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## The Demise of My City

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

As many of you, I grew up in San Francisco. I remember it fondly as a great city in those days. We were ahead of the curve in so many areas. As most of you, I was taught at an early age that the color of my skin made me no better or worse than anybody else. We were ahead of the rest of the country during the civil rights movement. Most of us were taught early in our lives that all men truly are created equal. For us it was not a cliché it was a way of life in a city that professed tolerance and acceptance.

During my early years, my parents would take my brother, sister and I out to dinner at the Mayes Oyster House on Polk Street. There, we were witness to the Gay Movement with a front row seat, and over time it was really no big deal. My mother and father taught me tolerance and fairness and for those lessons I am very grateful. My friends and I would sneak down to the Haight/Ashbury, or Speedway Meadows in 1967 during the Summer of Love. What a place to be 13 years old and watch the Jefferson Airplane, the Grateful Dead, Santana, Grace Slick and the rest not knowing at the time that we were part of history. It was also a city that was bound in tradition.

We were taught to respect cops because when you need help, or a kick in the ass, they would most likely be the one to administer it. If a cop brought me home for screwing up, my parents didn't question the cop;

they questioned me. The cop was right and I was wrong and that was just the way it was.

I also was able to witness the eclectic political world of San Francisco; fine mayors such as George Christopher and Joe Alioto; men who were progressive people in their own right, yet understood that we were a country of laws and procedures and due process. They were progressives who backed the cops because they knew that in the end they were the ones that could be counted on to maintain order and ensure our freedoms.

Through the 70's we experienced the infamous; Charles Manson, Patty Hearst, the Zodiac killer, and the Zebra killers. Vietnam ended and politicians came forward representing all points of view. George Moscone, Leo McCarthy, John and Phillip Burton, Diane Feinstein, Quentin Kopp, Willie Brown, and John Barbagelata just to name a few. They all had different political views and to be sure their were plenty battles in the Supervisors' chambers at city hall, but at the end of the day they were all San Franciscans with one common goal; to make San Francisco a better place. Regardless of their political views, they treated one another with a sense of decorum, respect, and appreciation for the process that made this city and this country so great.

I had been a cop a short time when Dan White assassinated George Moscone and Harvey Milk. Soon after, we witnessed Jonestown, and the Iran Hostage Crisis.

I was there on "White Night" when hundreds of my fellow officers were injured, but we made it through and healed together.

After 29 years as a police officer, I can tell you all that has changed. District elections has created fiefdoms where politicians do not feel an obligation to an entire city, but only to a small group of people that can put them in office. Now, some local politicians spew forth idiotic agendas that put them in the public eye for a short while. I look at that beautiful Supervisors' chambers at City Hall and I see people like Chris Daly given a forum to spread his message in a most undignified manner. I watch members of the Board not only stand by and do nothing — at times even giving him tacit approval — for his no-class act. It makes me sad to think that my city has sunk to the level where a person like Chris Daly can sit in that beautiful room and represent this once great city.

It's like allowing Christo-the-Clown to carry on inside the Sistine Chapel! Webster's dictionary defines liberal as "open minded to the ideas of others."

Is there anyone in city government who least fits that definition than Chris Daly?

We now have this conglomeration of misfits — or, "one trick ponies" as I call them — who have created a lawless town through their own misguided policies and then attempt to blame the police department when their crazy ideologies fail.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

When Isaac Espinoza was murdered we didn't see much outrage from local politicians, but we did see demonstrations against the death penalty.

When a scumbag who should have been incarcerated a long time ago killed Nick Birco, Supervisor Ammiano did not show outrage at the death of another cop, but instead questioned why we pursue escaping felons; Then the final indignity of holding our contract up in the name of political theater and somehow wanting to blame us for a rising crime rate.

This city has gone mad and the sad part of it all is the great people that still live in this town are standing by and letting it happen. Traditional San Franciscans should be embarrassed that carpetbaggers such as Chris Daly and his ilk are allowed to be their representatives at city hall and on our crucial city commissions.

To those people that would like to blame our officers for a rising crime rate in this city I will let you in on a few little secrets. When you allow someone like Terence Hallinan to destroy your city for 8 years; When you decide that you will not enforce immigration laws while many of the people dealing drugs in this city are illegal immigrants; When you decide you are going to decriminalize marijuana laws while 100's of people come into this city every day on BART to deal marijuana because of your policies; When you ask the cops to go into the African American communities to help solve the drug, gang, and homicide problem and then commission a study on racial profiling in our department; When you sit back and let a revolving door criminal justice system go unchecked while judges allow dangerous criminals to walk out of the court room every day in the name of time restraints and political expediency; you are not liberal, and you are not progressive, you are simply naïve and irresponsible.

Joe Alioto, Willie Mays, Herb Caen. Man, I miss those days!

## POA, SFPD Members Comfort Heroic Young Cancer Victim

By Kevin Martin  
POA Vice President

As with most things around the POA, it all starts with a phone call. Several weeks ago, Sunday May 20, 2007 at approximately 1000 hours, I received a phone call from Sergeant James Miller of Ingleside Station. Sgt. Miller spent several minutes explaining a tough family situation involving a five-year old boy who had been diagnosed with cancer. The boy's family is from a small town called Rio Dell, which is in the northern corner of the state. Sgt. Miller attended Sgt.'s school with a member of the Rio Dell Police Department (a very small agency) and stayed in touch. Sgt. Miller's friend called Jim and explained that this family was on its way to San Francisco for treatment at UCSF and to please look out for the family. In turn, Jim called me and asked if the POA could

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Standing: Adam Choy, Mike Walsh, Sean Frost, Gary Jimenez, Donnie Moorehouse, Kevin Phipps; Kevin Martin, Gary Delagnes. John Centurioni; Jim Miller. Kneeling: Emmalee, Michale, Jim and Ethan Hale.

# POA Board of Directors Meeting June 20, 2007

Meeting called to order by Sergeant-At-Arms Breen at 1305 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of the Board of Directors.

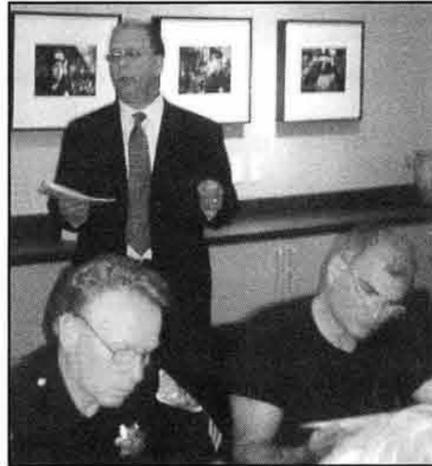
### Guest Speaker

Mr. Mark Endo who is the President of Star Alliance Insurance Services gave a presentation to the full Board of Directors regarding products his company provides. Any members requesting further information should contact their respective representative.

### Retirement Board

During the May 2007 meeting, members of the Board of Directors requested that Captain Al Casciato speak at the June 2007 meeting regarding a recent vote at the Retirement Board. After much discussion and clarification, it was concluded that POA Board of Directors approved the way Captain Casciato voted. It was then decided that a letter prepared by President Delagnes will be sent to Captain Casciato acknowledging the misunderstanding and current clarification. The letter will also appear in the *POA Journal*.

vote was taken with the results being 7-4 to return the MOU to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. The contract was not voted upon by the Board of Supervisors, it was only referred back to the Public Safety Committee. Once the MOU leaves the Public Safety Committee, it will be referred back to the Board of Supervisors for two readings and then a vote. In the event that MOU does not get voted upon by 7-1-07, all raises will be retroactive. The POA will keep members apprised of the status of the MOU.



Captain Al Casciato addresses the Board of Directors

### DROP Program

President Delagnes asked each Board Member to assist in the gathering of signatures in order to place the DROP Program on the November 2007 ballot. As you know, the POA elected to proceed with the signature route as opposed having an elected official sponsor the ballot measure. All signatures gathered should be returned to the POA not later than July 6, 2007.

### Contract

During a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Daly made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Dufty that the proposed MOU between the POA and the CCSF be sent to the Public Safety Committee for further review and discussion. The Public Safety Committee is comprised of Supervisors Mirkarimi, Dufty, and Maxwell. After much discussion, a

### New Business

Sergeant-At-Arms Breen made a motion that was seconded by George Rosko (Co. A) to appoint John Scully (YSU) to the Board of Directors representing members assigned to YSU. Officer Scully will represent the 35 plus members assigned to the YSU in a paid, non-voting capacity. This position will remain non-voting until a regular election can occur or the POA bylaws are re-written. President Delagnes added that the POA bylaws are currently being re-written with the help of General Counsel Tennant and they should be completed in August 2007. At that time, the bylaws revision will go to the general membership for a vote. All Board Members present (30) for the vote, voted yes. Motion

carried.

Joe Engler (Inv) reminded members that the Sergeant John Young murder trial is currently being heard in Department 21. All members are encouraged to make every attempt to attend the trial. To date, the accused murderers have packed the court room with supporters and little support has been present for Sergeant Young's family.

Ed Browne (Co. A) encouraged members to attend the informational meetings regarding your primary care physician. Recently members were mailed paperwork regarding their primary care physician and included with your pay checks were dates and times of the informational meetings. Officer Browne said the meetings have been very informative and attending them may answer questions that could lead to the prevention future administrative headaches.

### May 2007 Minutes

Vice President Martin made a motion that was seconded by Callaghan (HQ) that the May 2007 Board Minutes be approved. The motion went to a voice vote and passed with no opposition.

### Financial News

Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA's year to date budget. Treasurer Halloran also advised that the Executive Board approved that \$500 be sent to the re-election campaign for Supervisor Alioto-Pier.

Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Montoya  
POA Secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, June 20, 2007

|                  |                    |   |           |                    |   |
|------------------|--------------------|---|-----------|--------------------|---|
| President        | Gary Delagnes      | P | Co. G     | Sean O'Leary       | E |
| Vice President   | Kevin Martin       | P |           | Dominic Yin        | P |
| Secretary        | Tony Montoya       | P | Co. H     | Michelle Jean      | E |
| Treasurer        | Marty Halloran     | P |           | Mike Walsh         | P |
| Sergeant-At-Arms |                    |   | Co. I     | Tessa Donati       | E |
|                  | Chris Breen        | P |           | Jody Kato          | P |
| Editor           | Ray Shine          | P | Co. J     | Kevin Lyons        | P |
|                  |                    |   |           | Gavin McEachern    | P |
| Co. A            | Ed Browne          | P | Co. K     | Don Moorehouse     | P |
|                  | George Rosko       | P |           | Corrado Petruzella | E |
| Co. B            | Mike Nevin         | P | Hdqtr.    | Dennis Callaghan   | P |
|                  | Bill Roualdes      | E |           | Bob Mammone        | P |
| Co. C            | George Ferraez     | E | Narcotics | Dave Falzon        | E |
|                  | Liam Frost         | P |           | Larry Mack         | P |
| Co. D            | Joseph Barretta    | E | Tactical  | Mark Madsen        | P |
|                  | Martin Covarrubias | P |           | Jason Sawyer       | P |
| Co. E            | Tim Flaherty       | P | Invest.   | Joseph Engler      | P |
|                  | Bob Johnston       | P |           | Dan Gardner        | P |
| Co. F            | Patrick Burke      | P | Airport   | Bob Chapman        | P |
|                  | Peter Dacre        | P |           | Joe Finigan        | P |
|                  |                    |   | Retired   | Ray Allen          | P |

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| Co. F            | .....Patrick Burke, Peter Dacre          | RETIRED            | .....Ray Allen                             |
| Co. G            | .....Sean O'Leary, Dominic Yin           |                    |  |

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**Bulletin**

#2007-41, June 25, 2007  
 TO: Association Members  
 FROM: John Scully, Chair  
 Election Committee

**Ballot Results**

Below are the results of the "Ratification of Tentative Agreement" Election that was held from June 8, 2007 through June 18, 2007.

Yes 822 No 131

**SFPOA Emergency Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday June 4, 2007  
 1300 Hours**

The SFPOA Board of Directors assembled at an emergency board meeting to discuss the tentative agreement between the CCSF and the SFPOA Negotiation Committee. After the Pledge of Allegiance a roll call was taken by Treasurer Halloran since Secretary Montoya was excused (see attached roll call for members who were present and members who were excused).

President Delagnes, Vice President Martin, Treasurer Halloran, Negotiating Committee Representative Dacre,

and General Counsel Tennant responded to questions from the board. After approximately one hour of Q&A and discussion, Co. C Representative Frost made a motion to "Recommend ratification of the contract." This motion was seconded by Tactical Representative Madsen and the motion went to a roll call vote. The motion passed 28 Yes votes to 2 No votes (see attached roll call vote for how the representatives voted).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1415 hours.

Submitted by Treasurer Halloran  
 06-04-07 1445 hours.

**Community Service Committee**

By Marty Halloran  
 Chair

In an ongoing effort to keep the membership advised of activities at the POA I will make every attempt to provide the minutes of the Community Service Committee. The committee meets approximately every six weeks and as always we discuss and vote on requests for donations submitted to the POA. The majority of the requests are submitted from non-profit organizations in and around San Francisco. Many of these organizations depend greatly on associations like ours so that they may provide assistance to the sick, elderly, and the youth of our community.

The Community Service Committee Fund has been designated as a federal tax exempt 501© 3 account at the S.F.P.O.A. The funds in this account are raised through our annual "Parade of Stars" show held every August at the Palace of Fine Arts. No membership dues is deposited into this account nor are any of the below listed donations made from the general fund.

The Community Service Committee met on April 26th and May 31st 2007 and although many requests are submitted only the below listed organizations were approved for donations.

**April Meeting**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Youth Services Unit/SRO (Sgt Marina Chacon)            | \$250.00   |
| Safe Haven/YMCA (Officer Jeff Sung)                    | \$250.00   |
| Sandra J. Hazelhofer Memorial Golf Tournament          | \$810.00   |
| St Cecilia Golf Tournament                             | \$200.00   |
| SF Aids Life Cycle (Officer Kevin Martin)              | \$1,000.00 |
| Jared's Fund   | \$150.00   |
| Oakland Navy League OMI Cultural Participation Project | \$1,000.00 |
| Marin Human Race 2007 (Inspector Roland Tolosa)        | \$250.00   |
| Steve Kroesen Fund (Sergeant George Pohley)            | \$500.00   |

**May Meeting**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Avon Breast Cancer 2-Day (Retired Officer Dave Albright) | \$250.00   |
| Law Enforcement Day/Oakland POA                          | \$575.00   |
| Mercy Housing  | \$250.00   |
| USO World Headquarters                                   | \$1,000.00 |
| Irish Immigration Pastoral Center Golf Tournament        | \$300.00   |
| Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament                         | \$1,050.00 |
| Annunciation Cathedral                                   | \$250.00   |
| Project Open Hand  | \$500.00   |

**Emergency Board Meeting Roll Call  
 Monday, June 4, 2007**

|                             |     |           |                    |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|--------------------|-----|
| President Gary Delagnes     | P Y | Co. G     | Sean O'Leary       | E   |
| Vice President Kevin Martin | P Y |           | Dominic Yin        | P Y |
| Secretary Tony Montoya      | E   | Co. H     | Michelle Jean      | P Y |
| Treasurer Marty Halloran    | P Y |           | Mike Walsh         | P Y |
| Sergeant-At-Arms            |     | Co. I     | Tessa Donati       | P Y |
| Chris Breen                 | E   |           | Jody Kato          | P Y |
| Editor Ray Shine            | P   | Co. J     | Kevin Lyons        | P Y |
| Co. A Ed Browne             | P Y |           | Gavin McEachern    | E   |
| George Rosko                | P Y | Co. K     | Don Moorehouse     | P Y |
| Co. B Mike Nevin            | P Y |           | Corrado Petruzella | P Y |
| Bill Roualdes               | P Y | Hdqtr.    | Dennis Callaghan   | P Y |
| Co. C George Ferraez        | E   |           | Bob Mammone        | P Y |
| Liam Frost                  | P Y | Narcotics | Dave Falzon        | P Y |
| Co. D Joseph Barretta       | P Y |           | Larry Mack         | P Y |
| Martin Covarrubias          | E   | Tactical  | Mark Madsen        | P Y |
| Co. E Tim Flaherty          | P Y |           | Jason Sawyer       | P Y |
| Bob Johnston                | P Y | Invest.   | Joseph Engler      | P N |
| Co. F Patrick Burke         | E   |           | Dan Gardner        | P N |
| Peter Dacre                 | P Y | Airport   | Bob Chapman        | E   |
|                             |     |           | Joe Finigan        | P Y |
|                             |     | Retired   | Ray Allen          | P Y |

**Calendar of Events**

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. All dates and times are subject to last minute changes, so always contact the event coordinator to confirm dates and times. If you have an event you would like posted on our calendar, contact the editor at [journal@sfpoa.org](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

**Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events**

| Event  | Location                               | Date & Time                               | Coordinator   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association | 3255 Folsom, SF                        | Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM     | Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985<br>larry175@ix.netcom.com |
| Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association    | Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm | Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM      | Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660                              |
| Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post | Old POA Building<br>510-7th Street, SF | Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM      | Rene Laprevotte<br>rlaprevotte@comcast.net              |
| <b>POA General Membership Meeting</b>        | <b>POA Building</b>                    | <b>Third Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM</b> | <b>POA Office, (415) 861-5060</b>                       |
| Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF           | Irish Cultural Center                  | Second Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM       | Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949                             |
| Retiree Range Re-qualification               | SFPD Pistol Range                      | First Fri. of each Month, 0730-1130       | Range Staff (415) 587-2274                              |

**Specially Scheduled Events**

|   |  |                                   |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Foothill Fuzz Retiree Luncheon                    | Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant<br>Placerville, CA | Friday, July 6, 2007, 11:00 AM    | Rene LaPrevotte<br>rlaprevotte@comcast.net |
| Law Enforcement Appreciation Night                | AT&T Park, San Francisco                         | Wednesday, July 25, 7:10 PM       | Bob Guinan 415-850-5726                    |
| Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament       | Balboa Park Baseball Diamonds<br>San Francisco   | August 17 - 19, 2007              | Marcial Marquez<br>553-1373                |
| Emerald Society Golf Tournament                   | Lake Merced Golf Club<br>San Francisco, CA       | Monday August, 27, 2007, 10:30 AM | Brian Philpott<br>415-793-4558             |
| SF Italian-American Athletic Club Golf Tournament | Richmond Country Club<br>Richmond, CA            | September 10, 2007, 12:00         | John Ferrando<br>650-438-1218              |
| <b>SFPOA Golf Tournament</b>                      | StoneTree Golf Club, Novato                      | Monday, September 24, 2007        | Marty Halloran<br>415-861-5060             |
| Archbishop Riordan HS Golf Tournament             | Harding Park Golf Club<br>San Francisco, CA      | Monday, October 15, 2007          |  |

# Patrol Officer of the Month

COLLAGE BY SHERRY HICKS

By Ray Shine,  
Editor

Seeking to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of San Francisco police officers, Police Chief Heather Fong established the San Francisco Police Department's Officer of the Month, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all of San Francisco's finest.

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 Chief Fong and the Administration for recognizing the officers who proudly serve this city.

The Association also congratulates Officer Jose Guardado of Taraval Station for being chosen as the July 2007 Officer of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Jose 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.

# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

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June 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Rene LaPrevotte at 2:05 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Rene LaPrevotte.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present: President Rene LaPrevotte, Vice President Dave Fontana, Trustees Joe Garrity, Fred Pardella, Mark McDonough, and John Centurioni, Treasurer Jim Sturken, and Secretary Mark Hurley. Excused: Trustee Matt Gardner.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING:** (ALSO OF APRIL MEETING) Motion by Pardella, seconded by Centurioni that minutes from both months be approved as published. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** (ALSO OF APRIL MEETING) Motion by Fontana, seconded by McDonough that both months' bills be approved as published. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Donation of \$77 from Janice McKay, and a donation of \$1000 from COX Foundation -IMA, given thru Wells Fargo Bank.

