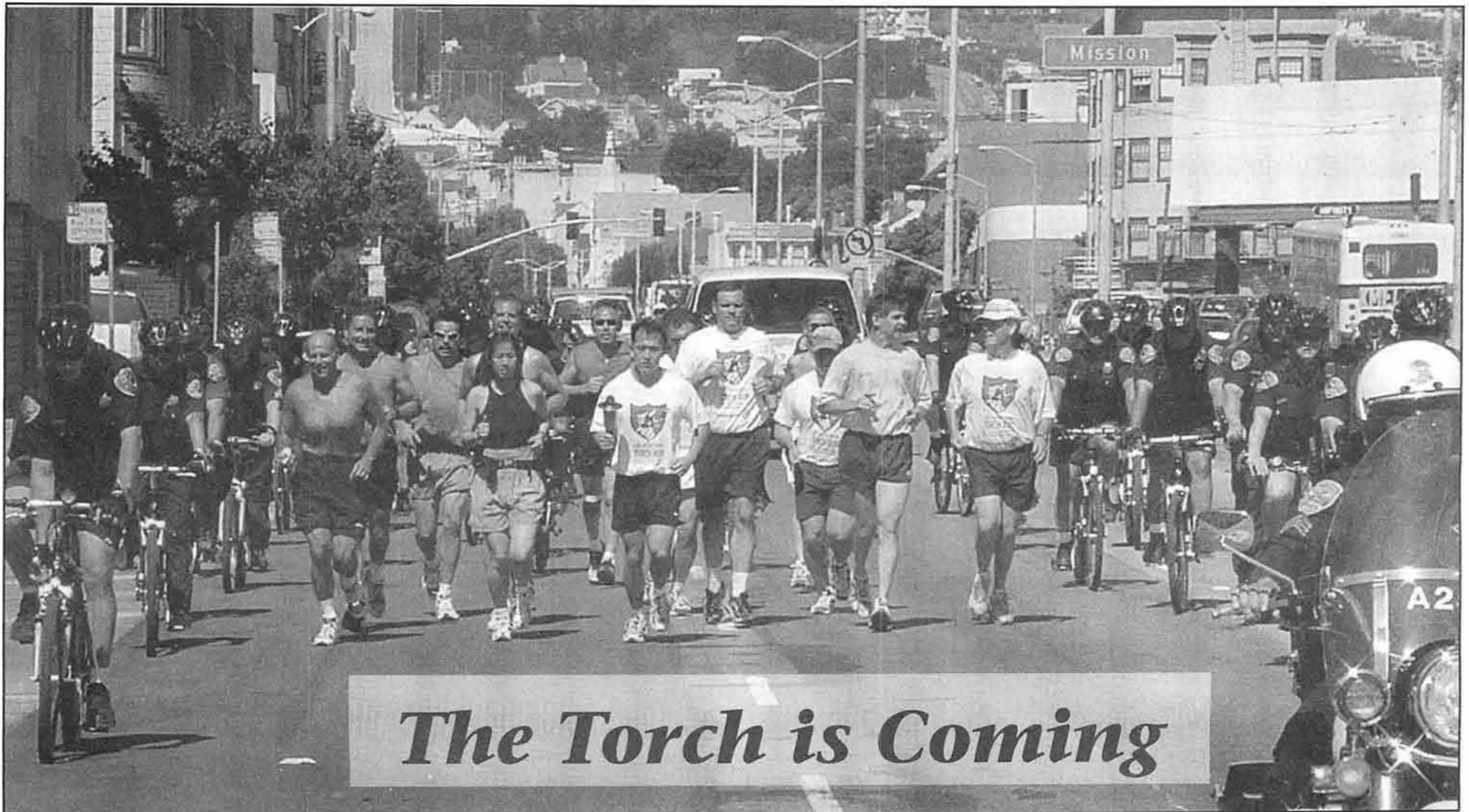
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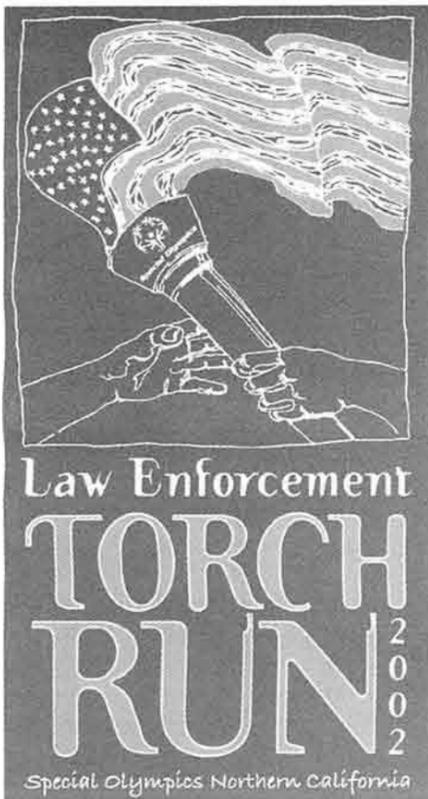
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So form a team and represent the San Francisco Police Department on **Wednesday, June 5th**. The run will start at the Golden Gate Bridge and end at Justin Herman Plaza. Come out and join the fun and raise funds for Special Olympics by asking your co workers, friends and family to sponsor you with a pledge of a **dollar a mile**.

Contact Sgt. Bob Guinan at Co K (998-4535) for more information on joining the fun.

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Letters



Dear Chief Lau,

I wanted to express my appreciation to Officers Andrew Cohen and Bob Mammone for providing "Hearts" videos for use in our instructional program. These excellent productions not only highlight the lives and duties of San Francisco police officers, but also illustrate the reality and experiences of our profession in general. "Women on Patrol" is the type of local production that I believe deserves a San Francisco Film festival award nomination!