### We Had Three Deaths This Past Month:

**DONALD W. DRAKE**, 80 years. Don was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High School. After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy. He served his country during WWII in the Pacific. Upon returning to San Francisco, he was discharged and worked as a mechanic before he entered the Police Academy in 1950. His first assignment was Ingleside Station. A few years later he was transferred to Traffic and assigned to APB. He worked Southern Station for a couple of years before going to Park. He made Sergeant a few years later and was assigned to Potrero Station. He then went to Ingleside and BCI before going back to Ingleside, where he retired in 1975. Don worked Real Estate in Novato for several years after his retirement.

**CECIL R. "REX" BENSON**, 91 years. Rex was born in Wenatchee, Washington. He spent his youthful years in Wenatchee and attended Wenatchee High School. During the Depression, he traveled to San Francisco looking for work. He was employed as an electrician's helper for a few years before he entered the Police Academy in 1942. His first assignment was Taraval Station. After a few years, he was transferred to Potrero for a few months, then to Central. A few months later, he went back to Potrero. From Potrero, he was assigned to Co. K Fixed Post traffic. He lasted for two days before going back to Central for the rest of his career. He retired in 1968. During his days on the beat, he was awarded several Captain's Comp's. As the official record states, one was for the capture of a wanted bandit, another for the capture of a holdup man.

**RONALD W. AKERS**, 69 years. Ron was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunset. He attended the "old"

Saint Ignatius High School. He went to City College for a couple of years before he followed in the footsteps of his father and brother and became a San Francisco Police Officer. He entered the Police Academy in 1960. His first assignment was Central. A year later, he was put on Military Leave to serve his six months in the Army Reserves. Upon returning to San Francisco, he went back to Central before transferring to Taraval. A short time later, he was on his way to "The Big E." He spent most of his career at Northern. He made Sergeant and was assigned to Communications. A year later, he went to Richmond Station, then back to Northern. Five years later, his services were needed in communications. After a few more years, he retired in 1988. Ron was one of the funniest cops in the business. A lot of us that worked with Ron all have different stories, that to this day bring a smile every time we think of them. Oh, if the walls of the Old Northern Station at 841 Ellis St. could talk, I'm sure Ron was in some of the memories. The 647 PC drunk in deep thought at 3:30 in the morning waiting in the holding cell for his transfer to City Prison being told, that he was in possession of a rape tool in a zippered sack. Besides his love for his job, he was deeply involved in his business of raising Golden Retrievers at Ron Akers Kennels in Sonoma. Ron spent his last days in Santa Rosa, with his wife Candy, and his best canine friend "Brutus," at his side.

**SUSPENSIONS:** The following members have not paid their dues for one year. Pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution their names should be stricken from the membership roles: Anne Hoke, Donald Kosewic, Janet Campbell and Thomas Perricone. President LaPrevotte so ordered.

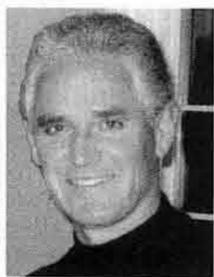
**REINSTATED:** Pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution with all back dues and penalties paid, Frank Gibson.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Jerome Paolini, Shane Hiller, and Pam Royer of We Us Fargo Bank were at our meeting and gave the report on our account. We did very well in May, and are cooling off a little in the beginning of June. It could be due to some profit taking or summer slow down. We did make some movement in our Real Estate end of our account, and took some profit out and put it into the International Real Estate. Oil prices and Foreign Markets raising their interest rates had an effect on the Market. China market is due for an adjustment in the near future. In the short time Wells Fargo had our account we are up 12.96%.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Rene LaPrevotte had a moment of silence for our departed members and all those members of the military serving their country in Harms way. Due to the fact the All Star Baseball game in July is the same day as our meeting, he set the next meeting for Wednesday July 11, 2007 at 2 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley  
Secretary

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*Counsel's Corner***The Not-So-Great GASB**

by John Tennant,  
SFPOA General Counsel

**M**uch rumor — and fear-mongering have occurred of late over a new accounting rule that requires state and local governments to disclose the cost of health care for retired employees. GASB (which many pronounce as "Gasby" — hence my title's takeoff on F. Scott Fitzgerald's famous novel) is short for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, a non-profit, national professional association that sets accounting standards for state and local entities. Several years ago, GASB set new standards for how retiree health care costs should be accounted: report annually the cost of retirement health benefits as calculated over approximate working lifetimes (i.e., accrual accounting). In the past, most agencies simply reported their costs paid out in each budget year (i.e., cash accounting).

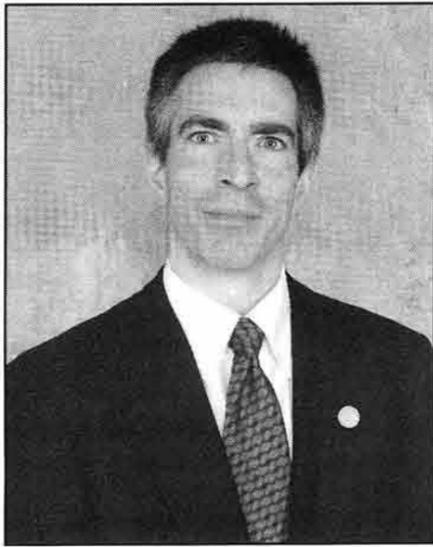
In plain English what this means is that the old "pay as you go" approach to meeting current financial obligations may not be adequately accounting for unfunded liabilities of future medical benefits for retirees. A report by the California HealthCare Foundation estimates a total bill to California taxpayers of \$80 billion to \$140 billion over 30 years.

*And even more irresponsible is the stoking of public fear and anger by suggesting that the only way to fund public employees' health care benefits is by cutting public services like education and transportation.*

Numbers of such proportion are sure to make anyone gasp, and the media is only too ready to seize the drama of big numbers while providing little to no explanation of how retiree health benefits or the GASB rules actually work. A *San Francisco Chronicle* headline, for example, wrongly claimed "Retiree Medical Expense Cause of Major Fare Hikes." A *Sacramento Bee* columnist went so far as to accuse the State of using "Enron-style accounting tricks to cover its deficit."

And such reactions have, not surprisingly, raised the specter of cutting retiree health benefits. Texas lawmakers have argued that the new GASB rules will bring pressure to cut benefits, insofar as the Lone Star State's total obligation is roughly \$50 billion. Paul Chaney, a professor at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management, says that "governments may find they have no choice but to cut benefits or find the money from other sources in budgets, such as school or transportation funding." Such pronouncements, in turn, even led the Texas legislature to pass a law allowing state and local government entities to choose not to comply with GASB!

What is being lost in all the hysteria is the real problem — which is decidedly not the accountancy standard for assessing the cost of retirement health



SFPOA General Counsel John Tennant

care for public employees. The real problem is the skyrocketing cost of health care for everyone. As the baby boom generation retires, more and more people are going to need health care because all of us need more health care as we age. Talking about cutting or eliminating health care benefits when people need it most is irresponsible.

And even more irresponsible is the stoking of public fear and anger by suggesting that the only way to fund public employees' health care benefits is by cutting public services like education and transportation. Internecine warfare between public-

and private-sector workers over retiree medical costs will hardly solve what amounts to a national crisis in health care. These are problems all American citizens face, and we need to face them together (which, of course, is one of the reasons why the SFPOA agreed to negotiate with San Francisco over how retiree medical benefits can best be maintained prior to the expiration of the next labor contract; to do otherwise would have been irresponsible and left us open to charges of caring little for the rest of the public).

The important thing to remember is that compared to the real crisis in health care nationwide, GASB and its new accounting rule are small beer, indeed. Many believe that the magnitude of the health care crisis will require nothing less than a total overhaul of the nation's health care system, which is why you can be sure that you will be hearing much about this issue in the upcoming presidential race.

In the meantime, rest assured that your Association will never allow a problem that is national in scope to be laid solely at the feet of public employees and their retiree medical benefits. Retiree health benefits are no gift, they are a hard-earned benefit, and the promise to pay them must be, will be, a promise kept. The not-so-great GASB can never ignore that fact.

"Roll the Union On . . ."

**AROUND THE DEPARTMENT**

By Al Casciato

**...All Star Game:**

In two weeks (as of this deadline) Sgt. Gerry D'Arcy, Tenderloin Station, is still in the running to sing either the National Anthem or God Bless America at the game. There has been a big lobbying effort for Gerry let's hope it is successful and we see him at his best on July 10th...

**...Job Well Done:**

Northern Station's, Kevin Abbey did a yeomans job of putting together the fund raiser for the family of Jack Santos on Friday June 15 at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. Special thanks to the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) for serving as the fiscal agent and LPOA President Maria Oropeza for donating the hall rental fee and providing insurance coverage for the event...

**...On The Mend:**

Retired Inspector Dave Toschi is on the mend recovering from two heart procedures. Our best to Dave...

**...Department Audit:**

The Police Commission has hired a consultant to conduct an audit of the department. This will be our opportunity to give input about what we think works and what doesn't. Computers will be a big topic since they are so antiquated. Think about where you work within the department and prepare for the auditors' visit. Remember the old saying "garbage in garbage out"...

**...Thank You:**

We want to thank all of you who called or wrote to wish our former editor and cartoonist Tom Flippin good cheer. He really appreciated all the caring thoughts and prayers. Retired Captain Ken Foss sent a card from Germany and it is proudly displayed in his hospital room...

**...10-7m:**

A lot of the members assigned to the Hall are patronizing the new small Italian Restaurant located at 480-6th Street about two doors up from the POA. All reports indicate that the food is very good and the prices are right...

**...Text Messaging:**

After what happened in the Castro the night of the Pride Parade plans are already in the works to have sufficient officers available for next year's "after party". For those of you assigned to Mission Command who wondered where all those hostile teenager came from? Heres the answer. Sgt. Chuck Limbert discovered that text messages were going out telling all to come to the Castro for "Chaos and Havoc"...

**...Meth Labs:**

On Friday June 1, 2007 an article appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle written by Carol Lloyd which described the "invisible legacy" a meth lab can leave on a home. The article described a variety of health hazards that could be experienced by an unsuspecting family if the move into a home once used as a meth lab. Interesting piece and it is available in the archives of www.sfgate.com...

**...GPS Phones/Radios:**

New GPS combination phone and radios are being tested. A recent field test during a fair at Civic Center proved quite successful. The future is upon us...

**...Law Enforcement Appreciation Night:**

On July 25th @ 1910 hours the Atlanta Brave will square off against the Giants at AT&T Park. The theme of the night will be Law Enforcement Appreciation Night with proceeds benefiting the Special Olympics and Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF). A pre-game BBQ will be held at the Mariposa Yacht Club starting at 1500 hours. Tickets are \$25 dollars and include a souvenir baseball cap and the BBQ. Tickets can be purchased at www.sfgiants.com/special events under Law Enforcement Night or via telephone (415-972-2298) for groups of 25 or more and also at the POA Office. If you are unable to attend the game and wish to make a donation directly to the Special Olympics or BALEAF send a check c/o Sgt. Bob Guinan, Traffic Company...

**...Ride-Alongs:**

I wish sometimes that we could take every citizen out for a ride-along so they could see the City from our perspective. I've been thinking about this ever since Sara Kelly, FOB, told me that she had been complaining that there were not enough patrols in her neighborhood. The City in which Sara lives runs a Citizen's Academy which Sara attended and participated in ride-a-longs. Sara's comment "I now know why there are so few patrols in my neighborhood". Sara saw how busy her officers were with that town's criminal element and she is now very grateful to live in a good neighborhood that has few patrols and even fewer calls for service...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [alfirmsf@aol.com](mailto:alfirmsf@aol.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to *Around the Department*, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SF, CA 94103.

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# This & That ...

By Kevin Martin  
SFPOA Vice President

## Co. K visits UCSF...

I want to start with a big thanks to a great group of officers and their commanding officer. **Captain Greg Corrales** of the Traffic Company spearheaded this month's visit with the kids at UCSF. With just one phone call the good Captain was able to muster two teams of officers comprised of **Corrado Petruzzella, Edie Lewis, Michael Lujan, Bobby Gin, Sgt. John Fewer, Brian Boyd, and Keith Lai**. This grizzled group of veteran officers had a great time with the kids, and all have offered to return. I understand Edie Lewis was the hit of the day for the kids with her work on "Deal No Deal." I am very grateful to all of you for your kindness, time, and consideration for these very special kids.

I'd also like to call to attention members of UCSF that help us with our kids' visits. **Kim Scurr, RN** is the coordinator of the program and a truly wonderful and giving person. **Ken Jones** does all the camera work at the visits for the kids who are confined to their beds but can watch the kid visits and join in the fun by way of closed circuit television. **Jill Meyers** and **Michael Towne** are the program coordinators and **Erin McInnis** coordinates the teen visits in the evening. We are grateful to these wonderful, caring people. Thanks for all your effort.

## Mea Culpa...

My apologies to **Officer Jennifer Dickson** for misspelling her last name in last month's article about the TTF's visit to UCSF. Jennifer, I'm sorry.

## Santos Fundraiser...

The fundraiser for **Jack and Madeline Santos** was an astounding success. Certainly an effort like this depends on many, many people and, as usual, our members came across Big Time. Much gratitude goes to **Kevin Abbey**. He took the lead and coordinated this event. Kevin completely dedicated himself to this project but refuses to take any bows for his efforts. Instead, Kevin gave me a laundry list of people he insists worked very hard with him and they deserve all the credit.

Kevin sang the praises of **Officer Bill Conley** who was very involved with the effort. Bill was a major ticket seller. Bill's family became involved as well. Money intended for birthday gifts for the kids was instead directed to the fundraiser. Great job guys! Thanks.

**Phil Pera** and **Joe Robles** were also big ticket sellers. **Jennifer Forrester** of the Inspector's Bureau provided all the decorations for the evening and decorated the hall. Everything looked really great and festive.

An occasion like this often draws those with a mighty thirst, and bartenders are an absolute must. Handling this tall order were men experienced in such a calling. **Sgt. Tim Flaherty** along with **Joe Boyle, Tony Damato, John Van Koll, Matt Mason, Doug Arnold, Scott Hurley, Matt Rodgers, Kevin Byrne** and the great "Dimo" **Dimapasoc** handled the chore without breaking a sweat. Good work, guys.

BSU worker and all around great gal **Maggie Ortelle**, along with **Pat Linehan** of Investigations and **Pat Rames** did a wonderful job at the event

collecting tickets and overseeing that everything ran smoothly...which it truly did.

A special thanks to the LPOA and LPOA President **Maria Oropeza** along with **Captain Al Casciato** and **Lt. Mario Delgadillo** for providing the venue for the event. The County Fair Building near the Hall of Flowers was a perfect choice. Thanks for your generosity.

The POA Veterans, led by retired **Lt. Larry Barsetti**, also got into the act with a generous donation.

**Lillian Howell**, owner of Channel 26 Television in San Francisco/Brisbane donated \$5,000.00 to BALEAF in the name of the Santos Children. Speaking of BALEAF (Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund), thanks very much to **Inspector Robin Matthews, Captain John Ehrlich**, and **BALEAF Coordinator Marylin Rosekind** for all their efforts in this cause. Thanks as well go to **Sgt. William Murray** for his DJ efforts.

**Officers Jeff Aloise** and **Chris Schaeffer** provided delicious food for the event, as did the California Pizza Kitchen. Golden Brands provided liquid refreshments, as did **Moylan's Pub and Brewery of San Rafael**.

President **Eddie Carew** of the Emerald Society was also very instrumental with a donation, as was **Co. E friend Mike DeLong** who donated food.

Music for the event was provided by three outstanding bands including, "Petty Theft", "The Pine Box Boys" and "Brittany Shane." Thanks go out to all the musicians for a great evening of entertainment as well as **McCune Sound** and **Keith Knobler** of the "Fillmore Theatre" for the sound and mixing equipment. We also wish to acknowledge **S.F. Party Rentals** on Post Street for the use of their popcorn machine and for their balloons.

As you can see, many, many people were involved in the success of this very important event and I thank you one and all. I know that the Santos family is extremely grateful to **Kevin Abbey** and all the above named people for all the love shown to their family and loved ones. The men and women of Northern Station should be commended for their involvement. Leading by example, Northern and **Kevin Abbey** have once again proven that, "We take care of our own."

I would like to personally thank **Chief Heather Fong** for her overwhelming generosity. All too often the Chief does not receive thanks or recognition for her kindness. Nor does she want or expect it. At times I have taken on the Chief in some matters and it is only fair to thank and recognize her when it is appropriate.

In closing, BALEAF is still receiving donations for the Santos Family Scholarship Fund. The BALEAF IRS Account number is 912006597. Please donate to this most worthy cause.

## POA Medal of Honor Ceremony...

On Tuesday, May 22, 2007 the POA held its first "Medal of Honor" ceremony at the Italian Athletic Club on Stockton Street. It was an outstanding event for all those attending. The SFPOA Board of Directors has authorized a Medal of Honor which will be presented to those individuals nominated for their valor and dedicated professionalism. The POA is privileged to have the opportunity to make these presentations to such a tremendously brave group of police of-

ficers. Although two medals had been previously posthumously awarded to **Nick-Tomasito Birco** and **Bryan Tavera**, this event marked the first time a group had been honored.

Thanks to **John Ferrando** of Central Station and **Lisa Michelis** of the Italian Athletic Club, the event was just wonderful. It was great to see our members and their families being treated to a well-deserved award ceremony. The Italian Athletic Club is the perfect place for this event. The atmosphere is great and the dinner tables looked very classy.

POA President **Gary Delagnes** introduced the night's honored guests; **Dr. Elisa Stephens** and **Michael Petricca** of the Academy of Art University of San Francisco. A delicious dinner was served and enjoyed while President Delagnes read accounts of the incidents that led to the Medal of Honor awards. It is my great pleasure to acknowledge the POA Medal of Honor with my deepest and sincerest congratulations: **Inspector Richard Alves, Sgt. John Burke, Officer Sam Christ, Officer William Elieff, Officer Fabian Fowler, Officer Moses Gala, Inspector Mark Gamble, Officer Matthew Goodin, Sgt. John Greenwood, Officer Jose Guardado, Officer Wendell Jones, Officer Gregory Kane, Officer Kevin Knoble, Officer Joshua Kumli, Officer Michael Lewis, Officer Derrick Lew, Officer Andrew Meehan, Insp. Sylvia Morrow, Officer Gerald Newbeck, Sgt. Thomas Newland, Officer James O' Malley, Officer Timothy Paine, Officer David Seid, Officer Daniel Simone, Officer Thomas Smith, Jr. and Officer Steven Stearns.**

As much as I personally enjoyed watching our members receiving their awards, my greater satisfaction was to see the looks on the faces of families and friends as their loved ones were being individually awarded. I always like to see our members' families getting involved and being a part of what we do. It's very important for our families to be part of our celebrations and I hope to see more family events in the future.

A special thanks to **Steve Johnson** and President **Gary Delagnes** for their hard work and their courage to recommend that the POA create its own award for our members. We look forward to our next POA Medal of Honor award ceremony later this year. Please contact me or any POA Executive Board member if you would like to recommend an officer or officers for this award.