Our students will benefit from viewing the fruits of Officer Cohen's and Officer Mammone's labor. The exposure for SFPD will additionally provide a recruitment emphasis for future officers. Thank you.

Raymond Hill, Professor
Santa Rosa Junior College

RE: SFPOA Building Complex

Dear Mr. Ho,

This is a letter of intent to enter into a long-term lease at the new SFPOA building at 510 Seventh Street in San Francisco. We have been a tenant in the SFPOA's building for 4 years and would like to remain in the neighborhood. Based upon our needs we are required to be close to the Hall of Justice. We feel we have a true understanding of both the neighborhood and the potential market for our legal services. We are excited about the possibilities, and would like to express our praise for the design and layout of the new building.

We look forward to working with you on finalizing the arrangement.

Thom Bateman
California Community Dispute Services

Captain Gregory Corrales
Mission Police Station

Steve Thoma
Mission Station Community
Coordinator

Dear Fellow Officers:

On behalf of all New York City police officers, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Your check in the amount of \$85,000 for our Widows and Children's Fund is especially meaningful to us particularly in this time of tremendous need. It will enable us to continue the fine programs established by the fund, such as providing scholarship grants, holiday gifts and other financial assistance for the families of police officers killed in the performance of duty.

It is because of thoughtful people like you that police officers will never fail to rise to the occasion and risk their lives in defense of the community they serve.

All the members of the PBA are grateful for your support and for your help in brightening the lives of these families.

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Lynch, President
Patrolmen's Benevolent Association
City of New York

themselves are heroes in their own right.

I also would like to thank Captain Michael Yalon and Lieutenant Donald Carlson for submitting my name to Chief Lau for this award, as well as my personal thanks to Deputy Chief Heather Fong, Commander Gregory Suhr and Police Captains Gregory Corrales and Alex Fagan for taking time on what should have been a quiet Sunday at home, to show their support for Officer Herman and myself by being present for our awards.

I sincerely hope that the next thirty-three years of my career with the SFPD warrant the respectful acknowledgment you gave the first half of my law enforcement career. I remain...

Respectfully yours
Sgt. Rene LaPrevotte #946
San Francisco-Police Department
Solo Motorcycle Division

May 2, 2002
Mr. Chris Cunnie, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association
510 - 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Chris,
On behalf of The Guardsmen, I would like to thank you and the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for your generous contribution to our organization's Campership Fund.

Because of your contribution, twelve underprivileged children of the San Francisco Bay Area will be afforded an opportunity to spend two weeks at summer camp in 2002. Last year, because of contributions like yours, we were able to send over 4,500 children to summer camp.

Along with sending to summer camp, we also provide monetary grants to local organizations which positively impact at risk youth in our communities. We are a proud sponsor of the San Francisco Police Department's Fishing Program and Wilderness Program.

As a member of the POA, it makes me extremely proud of the generosity we have shown in our past and current involvement with The Guardsmen Campership Fund. I have observed firsthand the hope and joy children experience in attending The Guardsmen sponsored camps through my work with The Guardsmen.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Inspector Joe Engler
Burglary Detail
850 Bryant Street, Room 405
San Francisco, California 94103

May 2, 2002
Chris Cunnie President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association
510 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear President Cunnie
I was pleased to read, in the San Francisco Chronicle April 29, 2002 edition, that Captain George Stasko death was declared as in the line of duty by Administrative Law Judge Michael Cohen.
I have enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to the editor, of the San Francisco Examiner, on February 4, 1999, in response to their editorial, "Death Of A Cop." Common sense dictates what possibly happened on that tragic night and I feel that my

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Dear Police Officers Association,

My name is Jazz Banks and I am the president of the student council at Edison Charter Academy. We are a K-5 school in San Francisco. After September 11 attacks, our school had a jump-a-thon and raised \$3173.75 to donate to the families of the police officers who died in the tragedy. I am very sorry about what happened. I hope that the money we raised will be of some help to you. My school will always remember what the policeman and fireman did in New York.

Sincerely,

Jazz Banks



POA Vice President Gary Delagnes presents an award to Jazz Banks, student body president, Edison Charter Academy, while principal, Vincent Charles Matthews looks on. Jazz and her classmates raised \$3173.75 for the NYPD relief fund. This school is made up of inner city kids who come from mostly poor families and they raised more money than any other school in the Bay area. PHOTO BY BOB MAMMOME

assessment of the incident is close to the truth.

I am submitting this article and a copy of my previous letter to the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association to possibly have their Board Of Directors grant a \$1000 line of duty death benefit to George's widow. As you know I was successful, in this kind of submission, for the widows of Officers Brookbush and Dougherty, in year 2000.

I will keep you informed on this and if the award is made I will be asking you for your help in contacting Linda Stasko for the presentation.

Paul R. Wallace
PFIA Agent
San Francisco, California

Stasko fell asleep and that caused the accident. I feel that it must have been a real slow news day for the print and broadcast media to jump on this story and besmirch a man who can not now defend himself. It would be far better if this story had any earthly value, to wait until an independent investigation took place and the true facts were brought out.

In all the years that George Stasko gave of himself, to the community he served, I never once saw him get any attaboy's from the media.

I knew George Stasko and he was everything good that has been said about him, he cared. I will miss him.

Paul R. Wallace

Dear Chris—

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to the SFPOA Community Services Committee for their vote of confidence and generous contribution. This donation will benefit the St. John's Tutoring Center field trip fund. Your organization helps make it possible to show the young people a world outside their everyday experience.

We are grateful for our long-standing relationship with the SFPOA and look forward to many more years of working together to brighten the lives of children and youth in The Mission.