## Good News, Bad News...

Here's a bit of "good news/bad news" nonsense. The good news is that finally, yes finally, **Susan Sward** of that mighty San Francisco daily has found at least one reader who would actually believe the crap she prints about the working coppers in this town. The bad news is that the one believer is none other than our esteemed and most honored of Police Commissioners, **Joe Veronese**. Only a grizzled veteran crime fighter like Joe (just ask him and he'll tell you all about it) would believe that a San Francisco Police Officer would actually use a Taser fourteen (14) yes FOURTEEN times on a suspect in the middle of Broadway on a weekend night. Oh yeah, this happens all the time...standard practice, huh?

Note to the commissioner: The SFPD does not utilize Tasers. We have not been issued Tasers and no officer in this department is authorized to

employ a Taser. Are you sure you have the right department, Commissioner? This is the SFPD were talking about...please tune in...

Commissioner **Veronese**, I found your comments at the Police Commission on June 20, 2007 directed towards POA President **Gary Delagnes** during "Commission Reports" to be very disturbing and frankly, quite hypocritical. You challenge and take umbrage with President **Delagnes** regarding comments he made directed toward elected city officials who once again used the members of the police department as a political football to further their histrionics of the absurd. It wasn't all that long ago Commissioner that you made some very personal and disparaging remarks about one of our members at a recently held community Police Commission Meeting at The South of Market Recreation Center. Based on the above noted *Chronicle* report, you made some rather disturbing comments about this officer who had not been charged with any crime, no pending OCC actions and no departmental charges of any kind based on this rather scurrilous sham of an article. You took the word of a reporter with continuing questionable professional integrity and ran with it. You asked the Chief with absolutely no base or foundation to remove this officer from the streets as he presented "... a danger to the public." You went on to say that when you are on the street people have approached you with their concerns about this officer. You also stated that even police officers have spoken to you and expressed their concerns to you about the violent nature of this officer. I think you're being incredibly less than honest with the last statement. If that was true why didn't you name the time, place and names of the officers who approached you. When did these actions occur? Only minutes before the meeting? I think you owe this particular officer a big apology as well as an apology to every member of this department and association for your outlandish comments and actions that day. Don't you believe in due process Commissioner? There is a system in place for situations such as this. You throwing this officer to the sharks is shameful and scandalous at best. If you are so unfamiliar with the practices and policies of the sacred institution you purport to proudly represent, maybe you should step down and let someone who is NOT RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE ON THE BACKS OF OUR MEMBERS stand in for you and do the job you obviously can't.

## Scholarship Awards...

Congratulations to **Sgt. Josh Espinoza** of Southern Station and **Officer Leslie Forrester** of Richmond Station as they have been chosen as recipients of the 2007 POA/AAU Undergraduate Degree Scholarships. Based on their applications and essays submitted these two were chosen from a very qualified field of contestants. Thanks to all for participating and please look forward to more events sponsored by the POA and AAU. Next month, I will have more news on the scholarships and copies of the winning essays. Thanks as well to all the parents who enrolled their teens in The Summer Art Experience at the AAU. I believe that at least sixteen of our children will be involved in the SAE. I hope they have a great time and enjoy the opportunity.

# Looking Forward In The Rear View Mirror

*Editor's note: Gerry Schmidt possesses a unique perspective on the past and future status of the SFPD. He was a member of both the 126<sup>th</sup> recruit class in 1975, and 209<sup>th</sup> class in 2006. Eight years on patrol and five years in the Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) Unit were followed by a seventeen year career in the biometric industry, interacting with law enforcement agencies around the world. Since rejoining the department, he's worked in patrol both at Mission and Northern stations, and was recently transferred back into the CSI Unit which he left in early 1988.*

*During his early years with the SFPD, Gerry served as a very active POA board member and worked on legislation that benefited the rank and file. Address any comments on Gerry's article to him at: afiscnslt@yahoo.com*

By Gerry Schmidt  
Crime Scene Investigation

*"San Francisco is an extraordinary city because its people have learned how to live together with one another, to respect each other, and to work with each other for the future of their community. That's the strength and beauty of this city...and it's the reason why the citizens who live here are the luckiest people in the world."*

— Mayor George Moscone

Many years ago, Mayor Moscone's words helped to inspire a progressive movement that reins in San Francisco to this very day. However, today's headlines regarding high crime, gun and gang violence unfortunately paint a much darker and foreboding picture of San Francisco. While many in local government, the media and special interest groups rightfully have a lot to say about crime and the police in our beautiful city, its time they began to speak more fairly, accurately and objectively about the performance of the hard working men and women of the San Francisco Police Department.

The streets, neighborhoods and playgrounds of San Francisco are more dangerous today than ever before. If, as I believe they are, police officers are more reflective of the community they serve, more highly educated, better trained, receive more supervision, and are subject to much greater scrutiny and oversight by a growing array of governmental entities, activist groups and the media, why has crime risen to such an unacceptable level?

### Yesterday and Today

Following the direction and feedback of their constituents, elected members of the Board of Supervisors set overall law enforcement policy and provide the necessary funding. But as in the past, while having a vested interest in the police department's performance, Supervisors are, for

good reason, specifically prohibited by Charter from issuing direct orders to department members or officials.

As opposed to micromanaging the police department, the civilian Police Commission's job is to provide general oversight to the department and to insure that the policies of the Board of Supervisors are carried out. Rather than using the Commission as a platform for their own political beliefs and aspirations, members are to make changes and improvements in the department with and through the Chief of Police.

Chosen to manage the department based upon their demonstrated law enforcement skills, abilities, leadership and experience, the Chief and his/her staff managed the department in accordance with Board policies and guidance from the Police Commission.

Today's police recruits are from all walks of life, are more highly educated and receive more training at higher levels than their counterparts did just a few generations ago.

The police academy, which is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST), lasts more than seven months as compared to fourteen weeks when George Moscone was mayor. Excluding the time it takes to conduct an extensive background investigation, medical and psychological tests, it now takes a full year to put a qualified recruit through the academy and Field Training Officer (FTO) program. Successful completion of the FTO program is then followed by an additional twelve months of closely supervised probation.

Official and un-official oversight of the department has been greatly expanded to include sub-committees of the Board of Supervisors, weekly televised (seven vs. five-member) Police Commission meetings, the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC), various special interest groups (ACLU, neighborhood associations, etc.) and concerned citizens alike.

Lastly, although subject to constant revision and update, the rules, policies and procedures governing every aspect of a police officer's duties have been significantly expanded and documented as never before.

### The Future

Critics of the department are slightly misguided in their search for the root cause(s) of crime when they focus endlessly on officer's morals, values, ethics, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or sensitivity thereto. And even though a review of training curriculums and detailed compliance with an ever growing and expanding list of rules, regulations, policies, pro-

cedures and protocols may have more merit, they'd be better served if they began to look elsewhere for the causes of escalating crime and violence.

For example, perhaps the long-term ramifications and administrative

Francisco memory has a candidate run for political office openly promoting "Let's get tough on crime?"

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chaos resulting from former District Attorney Terrence Hallinan's failed indictments of the department's entire command staff have yet to fully play themselves out.

Perhaps the impact(s) of increased workloads on the patrol force and investigative details (Treasure Island, south of Market development, SFO, etc.) combined with diminished levels of manpower, the absence of state-of-the-art technology and shortage of specialized equipment and training haven't been fully taken into consideration.

But even these issues don't fully explain the abhorrent rise in violence that paralyzes some of our communities today.

Degraded community, neighborhood and personal value systems, combined with a misguided criminal justice system that opts for unending, and in some instances, overlapping probation for repeat offenders play much greater roles than the individual or combined perceived deficiencies of a police officer's performance.

The gentrification and dissolution of some of San Francisco's traditional neighborhoods has, among other things, provided criminals with refuge in obscurity and anonymity. Disjointed and disorganized communities have unwittingly enabled thugs and gangs to flourish unabated.

With a higher regard for gang loyalty than human life, immature criminals armed with lethally mature weapons have now paralyzed entire neighborhoods out of fear of retaliation.

Rather than questioning the motives or abilities of my fellow officers when I ask myself why crime is so out of control, I wonder whether elected officials are doing all they can to organize, educate and mobilize their constituents. When in recent San

while producing arrest rates equal to or greater than those of jurisdictions of similar size and complexity, consistently nets a lower amount of state prison time for convicted criminals.

I question whether oversight bodies are doing all they can to ensure safe patrol staffing levels with clear, consistent and objective direction before focusing on an individual officer's alleged indiscretions or ambiguous policy violations.

Is the most highly qualified, trained and diverse police workforce in the city's history being given the tools it needs in a timely fashion? Or do the tools with which it is forced to work ironically degrade its efficiency thereby making it vulnerable to attack from self-serving critics?

Police officers are human just like everyone else. In the case of San Francisco's police officers, based on my experience, they are among the finest, most dedicated and competent professionals in law enforcement. With the support and dedication of their families, friends and loved ones, they are brave people who choose to put their lives on the line daily defending the rights and lives of others – including those of their critics.

Remember that human imperfections and mistakes made by professionals in an effort to **defeat crime** can – by definition, never be the root **cause** of San Francisco's unacceptable crime rate.

Lastly, there is one thing that is as true today as when Mayor Moscone wrote his inspiring words urging San Franciscans to, "respect each other, and to work with each other for the future of their community."...

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# Members Comfort Young Cancer Victim

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somehow get involved and help this family, which was going through quite a frightening ordeal.

After getting the contact numbers, I called Mr. James Hale to introduce myself and offered to help. Mr. Hale explained that his five-year old son, Ethan, had been diagnosed with cancer and would be admitted to UCSF Hospital for surgery and subsequent treatments. Mr. Hale also has a lovely wife Michale and a young daughter by the name of Emmalee.

Surely, the Hale family had a tremendous amount on their minds and going from a small town to a big city could be quite an ordeal. This family needed support, and the POA was there to help. I informed the executive board about the situation and immediately received their support.