Sincerely,
Ethel Siegel Newlin
Community Liaison
St. John's Educational
Thresholds Center

February 4, 1999

Letters To The Editor
San Francisco Examiner
PO Box 7260
San Francisco, California 94120
Editor,

Responding to your editorial of February 3, 1999 "Death Of a cop." I have to agree, that it doesn't all add up if we are to believe that Stasko's blood alcohol level was .36 percent. At that level Stasko would have been unable to operate a vehicle for one block let alone drive from San Francisco to Todd Road, an approximate distance of 50 miles, without getting into an accident long before he reached the scene of his demise. Knowing the route that Stasko had to take to get to Santa Rosa, which is full of up hill down hill left and right hand turns, convinces me that

Dear President Lynch —

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association's fundraising efforts for the survivors of our fallen law enforcement brothers and sisters in New York City have continued over the last six months. On behalf of the 2,200 rank and file members of the SFPOA, I am proud to present to you a check for \$25,000 for the families of the Port Authority officers, and \$16,000 for the families of the NYPD officers lost in the World Trade Center.

These donations are a continuing expression of our gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Since September 11, there has been a tremendous outpouring of grief and support, not only from the SFPD, but also from the entire Bay Area community for the heroes we lost in the terrorist attacks and those they left behind.

Although we are 3,000 miles away, we share your pain as fellow law enforcement officers. Please know that we will always be there for our New York family.

Sincerely,
Chris Cunnie, President
San Francisco Police Officers'
Association

April 26, 2002

Governor Gray Davis
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 131 (Corbett)
SB 657 (Scott)
AB 1122 (Corbett)

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association we urge your approval of the above three bills which, when enacted, will bring California State law into conformity with the Federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

These 3 bills will allow our members to fully participate in the deferred compensation plan offered by the City and County of San Francisco.

Thank you for your consideration,
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San Francisco Police Officers'
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Lost Wallet of SF Officer Arrives Home after 51 years

Staff Report

On April 18, 2002, Officer Romeo dela Vega of the Fencing Detail received a package from a person who lives in Tucson, Arizona. In the package were an old worn-down wallet and a letter. The individual who wrote the letter, Mr. Robert Kupbens, aged 79, explained that he found the wallet in a phone booth in Bakersfield, California — in 1951!

Way back then, soldier Robert Kupbens put the wallet in his army jacket, thinking that he would turn it into authorities later. Fate interceded, however, when Kupbens found himself the victim of an auto accident later that day. He subsequently forgot about the found property.

When he arrived home, Kupbens hung his jacket in a closet. Months later his mom bought a tall dresser cabinet and placed it in front of the closet. For the next 51 years, the jacket and wallet hung forgotten deep inside the closet behind the cabinet.

Fifty-one years later, Mr. Kupbens found the old army jacket with the wallet still inside. He spread the con-

tents out across a table and found the name of the owner on a US Coast Guard Reserve identification. The name on the card was John Payne. The ID card also listed the man's employer as the San Francisco Police Department. Kupbens dutifully — albeit belatedly — mailed the wallet and its contents to the SFPD. Upon its arrival at the Hall of Justice, the package was handed over to Officer dela Vega for follow-up.

Dela Vega did not have to look far to find the rightful owner. In fact, a fast phone call to the Alameda County District Attorney's office connected him with Investigator John Payne, a recently retired sergeant from the SFPD, and the grandson of the late John Payne who lost the wallet so many years ago.

Sergeant John Payne responded to dela Vega's office and retrieved the bit of family history. His grandfather died when John was a young boy, but John was anxious to claim the wallet and respond directly to his father's home to show him the found property. Sergeant Payne's fa-

ther is also named John, and he too is a retired San Francisco police officer.

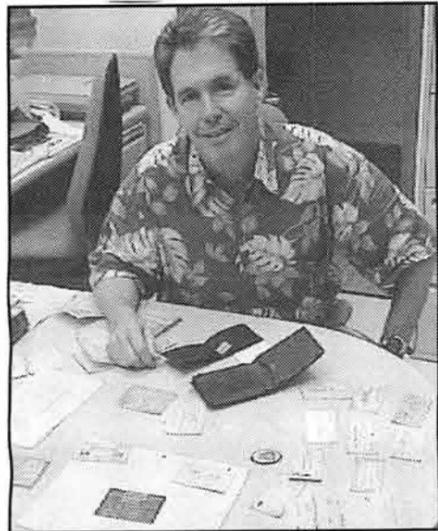
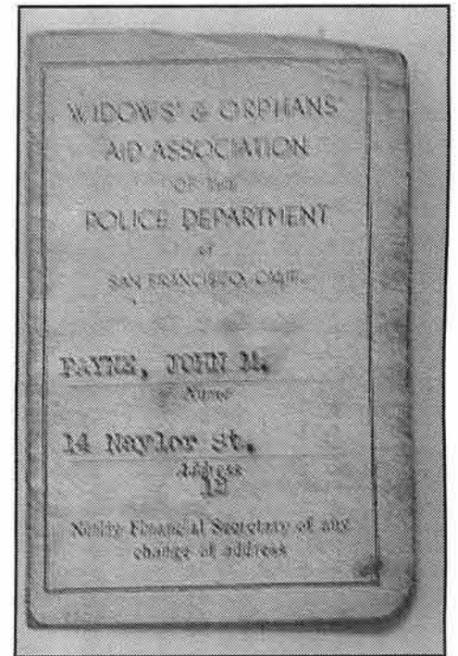
Sergeant John Payne telephoned Mr. Kupbens and expressed his and his father's gratitude. He also thanked the Arizona resident for enclosing a personal check for sixty dollars. It seems that the wallet had that much cash in it when Kupbens was going



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Worker's Compensation Claim For Tuberculosis

Editor's note: The following text is excerpted from a department memo. A copy of the memo was submitted to POA Welfare Officer, Mike Hebel as an alert to the members. The name of the writer has been withheld. The headline has been added.
— RS

Some time ago, I received free TB testing at the Tenderloin Task Force with a positive result. The test was conducted by our Health Department, yet no one advised me that a positive result is job related for police officers. I was told to seek a private physician. None of the doctors I consulted at the time advised me to seek treatment. Most, including the head of infectious diseases at Mt. Zion, said, "Don't worry about it." Many SFPD members were tested positive at the time.

I have since received advice from my doctor to begin treatment rather than incurring full blown TB and becoming infectious later in life. TB can be life threatening.

I have also learned that according to the California Labor Code, section 3212.6, tuberculosis is considered job related for public safety officers. Therefore, I am notifying this department to file a worker's compensation claim to seek reimbursement for expenses related to this job related infection.

I know that there are many members of our department who tested positive who are not receiving treatment and who do not know that contracting TB is presumed by law to be job related. These officers risk full-blown infections later in life.

Please file the proper forms so that worker's compensation will cover this situation instead of my private insurance. Additionally, please notify all members of this department to get tested for TB, as they work in a highly infectious pocket geographically, and inform our members that treatment will be provided by worker's compensation as this disease is considered by law to be job related.

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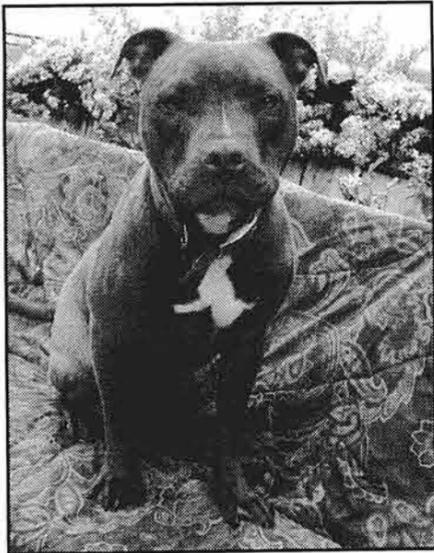
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Sports



NICK'S NOTES

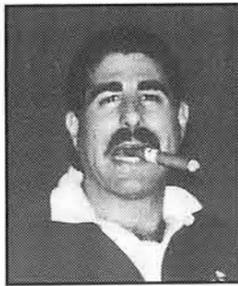
by Nick Shihadeh
Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT: The department softball season is doing its best to hang in there despite teams either folding or starting not to have enough players showing up to games because of losing records. One team that folded because of lack of interest (or rather the inability of the young personnel on midnights to connect with their salty vets on days and swings) is Southern Station. It's too bad as they have been a competitive force in the league year in and year out for a long time. As the old saying goes: better luck for next year to see if they can pull it back together.

Teams that are starting to show a lack of interest because of losing records are the Inspectors and the Central Station ball clubs. The Inspectors

have featured the likes of Woody Hawes, Wayne Hom, John Hallisy, Dom Celaya and Leroy Lindo or Joe Engler when they can make it; but, their busy work schedules combined with the losing record has made it harder for them to show up with enough players to field a team. Central Station has hung in there with veterans Bob Clevidence and Bill Cook making softball comebacks after long respites from the game; unfortunately, they haven't won a game yet and have been blown out in all of their losses making it harder to have motivation to keep coming out.

The Daly City PD team can't seem to make up their minds as to whether or not they want to be in the league.



They weren't showing up to their early games; but, when Commissioner Brian Olcomendy told them that they might as well fold, they decided to start fielding a team. DCPD showed up with enough players to maybe one game and then started forfeiting all over again. The league will continue to have patience with this club as they help make the Westlake Fields available at a very reasonable rate. It's such a shame that the good people of Daly City treat the SFPD hundreds of times better than the questionable people at our own SF Park and Rec.

As far as the successful teams in the league are concerned, Northern #1 is leading the pack with an 8-0 record with the Bayview Pitbulls right on their tails at 7-0. Northern players such as Rob "Washington HS" Fung, Rob "Robbo" O'Sullivan, and Jeff "JR" Roth are complementing the rest of the squad very well. They're a team that are very hard to beat.

The Pitbulls suffered a blow to their chances when enthusiastic player/manager Isaac Espinosa recently broke his ankle and elbow on the job while apprehending a felon. Players such as Eric Solares (filling in for the injured Lenny Broberg), Adam Choy, Jim Ahern, Dean Hall, Eric Altofer and even Matt Mason will have to carry the torch for their comrade who will be on the mend a good while. In the meantime, everyone wishes Espinosa as speedy a recovery as possible.

Taraval/Richmond is coming on

pretty strong with a record of 6-1; they have a tough club full of old guys that features: Tommy "Lumpy" Lovrin, Glen Melanson, Gerry Lyons, Rafael "Raffy" Labutan, Bill Decarsky, and even recent retiree Gene Traversaro. If all continues going well, they should be in the Tier 1 playoffs (the first four teams in the league standings) come the end of the season.

Middle of the pack teams hoping for playoff berths in at least the Tier 2 playoffs (teams five through eight in the standings) are Ingleside Station and the Northern Bulldogs. Ingleside has Greg Lattus, Kevin Noble, and Dave Maron (retired captain) performing well at the direction of manager Bob "Laz" Lazzaretto—they would like a crack at the Tier 1 playoffs but there is still much of the season left.