I first met with the Hale family the day after young Ethan's surgery. I saw him trying to get out of bed so the doctors could weigh him. The an-

guished look on Ethan's face brought me to tears as I saw this child struggling mightily just to lift himself up. The young child looked so fragile and weak. I saw the troubled looks on Ethan's parents as they watched their precious son in tremendous pain and not being able to comfort him.

Jim Hale explained to me that Ethan is a big fan of cops and asked me if it would be possible to get a few coppers to visit Ethan while he was in the hospital. I told him the POA would do all it could to make things a little easier for Ethan and the Hale family. I put out a POA bulletin titled, "A Call To Arms" and requested that our members please visit young Ethan and his family at UCSF. Well, the response was overwhelming. Scores of officers flocked to the hospital with gifts, police memorabilia, uniform shirts and hats and many other items. Ethan was tickled pink every time an officer walked into his room and greeted him with a big hello and a smile.

On Friday of that week, I made a late afternoon visit and found Chief Fong and Deputy Chief David Shinn in Ethan's room visiting with him.

I wish I could acknowledge every cop by name that visited Ethan and his family during this difficult time but I can't because I don't have a list of all who attended. Please rest assured that I am tremendously grateful to each and every one of you. I do know

from the Hale family that Officer Sean Doherty of Park Station, Edie Lewis of Traffic Administration, and Officer Noel Schwab were among Ethan's favorites.

Ethan spent the better part of a week in the hospital and then he was released only to have to return for chemotherapy and radiation treatments on a daily basis. The family is staying in a large motor home just outside the city and they commute to the city in a truck. Captain John Ehrlich of Park Station graciously provided the Hale family with parking access at Co. F, which makes their trek all that much easier. Once Ethan was released from the hospital, I invited Ethan and his family down to the POA Building for lunch and to introduce Ethan to the POA Executive Board and a few of our members.

On June 6, 2007, I brought the Hale family to the POA where they were met and greeted by a large group of our members who wanted to meet Ethan and his family and to wish them well. Among the well-wishers were Captain Gary Jimenez of the TTF; Sgt. Kevin Phipps; Gary Constantine of Co. B; Donnie Moorehouse of Co. K as well as "MarkeeMark" Marquez of Southern Station who brought his daughter and videogames to play with Ethan. A very special moment occurred when Mike Nevin of Co. B, a recent cancer recovery victim, spent a few moments talking and sharing his thoughts with Ethan.

John Centurioni of Co. K presented Ethan with an autographed copy of the great book, "Blue in Black and White" by our own Sgt. Peter Thoshinsky of Co. B who also signed the book. President Gary Delagnes presented Ethan and his family with a beautiful stained glass SFPD patch. To say the least, it was quite a day for the Hale family and for the POA members who spent time with Ethan.

Ethan Hale is a wonderful young boy who has displayed tremendous strength and courage. He is fighting this dreaded disease with great help from his parents, family and friends. Ethan is on the road to recovery and I pray to God that Ethan can stay the course. I also take my hat off to Jim

and Michale Hale for their strength, resolve and faith. I also thank the doctors and staff of UCSF for all they have done and for all they will continue to do for our youngest hero.

I have stayed in touch with the Hale family and continue to monitor Ethan's progress. I am trying to honor a request from Ethan and get four tickets to an upcoming Giant/Dodger game at ATT Park on July 13, 14 or 15. If anyone has access to four tickets to any of those games, please call me at the POA with information. I will also contact the Giants to see if they can lend a hand. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

My very special thanks to Sgt. Jim Miller of Ingleside station for bringing this issue to the attention of the POA. It was because of you that we were able to get involved and help a family in need.

I close this article by once again thanking every single officer who took the time and opportunity to meet such a wonderful young lad and his loving family. I have always thought that the POA's greatest resource is its members and once again you have proven me right. I will keep you posted on Ethan's recovery as time goes on. Please keep Ethan and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks and may God bless you and your families.



Chief Fong, DC Shinn and Kevin Martin



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*Gala Celebration*

# Kiss My Assets (KMA) Investment Club Celebrates Its \$600,000 Portfolio

By Mike Hebel,  
Club Member

On May 1, 2007 the Kiss My Assets (KMA) Investment Club members met, with their spouses/partners in the museum room of Bistro Boudin at SF's Fisherman's Wharf to commemorate and applaud another milestone. Its portfolio had just exceeded \$602,500 in value. It was a joyous prosperity dinner. It was also the 50th wedding anniversary of partner Michael Brady and his spouse Sharon.

The 30 partners, active and retired SFPD members, toasted each other for having the patience and endurance to remain together since December 1996. The club is now in its 11th year. It was formed with the three "E's" as its foundation – education, entertainment, and enrichment — and over the years, this is exactly what the Club has done. It has diligently studied stocks, equity trusts, exchange traded funds, and mutual funds, invested wisely — stayed the course — and celebrated each \$100,000 advance.

Like most clubs and individual investors, KMA saw its portfolio erode during the dot com crash of 2000 – 2002. Its portfolio reached an all time high (\$296,000) in April 2000; thereafter, it declined to \$206,000 in October of 2001. Then it began its steady climb to its present value, currently exceeding \$600,000.

At this Gala celebration, the KMA club issued a friendly challenge to the other police officer club, the Star Performers. The Star Performers Investment Club had recently held its gala \$700,000 portfolio celebration in February 2007. Star Performers was formed in August 1995 – 16 months before the KMA club. KMA stated that it would reach a one million dollar portfolio in less investment time than Star Performers. Let the contest commence!

KMA meets the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Police Officers' Association Board Room. At its typical

monthly meeting, the Club will review its equity portfolio, its partners' capital accounts, and any significant events affecting its holdings. Partners review and present reports on individual stocks and mutual funds – both those presently owned and those under consideration. Buy and sell decisions are then made.

The partners are already making plans for their \$700,000 celebration. A very special gala for its first million-dollar portfolio is under active consideration. The partners are committed to remain with the Club for the long term.

**Top Ten Holdings**

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|---------------------|--------|
| Wells Fargo Bank    | 5.89%  |
| Franklin Resources  | 5.47%  |
| Bank of America     | 4.28%  |
| Johnson and Johnson | 4.04 % |
| Cisco Systems       | 3.96%  |
| Pepsico Inc         | 3.56%  |
| Home Depot          | 3.53%  |
| Schlumberger        | 3.39%  |
| Hewlett Packard     | 3.37%  |
| Sysco Corp          | 3.30 % |

**Investment Process**

The KMA Investment Club is affiliated with the National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC) – a national educational organization of over 13,000 US investment clubs. The Club invests monthly, reinvests all dividends, looks primarily for growth companies that are "best of the breed", and seeks a broad diversification of industries and company sizes.

The Club relies on Value Line, Standard and Poor's, and Morning Star for its research. Also, members subscribe to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *Money Magazine*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, and the NAIC monthly publication *Better Investing*.

The Club is looking for companies with strong and growing revenues, earnings, and dividends. It is also concerned about price. At its best, KMA



Some KMA members – see the smiles – see their portfolio. Seated: Leroy Lindo, Joe Reilly, Carri Lucas with her investment advisor. Standing: Mike Hebel, Mickey Griffin, Sally DeHaven, Rose Melendez, Sid Sakurai

buys good to great companies at fair to good prices.

Like many investment clubs, KMA struggles with "when to sell." It continues to refine its sell discipline.

Kiss My Assets Investment Club remains optimistic that the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI) will hit new continuing highs in 2007 and may very well cross the 14,000 boundary by late-2007. It believes that the S&P 500 and NASDAQ will make strong and impressive high single digit gains in both 2007 and 2008, but no record highs for NASDAQ.

**KMA Investment Club's Partners**

- Michael Brady
- Dennis Callaghan
- Eric Caracciolo
- Matthew Castagnola
- Clifford Cook
- Patricia Correa
- Sally DeHaven
- Colleen Fatooh
- Neville Gittens
- Alexis Goldner

- Michael Gonzales
- Michael Griffin
- George Gulbengay
- Michael Hebel
- Herman Jones
- Rachel Karp
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- Rose Melendez
- Antonio Parra
- Holly Pera
- Joseph Reilly, Vice-President
- Sid Sakurai
- Mark Solomon
- Farrell Suslow, President
- Glenn Sylvester
- John Syme
- Joseph Toomey
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The club's partnership agreement allows for up to 30 members. It is currently at that limit. However, the club does maintain a waiting list. If interested, please contact Mike Hebel (861-0211) who maintains the waiting list.

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Use Of Force Experiential Class -

# The Power Of Knowledge

By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

For those of you who have had the pleasure of attending Jerry D'elia's class at the Academy titled "Use of Force - Experiential," you'll know what I mean when I say that this class is probably one of the most important classes you could ever take and one of the most important classes that has ever been offered at the Academy. Over 300 officers have come to the Academy on a Saturday morning every couple of months for the past 7 years and have gone through this all day class, eight officers at a time.

For those of you not familiar with the class, it is a simulation of an officer involved shooting and what occurs when you are involved in one. The first half of the day is spent in the classroom where Jerry goes over a whole range of information regarding officer involved shootings, showing videos, giving handouts, and preparing them for the hands on portion of the training in the afternoon. After lunch, the students go through the FATS Simulator with co-instructor and founder, Frank McKee, one officer at a time. The officer goes through a short debriefing with Jerry, who then brings the officer to be debriefed by members of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). Following CIRT, the officer speaks with someone from the POA, MCD, and OCC, just as if the officer had gone through an actual shooting. A final debriefing and critique occurs in the classroom after everyone has completed the exercise.

I have worked with Jerry and Frank during this course as one of the CIRT debriefers almost from the inception

of the class. In almost every class that I have participated in, there has been at least one person who either myself or my partner have had to do a REAL mini debriefing with - not so much from the simulated incident, though we have had to do that, as well, but from real critical incidents that these officers had been involved in and who wanted, and needed, to talk to someone some more about their incidents. The simulation allowed them to revisit their incidents in a safe environment and to be able to process through them and continue moving on. The information that we provided to them was a reminder that all of the physical, cognitive, physiological, and feelings that they had experienced, and sometimes still did experience, were normal reactions to an abnormal situation, which is what a critical incident is. It validated what they were going through and in many cases helped them come full circle in dealing with stuff they hadn't talked about in a long time but was clearly still bothering them.