The Bulldogs weren't too happy with me last month when I just assumed that they were off to a slow start and printed it in my column without actually checking the facts. Well, I was very wrong as this club jumped out to an exciting 3-0 record to the surprise of everyone around the league. Unfortunately, they fell back down to earth very hard with a recent 5-game losing streak. I guess this Northern #2 team just started playing ball like the "usual suspects" that every knows them to be. This I have to say was no surprise at all.

That's it for now...
So See Ya next month...

Softball Standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northern #1	8	0	1.00	
Bayview Pitbulls	7	0	1.00	1/2
Taraval/Richmond	6	1	.857	1 1/2
Mission #1	6	2	.750	2
Tenderloin Rats	6	2	.750	2
Tactical Co.	4	1	.800	2 1/2
Park Islanders	5	2	.714	2 1/2
Ingleside Station	4	2	.667	3
Mission Chihuahuas	3	4	.429	4 1/2
Airport Bureau	3	4	.429	4 1/2
Northern Bulldogs	3	5	.375	5
The Inspectors	3	5	.375	5
SF Sheriffs	0	7	.000	7 1/2
Central Station	0	8	.000	8
Daly City PD	0	8	.000	8

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Sports



April 11, 2002

Ironman/Ironwoman Competition

This year's competition started bright and early at the Hall of Justice gym with nine open teams, three men's senior teams and one women's senior team as well as five competing in the men's open, five in the men's seniors and one masters, three women senior open and one woman master. The morning started right in with the bench press, pull-ups (hanging for the woman) and then sit-ups.

Everyone did well but Ed Yu (GTF) was way ahead of the pack on just about every event in the men's open and took the gold and while Angelo Spagnoli (Tac) pretty much did the same thing in the men's senior earning the gold in that division. Having decided just a few days before the competition to participate in all the events, Andrea Joseph (Airport) gave a remark-

able display of strength and skill and took the women's senior gold. The latest category in the competition is the Masters and Dennis Martel (Airport) took the men and Kathie Feyling (Airport) took the women's masters gold. Next year we hope to have more than one in those divisions.

The Men's Team Open had nine teams competing furiously all morn-

ing and at the end Tenderloin Team #1 came out on top, Mission Station 2nd and Suhr's Ringer Team 3rd. The Men's Senior Team gold winner was the Airport Green Team, with Airport Red 2nd and Airport Blue 3rd. The Airport Senior Women's Team, in addition to giving a strong performance, came in first, second and third being the only team in that division.

MEN'S OPEN

NAME	Bench	X 10	Pull-ups	X 20	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	27:00:00	TOTAL
1. Ed Yu (GTF)	81	810	48	960	140	700	101	505	32:54:00	646	3621
2. John Burke	59	590	37	740	132	660	127	635	31:56:00	704	3329
3. Eric Vintero	49	490	28	560	118	590	123	615	34:07:00	573	2828
4. Alex Fagan	43	430	28	560	121	605	61	305	31:42:00	718	2618
5. Tom Smith	43	430	22	440	105	525	116	580	42:36:00	64	2039

MEN'S SENIOR

NAME	Bench	X 10	Pull-ups	X 20	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	27:00:00	TOTAL
1. Angelo Spagnoli	55	550	50	1000	115	575	137	693	36:13:00	447	3265
2. Malcolm Anderson	66	660	25	500	79	395	127	635	34:13:00	567	2757
3. Rick Bruce	59	590	17	340	87	435	71	355	32:26:00	674	2394
4. Kevin Moylan	66	660	25	500	92	460	39	195	37:15:00	385	2200
5. Greg Suhr	70	700	35	700	100	500	11	55	43:34:00	6	1961

WOMEN'S SENIOR

NAME	Bench	X 10	Hang	X 3	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	30:00:00	TOTAL
1. Andrea Joseph	42	420	1:19	237	68	340	127	635	51:41:00	0	1632
2. Judy Peters	31	310	1:07	231	100	500	32	160	41:28:00	312	1513
3. Kathie Feyling (Masters)	42	420	1:30	270	66	330	57	285	43:42:00	178	1483

TEAM OPEN

TEAM	Bench	X 10	Pull-Ups	X 20	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	27:00:00	TOTAL
1. Tenderloin #1	Smith	101-1000	Kiang	30-600	Sawyer	139-695	Vintero	130-650	Perez	28:27-913	3858
2. Mission Station	Oberzier	100-1000	Dempsey	44-880	Richardson	161-805	Tozini	134-670	Escobar	36:21-439	3794
3. Suhr Ringer Team	Suhr	70-700	Yu	48-960	Nastari	113-565	Sloan	148-740	Mulkeen	30:24-796	3761
4. Specialists	Chin	84-840	Knoble	31-620	Lundin	144-720	Pera	115-575	Hurley	32:08-692	3447
5. Airport	Anderson	93-930	Sembrana	29-580	Thomas	111-555	Schlegle	126-630	Willett	34:10-750	3445
6. Bayview	Rodriguez	60-600	Espinoza	47-940	Paul	157-785	Hall	142-710	Festa	38:48-292	3327
7. Tactical	Williams	68-680	Sawyer	34-680	Mendez	127-635	Smith	116-580	Burke	31:56-704	3279
8. Park Station	Schiff	55-550	Brothers	32-640	Newbeck	106-530	McEllistrim	82-410	Fagan	31:42-720	2850
9. Tenderloin #2	Moylan	66-660	Ha	34-680	Fitzpatrick	65-325	Jones	16-80	Sheehan	33:35-605	2350

TEAM MEN'S SENIOR

TEAM	Bench	X 10	Pull-Ups	X 20	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	27:00:00	TOTAL
1. Airport Green	Wong	55-550	Clemens	36-720	Peters	100-500	Diquisto	72-360	Martel	35:51-469	2599
2. Airport Red	Martel	50-500	Bruce	17-340	Gonzalez	106-530	O'Malley	38-190	Roth	33:12-628	2188
3. Airport Blue	Hollis	42-420	Lanfranchi	14-280	Wronski	50-250	Joseph	127-635	Clemons	35:13-507	2092

TEAM SENIOR WOMEN

TEAM	Bench	X 10	Hang	X 3	Sit-ups	X 5	Shoot	X 5	Run	30:00:00	TOTAL
1. Airport Senior Women	Joseph	42-420	Feyling	1:30-2:70	Harper	100-500	Feyling	57-285	Peters	41:28-312	1787

Sports



2002 North American Police Ski Championship

by Chris daRozza
Airport Bureau

This year, the 13th Annual NAPSC was held on March 16 though the 23rd at Snowmass Village in Aspen, Colorado. We again had over 130 Sworn police officers from around the globe. The continued support of the Winter Special Olympics in the past has raised over \$330,000. This year it took on greater meaning than ever, as we sa-

luted our brave police and fire fighter forces that endured the 9/11 tragedy of last year. We also donated to the 9/11 Victims Fund in order to honor the many friends, heroes and victims of that tragic day.

Snowmass again proved to be a great skiing venue with more than 3000 skiable acres encompassing terrain for all abilities and boasts the longest U.S. lift served vertical rise of 4406 feet. More than 90% of their

lodging has excellent ski-in/ski-out access. The 5-day lift ticket was interchangeable at Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. Snowmass has a free intra-resort shuttle and shuttle service between all of these resorts as well as downtown Aspen.

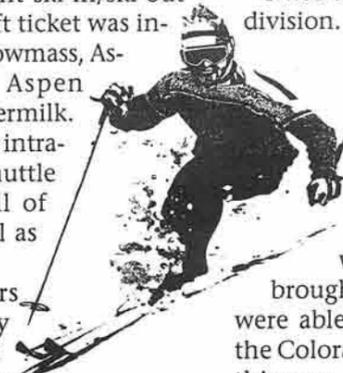
As always, racers were grouped by ability, gender and 5-year age brackets for terrific competition. To be eligible, one must have completed the seed race, and teams were comprised of at least two officers from a department. The events this year included a Giant Slalom, Slalom, and Super G (where helmets were required). There were award nights every night of the week, an auction, and the last day banquet. Everyone was eligible for door prizes given out each night.

I was again seeded in the advance division. I was able to bring home two Gold medals— for the Giant Slalom and Slalom — plus a Bronze medal for the Super G.

This week was a memorable occasion and all for a good cause as well. At the Banquet, it was brought to our attention that we were able to raise about \$30,000 for the Colorado Winter Special Olympics this year.

Next year NAPSC 2003 will be held in Keystone, just outside Denver, Co. Hopefully I can get some SFPD members in the competition. Also for next year is the International Police Winter Games which I believe will be held at Lake Tahoe.

If interested in getting a team together, please email me at SFPDSkiTeam@aol.com.



by Rene LaPrevotte

I just received a brief report from "Ride-Leader" Mike Favetti who reported-in on the Cinco-de-Mayo ride to Phoenix. No one crashed, was cited, or jailed... so it sounds like his tours are far more subdued than mine are. I'm told we'll learn of a San Francisco Police Officer who couldn't find Interstate #5, so it's therefore also painfully obvious that the average intellect of the participants on my rides is substantially higher than Favetti's. Full ride report right here, next month...

A group of SF Firemen are riding to New York for the September 11th anniversary memorial and upon their return West, I am leading a group to Colorado to intercept them where we will join-up and ride South to San Felepe, Mexico for the weekend. We are planning on leaving the Bay area on September 15, 2002 for the three-day ride to Colorado Springs.

The date for the intercept is September 18th, where we will take part in a ceremony at the National Fire Fighters Memorial in Colorado Springs. We plan on riding from Colorado Springs to the Mexican border the 19th and 20th, then the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of September in San Felepe with an expected two-day ride back home. Total trip length is about ten days, covering approximately 300 miles a day. If this looks like something you might be interested in doing, drop me a line at Co. K, or call 553-4986 and I'll put you on the mailing list with no obligation (at this time).

The Poilce Memorial Ride to Sacramento is just a couple of months away. The SFPD contingent is leaving SF on Friday July 26th at 1000 hours from Eagle Rider (Bryant between 9th & 8th Streets). We are staying at the Old Town Sacramento Holiday Inn (1-916-446-0100) Friday night. Rooms are \$99 a night.

There are TWO parties Friday: the

first is a reception at "Sacramento Harley Davidson." then a Bar-B-Q at the Shriners' Hall that evening with live music, beverages, and souvenirs.

Saturday, July 27th, we meet at the new Sacramento Police Memorial, then we form-up for the mass-ride up the highway to the "High-Hill Ranch" in Apple Hill for another Bar-B-Q. We spend Saturday night below Placerville at the "Best Western Camron Park Motel" in (where, else?) Camron Park (1-916-933-1164). Rooms are \$89 a night, then ride home Sunday morning (Hangovers permitting). Some of the troops will stay over Sunday to see the "Gold Country" and ride back Monday.

You are responsible for your own motel reservations, and remember that there are four thousand other celebrants, so book early or risk sleeping in a culvert on the side of the highway! Also, I need a call if you plan on meeting us at "Eagle Rider" for the trip to Sacramento Friday the 26th. (They need a headcount so they can plan the buffet brunch they host for us).

Remember, there is a good chance this will be the last Memorial Ride. The Sacramento Police Memorial has been built, and the organizers almost didn't have the event THIS year, so don't let this event slip through your fingers...