*I have seen first hand over and over again the life changing impact that this class has on many of the officers going through the program.*

On arriving at the Academy for the class on June 2nd, we learned that all



Retirees Frank McKee and Jerry D'Elia

of the Use of Force — Experiential classes scheduled for the fall had been cancelled, as had all non-POST mandated training, so that the Academy could concentrate using their funding on training the numerous recruit classes that were expected throughout the rest of the year. Bringing the Use of Force - Experiential class back at the beginning of 2008 would be re-evaluated, however, IF a decision is made to bring it back, it is doubtful that it will be allowed to be a backfillable class. Due to low staffing issues at most of the stations, having the class be able to be backfilled is critical.

I understand that the need for cuts in the budget often need to occur, however, I have seen first hand over and over again the life changing impact that this class has on many of the officers going through the program. Many that have gone through the class have signed up to be peer support members themselves, and many of the officers from outside agencies that

have gone through the class had come specifically to learn how to set up a similar program in their own agencies. Everyone who has gone through the class have felt it was well worth their time and effort to attend and often went back to their stations to encourage others to sign up for the class.

I urge the Commanding Officer at the Police Academy, as well as members of the Command Staff, to see if there is anyway that this class can come back to the Academy in 2008. With the high numbers of critical incidents that our members have been involved in recently, and the large numbers of new recruits coming into this job, it is CRITICAL that they learn the skills that will help them survive mentally after dealing with horrific incidents over and over again. And it's not IF they'll experience a critical incident; it's WHEN. Knowledge is power, and knowledge is what's going to keep us all alive.

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# Inspectors of the Month



L-R: Officer Michael Lewis, Sgt. Carl Fabbri, Insp. Richard Alves, Insp. Sylvia Morrow, Insp. Mark Gamble, Insp. Robert Sudano, Officer David Seid.

*April 2007*

## Special Investigations Division Tactical Investigations Unit

The Tactical Investigations Unit (TIU) is a specialized unit within the Special Investigations Division whose members are highly motivated and experienced. As a result of their specialized training in electronic equipment and surveillance techniques, special weapons and tactics, threat assessment, and dignitary and witness protection protocols, members of TIU are often called on to handle very confidential, sensitive, and dangerous assignments. Many units within the Police Department, as well as State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, routinely ask TIU to assist them with their most challenging investigative and arrest situations. Members of the Tactical Investigative Unit are a tremendous asset to the Police Department and the citizens of San Francisco and are to be commended for their excellent work.

*May 2007*

## Inspector Dan Dougherty

Insp. Dan Dougherty of the Retail Theft Unit of the Burglary Detail is the Inspector of the Month for May.

Dan joined the SFPD in 1973. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of Sgt/Inspector. Dan has served many roles in the Investigations Bureau and the Academy. Approximately 2-1/2 years ago Inspector Dougherty was tasked with organizing a new investigative arm of the Burglary Detail, the Retail Theft Unit. In the 2-1/2 years the detail has been in operation many successes have been accomplished and the unit is fast becoming a national model for fighting organized retail crime. Dan's scope of work, professionalism and tenacity has earned him a well-deserved stellar reputation in the SFPD.



Lt. Tom Buckley  
OIC, Burglary/RetailTheft/Fencing

*June 2007*

## Sexual Offenders Unit



L to R: Inspectors James Serna, John Poelstra, John Conefrey

Inspector of the Month for June 2007 is the Sexual Offenders Unit. The members assigned to the unit are Inspectors John Poelstra #631, Jim Serna #1248, and John Conefrey #263, and Officer Kathleen Mullins #2134.

The mission of the unit is to manage and monitor the population of registered sex offenders in the county. Each member of this team has received commendations individually for exceptional investigations and arrests. What sets them apart from other teams is what they have recently accomplished together. In the past four months they have increased the rate of compliance for all sex registrants in San Francisco by 10%. They have reduced the number of registrants in violation by 38%. Registrants whose whereabouts were unknown, has been reduced by an incredible 42%.

Lt. Dan Leydon #2243

## San Francisco Police Department Investigations Bureau



## Investigations Bureau Delivers For Troops In Iraq

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**WHERE:** POA Board Room, 800 Bryant Street, 2nd Floor

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Retired Sergeant Gary Smith, San Bernardino Sheriff's Office, will be this season's guest speaker. Gary, a decorated Vietnam veteran and former law enforcement officer, has been the Pastor of Immanuel Baptist, First Baptist Church in South San Francisco since 1991. Gary's daughter and son-in-law are San Francisco Police Officers. We are looking forward to a great message, please join us!

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I truly hope that one day I am able to give back to the Fund. God Bless all of you and thank you for saving us literally. I hope one day I can be there for you as you all were and are here for the two of us. Have a nice day and thank you so very much again.

*With Love,*

**Siobhan & Bobby McAuliffe**

**To: Robin Matthews and the BALEAF Board of Directors,**

Thank you all so very much for the generous donation to my Credit Union account. Thanks as well for the support and collections you've made for me. I'm sorry that this card is so late but I've had a few setbacks in my recovery.

In a million years, I would never have guessed that something like this could have happened to me. I've been a vegetarian for 15 years and lived a very healthy life. I don't

smoke or drink alcohol and I exercise frequently (4 times a week). I do have a family history of heart disease but was of the impression that a healthy lifestyle would keep me from developing heart disease myself!

This experience has been so very humbling for me. I've met some of the best doctors and nurses and my family members have been awesome. My work partner, Maura Pengel, did an amazing job of keeping me alive. I know she still doesn't realize how much her words and actions have done for me. I remember my first few days in the hospital. My spirits were low and I had the most dreadful feeling that I would not survive. Maura called me and lifted my spirits and kept me believing that I could and would make it. My SFPD family, especially my home station (Mission) and my old home station (Taraval), have sent countless cards and made generous donations to help me out in my time of need.

I also count BALEAF as my saviors for all you have done for me. Thank you is just not enough to express how deeply touched I am for all that you have done for me and my family.

*With sincerest gratitude,*  
**Judy Solis**

*Another calling of the infamous*

## Foothill Fuzz

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# CCSF Medical Provider Network For Occupationally Injured Employees

By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

Effective July 1, 2007 all San Francisco city employees who sustain job related injuries will be required to seek medical care follow-up from one of the physicians in the CCSF Medical Provider Network (MPN) unless the employee has properly pre-designated a qualified personal physician.

Acute and emergency medical care will continue to be provided at the California Pacific Medical Center – Davies Campus, the St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Kaiser Occupational Medicine (601 Van Ness) and the San Francisco General Hospital Occupational Medicine Clinic. Follow-up medical care for those without a pre-designated personal physician will be provided only by those physicians who are in the CCSF MPN. *The City's MPN now has 290 physicians with practices throughout the greater Bay Area (including Sacramento, Sonoma/Angels Camp/San Andreas) in a wide variety of medical specialties.*

The MPN is only for job related injuries/illnesses. For non-job injuries/illnesses, city employees will continue to seek medical care from their selected medical HMO/PPO (Kaiser, City Plan, Health Net, and Blue Shield).

## Medical Provider Network

As of January 1, 2005 California law (Labor Code section 4616) allowed employers, or their insurers, to establish medical provider networks for the provision of medical treatment to injured employees. The network must include physicians primarily engaged in the treatment of occupational injuries as well as those primarily engaged in the treatment of non-occupational injuries. The number of physicians in the MPN must be sufficient to enable treatment for job related injuries or conditions to be provided in a timely manner. Furthermore, the medical specialties of the MPN doctors must be varied so that all injured employees will be able to secure adequate and competent treatment in the geographic area where the employees are employed.

A MPN is a group of health care providers (doctors) set up by an insurer or self-insured employer (such as CCSF) and approved by the State of California to treat workers injured on the job. Each MPN must include a mix of doctors specializing in work-related injuries and doctors with expertise in general areas of medicine such as orthopedics, pulmonary, neurology, dentistry, surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, pain management, cardiology, internal medicine, dermatology, psychiatry, rheumatology, gastroenterologist, allergy/immunology, ear/nose/throat, radiology etc. **MPN's must allow employees a choice of provider(s) in the network after the employee's first visit to the acute/emergency medical facility. Furthermore, employees must be allowed**



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**to change their MPN doctor for any reason.** MPN providers must be listed by geographical region of their practice as well as their medical specialty. Medical treatment for job injuries must be readily available at reasonable times to all employees. It must also be readily accessible.

The CCSF recently sought approval of its MPN plan from the administrative director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. That plan was approved for implementation on and after July 1, 2007. California regulations (section 9767.12) require that the CCSF notify each of its employees in writing about the use of its MPN prior to its implementation. Additional notification is required for newly hired employees and covered employees at the time they report a job injury. These written notifications must include MPN information such as: contact persons and phone numbers, description of MPN services, an MPN provider directory, instructions as to how to access MPN medical care, how to choose an MPN physician, how to change a physician in the MPN, how to get a specialist referral, standards of transfer of care from a non-MPN physician to an MPN physician, and how to get 2nd and 3rd opinions about any proposed MPN medical care.

The CCSF MPN must give an occupationally injured city worker a regional list of all providers that includes at least three physicians in each specialty commonly used to treat work injuries/illnesses. The MPN must also provide access to primary care physicians within 15 miles and specialists within 30 miles of your employment/residence. If you live outside the MPN service area, you will be allowed to choose your own doctor. The MPN must provide initial treatment within 3 days and must furnish specialist treatment within 20 days of your request.

The City's Department of Human Resources has mailed out required notifications (40,000 packets) to all city employees and did conduct 20 information sessions at various locations (Main Library, City Hall, SF Port, and the SF International Airport). It

further provided all employees with a *CCSF Medical Provider Network Handbook*.