POLICE MEMORIAL Harley Davidson Motorcycle raffle. I have a limited number of tickets for the 2002 Harley Davidson that will be given-away Saturday at the "High Hill Ranch" Bar-B-Que. If you want a shot at a \$20,000.00 Harley for ten-bucks, send me a check at Co. K made payable to the "Police Memorial Ride." These tickets sell-out fast, so don't delay. Remember that a SF Sheriff that bought a ticket from me two years ago won the hog... so it can happen to you! Ride on...

On May 2, 2002, a Dudoroff trophied at the Loon's Nest Golf Tournament.

Who was it?

- a) Jennifer Dudoroff
- b) Mrs. Mike Dudoroff
- c) not Mike Dudoroff
- d) all of the above

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Change is a Good Thing....

Well most of us have survived the new qualification program of the first half of this year. Those qualifying this month and next will experience what I'm talking about soon enough.

Why have I done such a thing to us?

The sign-in procedures were to shore up administrative problems.

The course of fire no longer has you "top off" magazines at each stage. We noticed that shooters were automati-

cally removing magazines to "top off". Yet they were not automatically reloading an empty gun. They were waiting for us to tell them to do so. Consequently, we admonish everyone now to count their rounds and be aware of the status of their firearm. Reloads will be without warning, and hopefully will become automatic. We now fire a different amount of rounds at each stage instead of the same number all the time.

The shotgun is an old friend that has never left our side. We are now being reacquainted with it. This refresher is being conducted with birdshot so as not to make things too traumatic.

What changes can we expect for the next half-year?

Qualifications will combine qualifications and training. Expect to be there up to 2 hours, depending on the number of shooters and their performance. You will still fire a static line handgun qualification course. You will then train in handgun malfunction drills and show adequate proficiency. You will become more accustomed with the shotgun, this time utilizing the issued Choke buckshot rounds. Qualification times will be the SAME at both the Airport and Lake Merced Ranges. There will be a maximum of 3 qualifications per day.

I know that change is difficult. Practice sessions will be increased beginning July so everyone can go over all of this at his or her own pace prior to qualification. If you have any specifics you would like to review, we are there to help. I changed the Night Fire Program a few months ago to be participant driven. That is, we will strive to configure the course to what the actual participants of any given session would like to work on.

I intend to bump things up a notch for the next 11 years that I am here. So let's all get use to change. My philosophy is to think outside the box in terms of training, but to work inside the box with administration to get things done. The goal of the Training Division is to give those doing the job as many tools as we can provide to slant the odds as far as possible in your favor. Let me add, however, that if you're not here, we can't help.



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Police Officer Of the Month

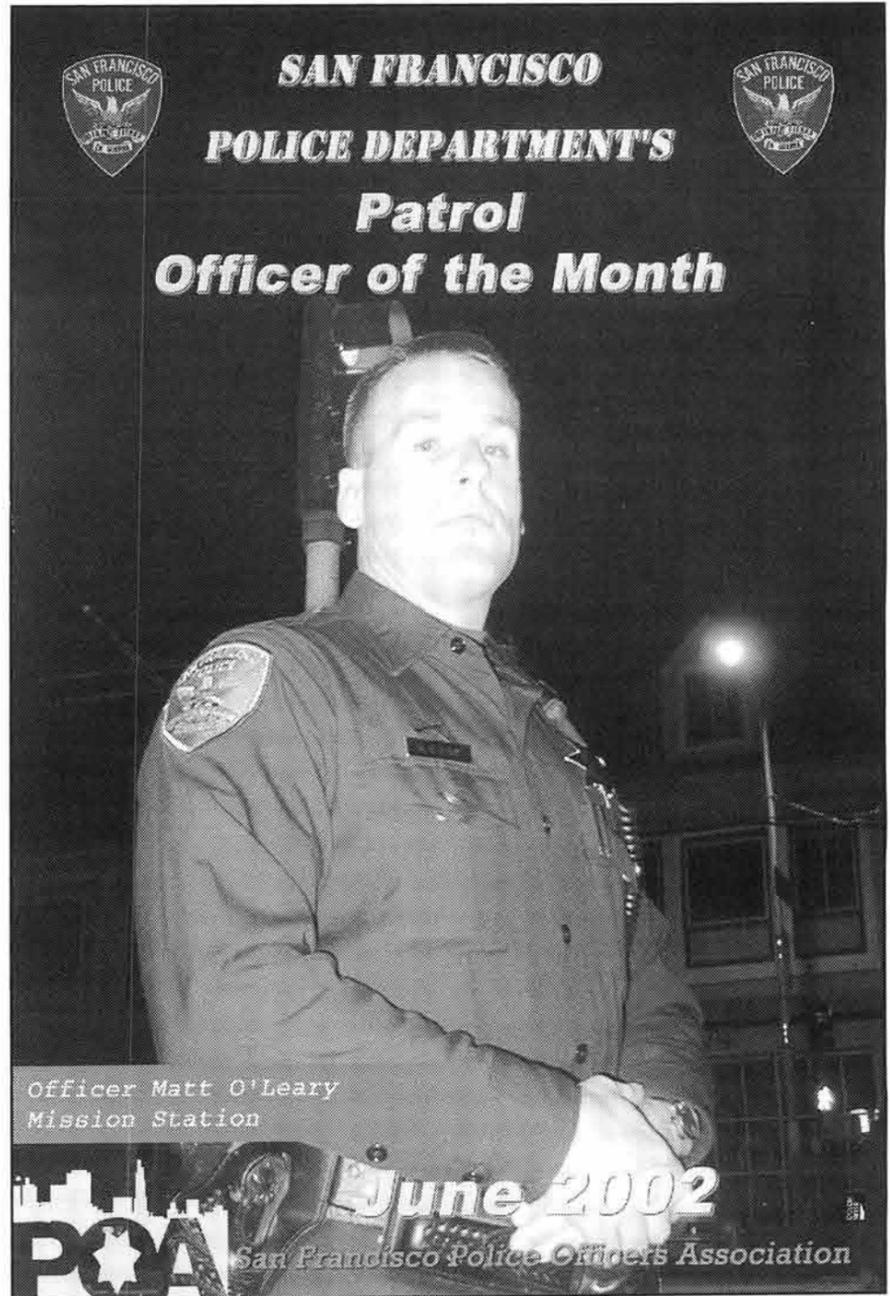
By Ray Shine,
Editor

Seeking to publicly acknowledge the hard work and dedication of uniformed police officers, Deputy Chief Rick Bruce implemented the San Francisco Police Department's Patrol Officer of the Month, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all San Francisco street cops. Commander Greg Suhr is continuing this important tribute to San Francisco's officers assigned to Field Operations.

Each month, Commander Suhr will ask a district captain to nominate one of their uniformed officers for this special recognition. The selection of a single officer, or team of officers, for this honor will prove to be an unenviable task. It will, after all, be very difficult to single out one or two officers from among so many, all of whom are as focused on their duty; every one as unassuming as the next; all as worthy and deserving.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association applauds Commander Suhr and the Administration for recognizing the uniformed patrol officers who comprise "the backbone of the Department."

The Association also congratulates Officer Matt O'Leary of Mission Station for being chosen as the June, 2002 Patrol Officer of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Matt serves to exemplify the strength of character, compassion, and commitment to community that is embodied in all of the men and women of the SFPD.



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EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN

Local Emergency Contact	
Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell/Pager	

Out-of-Town Contact (OVER 100 MILES)	
Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell/Pager	

CHECKLIST

Met/discussed plan with all participants so everyone knows whom to call and where to go in an emergency

GIVE UPDATED COPIES OF THE PLAN TO:

- Local contact
- Out of Town contact
- Spouse/Other
- Children
- Caregiver(s)

Put a copy of the plan on the refrigerator door or other prominent location.

Be sure information is CURRENT:

- School Emer. Card
- Childcare provider
- Work phone numbers
- Cell/Pager numbers
- Spouse/Other

This plan was last updated on

(Date)

Your Information	
Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell/Pager	

Spouse/Other	
Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell/Pager	

Dependant				
Name	DOB			
Location Codes School (S) Childcare (CC) After School (AS) Other (O)				
Code	Name	Phone	Day/Hrs	Address
Physician & phone #				
Medical Insurance & ID #				
Medical issues or other information				

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If our home is not accessible in an emergency, we will meet at one of these locations (listed in priority order):

1. _____ Telephone: _____
2. _____ Telephone: _____

Directions:

- Write down as much information as you are willing to share with the people you trust
- Update the plan when information changes
- Give a copy of the plan to family members, caregivers, your local contact, and your Out-of-Area (OVER 100 MILES) contact.
- Keep your children's school Emergency Card information up-to-date so the school knows who has permission to take your children from school.

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SFPD Launches Family Emergency Contact Plan



D.C.'s Mendy Pengel and Heather Fong attended the news conference.



Fred Lau speaks to the crowd.

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prepared with a plan, and second, knowing how to report emergencies and contact your family while emergency services do their job.

The result was a handy two page emergency guide that is designed to lead a frantic caller with providing necessary information to a 911 dispatcher in a fast and formatted manner, the way dispatchers and emergency services are used to hearing them.

On Thursday, April 18, Mayor Willie Brown held a City Hall news conference where he announced to the attending media and civic leaders that the Emergency Contact sheet would

be included in the water bills mailed to thousands of city households. The guide sheet is intended to be placed prominently near a telephone or other accessible area in the home. Every family member should review and understand the guide sheet. The contact information should be frequently updated.

The guide sheet was designed to be printed in distinct colors that will aid people in following the intended format. We have reproduced a likeness of the form in this month's *Journal*, but a full color version can be downloaded from the Police Department website at www.sfgov.org/police, then click on the "Public Info" button.



Lou Canton, director of the city's Office of Emergency Services works closely with Jerry Salvador planning the city's emergency response protocol.

DURING A CRISIS, EMPOWER YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY

1. **STOP!** Take a deep breath. Think before you act.
This will reduce panic.
2. Your preparation may help those who depend on you.
3. When you report an emergency or suspicious occurrence, report **FACTS**, don't spread **rumors**.
Remember, there's a community depending on your information.
4. Your calm outward appearance calms others.
Panic is contagious.

WHEN YOU CALL 9-1-1 . . .

SPEAK SLOWLY AND CLEARLY

WHERE?

THE EMERGENCY IS LOCATED AT: _____ (Where?)

MY PHONE NUMBER HERE IS: _____

WHAT?

THE EMERGENCY IS: _____

INJURIES. How Many? _____

MEET AND GUIDE POLICE

POLICE/FIRE CAN MEET _____ (Who?)

AT _____ (Where?)

MY NAME IS _____

MY LOCATION IS: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION RADIO STATIONS

- KCBS 740 AM
- KQED 88.5 FM
- KALW 91.7 FM (S.F. School District)

For more information about how your school or business can best respond to mass casualty incidents resulting from acts of violence or natural disaster, download the free booklet from the San Francisco Police Department's website at:

www.sfgov.org/police

then click on the "Public Info" button.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN



Call 9-1-1 for:

-  **Police**
-  **Ambulance**
-  **Fire/Rescue**
-  **Highway Patrol**
-  **Coast Guard**