## Pre-designation of Personal Physician

City employees were provided with a pre-designation of personal physician form (DWC form 9783) which states: "In the event you sustain an injury or illness related to your employment, you may be treated for such injury or illness by your personal medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)." To pre-designate several requirements must be met: (1) CCSF must offer group health coverage (it does); (2) your doctor is your regular physician who has previously directed your medical treatment and who retains your medical records; (3) your physician is a licensed general practitioner, internist, obstetrician-gynecologist, or family practitioner; (4) prior to your job injuries, your doctor agrees to treat you (**note: your pre-designated personal physician is not required to sign this form**); and (5) prior to your job injury, you have completed and submitted the pre-designation form to your employer. Your personal physician may be a medical group (Kaiser) as long as that group is predominantly involved in the treatment of non-occupational injuries/illnesses.

Chiropractors and acupuncturists can no longer be pre-designated. However, there are chiropractors that can be selected on the CCSF MPN and your pre-designated or MPN doctor can refer you to a chiropractor or acupuncturist. All pre-designations (1st day, 30 day) previously submitted are no longer valid and will not be recognized by the City's compensation division.

You must go to the CCSF acute and emergency care facility for initial care. Thereafter follow-up care is provided by either your pre-designated doctor or your selected MPN doctor.

## Treated for a Work-Related Injury Before the CCSF MPN Begins?

If you are currently under medical care for an occupational injury, there

will be no immediate transfer to a doctor within the CCSF MPN. The workers compensation division will evaluate all open medical care claims. You qualify for continuing treatment with your non-MPN doctor for up to a year if your injury or illness meets any of the following conditions: (a) acute – treatment will be completed in 90 days; (b) serious or chronic – no full cure within 90 days, will stay with your current treater for up to 1 year; (c) terminal- death likely within one year, stay with your current doctor; and (d) pending surgery which has been authorized – no transfer if the surgery completed in 180 days. You can disagree with any decision of the compensation division to transfer your medical care and make use of the procedures to express this disagreement.

If you have properly pre-designated a primary treating doctor, you will not be transferred into the MPN.

## What To Do Now

If you wish to pre-designate your personal physician to treat you for occupational injuries or illnesses, complete the Pre-designation Form (DWD form 9783) and forward it as instructed on the form. The POA maintains a record of pre-designations; please send a copy to Welfare Officer Mike Hebel if you wish to be included in this record-keeping.

If you need further information or clarification, contact Anthony LaCombe who is the CCSF MPN designated contact person. Anthony can be reached at (800) 394-9304. To access the MPN directory of doctors, go to: <http://pponetwork.com/CCSF>.

POA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel has the listing of the 290 doctors in the CCSF MPN. If you need a recommendation, call Mike at (415) 861-0211. Mike also maintains the POA log for MPN doctor complaints and complements. If a doctor is providing sub-standard care for occupationally injured POA members, the POA will request his/her removal from the CCSF MPN.



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# Chinatown Squad: Policing the Ethnic Underworld

By Kevin J. Mullen

**Author's Note:** This is the first in a series of articles in which I intend to recount the origins and history of San Francisco's fabled Chinatown Squad. By any measure, San Francisco's Chinese community is now the least criminally violent group in the city. That was not always the case. The Chinese once had the highest homicide rate of any group in the city's history. To counter that condition; to address the unique aspects of Chinese criminality at the time; and in an attempt to reduce official corruption, the State Legislature enacted the McCoppin Act in 1878 which, among its other provisions, brought the Chinatown Squad into existence. By that time, the conditions which necessitated the unit had already been festering for decades.

## One: The Raid

"Yesterday afternoon," reported the *San Francisco Daily Alta* on January 4, 1854, "Marshal Sequine received information that something was going on among the Chinese." Assembling as many of his little 30 man police force as he could muster, the Marshal went to a house on Jackson Street shortly after 10 P.M. where he brushed aside the "look see" men and forced entry into the building. There, according to the press account, he found 400 Chinese men.

It was apparent that the men were engaged in some kind of ceremonial activity. The room was festooned with ornate decorations including twenty inscribed flags stuck in a tub of rice. Many of the assemblage were armed with swords and pistols and the leader who was armed to the teeth was dressed in gorgeous robes. When the police entered, the crowd tried to scatter, some escaping onto nearby roofs. In the end the marshal's men rounded up 159 suspects and, "As a means to bring them quietly to the Station House, they were tied together by the tails of their heads, in half dozens, and in this manner marched to the Station House. . . ."

The next day one witness testified in the Recorder's Court about the existence of a protection racket among the Chinese. "Some of the Chinese have reported to me," he swore "there was a large company of robbers who were trying to get from the Chinese prostitutes ten dollars a month from each one." "I have since heard," he continued, "the same party had demanded \$100 each from Chinese merchants in Sacramento street."

Tong R. Achick, leader of the Young Wo District Association testified that he too had heard of the existence of a secret society which was collecting taxes from Chinese brothels and that the flags and insignia found in the

room were the same as those used by illegal societies in China.

Over the objections of the defense, which characterized the group as a benevolent association, the court ordered that the provisions of the constitution seized at the time of the arrest be read. The preamble announced that the purpose of the members of this "Hung" society was to take care of each other, to advance the cause of the emperor of the old dynasty, and to protect the old and weak. There followed a recitation of the 36 oaths required of members



Brandt Sequine was elected to a one-year term as City Marshal in November 1853. He was impeached by the city council in July 1854 for failure to obey a Mayoral order and suspended for the rest of his term.

joining the society.

A number of other Chinese merchants were then introduced, all of whom testified that they had heard about a society which was levying taxes but they knew nothing of their own knowledge. The Recorder's Court Judge found that though there may indeed have been a group of extortionists, nothing was given in evidence to connect the arrestees with that group, so all were discharged except one man who had been found to have a receipt for money said to have been extorted from a Chinese woman.

"It is still the opinion of Tong R. Achick and other prominent Chinese," noted the contemporary news account, "that the object of the society is to extort money and that the constitution and ceremonies are mere cloaks for this purpose." We now know that what Marshal Sequine and his officers stumbled into in 1854 was the first certain manifestation of the arrival of criminal Triad gangs in the United States. But the officers had no real way to know that at the time.

Conditions were bad in China's Guangdong Province in the mid-nineteenth century. Wars, economic collapse, and natural disasters had devastated the region, and agricultural workers had begun to emigrate to better their economic lot. Too poor to pay for their own passages, they would hire themselves out to labor contractors who transported them to worksites in the "Southern Seas" in return for a share of the proceeds of their labor. The idea was to make enough money to support their families in China and to eventually return home to a life of leisure.

When news of the great 1848 California gold strike spread outward, gold seekers streamed in from all over the world. Among those who came were impoverished residents of South China. By the end of 1849, about 800 had arrived in *Gun Sam* "the City of the Golden Hills." A year later, after news of the richness of the find arrived back in China, the flow of immigrants increased. By the end of 1850 their population increased to 4,000, and by 1852 there were 18,000 Chinese in the state. Most, as did other Gold Rush arrivals, headed for the mining regions where they worked in gangs to extract gold from the placers. But some settled in "Chinatown" at first centered at Sacramento and Dupont streets (Grant Avenue.)

Because of the unfamiliarity of the mostly agrarian newcomers with the economic cultures and customs of the overseas settlements, a number of societies — some of them indigenous to the old country — emerged to facilitate their survival in the alien world. Governmental mandarins did not accompany the migrants because the Manchu

Chow Company. In 1851 the Sam Yup Company was formed out of three of the districts not covered by the Kong Chow Company. And later the Sze Yup Company split off from Kong Chow. By 1854 there were four companies, known as the Four Great Houses and by the 1860s there were six major mercantile *huiguans*.

The *huiguans* smoothed the way of their immigrants members by organizing sea passages from China and home again, negotiating with contractors to supply gangs of laborers, and looking out for the interests of their members generally. They are the direct linear antecedents of today's Chinese Benevolent Association, better known as the Six Companies.

Also among the newcomers were Triad ("Hung") societies, members of which were rounded up in Marshal Sequine's raid. The triads can be traced to 17th century China, when groups of patriotic Han Chinese were formed to fight Manchu conquerors and restore the Ming Dynasty. Their origins were political, but by the mid-19th century, many triads had moved away from their idealistic political origins and evolved into highly organized crime syndicates.

Then there were the tongs, reputed by some to have been first organized in California to protect the Chinese newcomers from abuse by white miners. In fact, some, like the Chee Kung Tong were transpacific incarnations of criminal Triad gangs originating in China. Other tongs were less ominous, organized as they were among smaller family groups to defend themselves against the oppression of the larger family groups. Still other tongs were largely trade associations or workers guilds organized to look out for workers' rights or apportion business among members.

There has been much puzzlement over the years about the exact nature of and the relationships between the various associations in Chinatown. On the one hand there are those who claim that they are all strictly benevolent societies sometimes having a few criminal members. Others assert

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rulers of China discouraged immigration. In their place — in addition to family associations, which admitted to membership all having the same surname — merchant companies called *huiguans* rose to prominence. The first such *huiguan* organized in San Francisco in 1850 was the Kong

that many of the associations are essentially criminal enterprises with a gloss of respectability. From the start, as evidenced by the testimony of Tong R. Achick at the trial in 1854, many of the members of the district associations opposed the criminal gangs. But it was also evident from the start

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SFPD Chinatown squad, circa 1898

there was much common membership in the triads. At the outset it may be helpful to try to make some sense out of all the confusion.

Norman Assing (Yueng Sheng) perhaps best personifies the associational schizophrenia. Assing departed from China, according to one account, sometime in 1847 following the defeat of the Red Turban Uprising against the Imperial Manchu Regime in which he took part on the losing side. He arrived in San Francisco before the Gold Rush and assumed a prominent place in the emerging Chinese community. He established a mercantile store on Montgomery Street and also started a restaurant at Commercial and Kearny streets named — perhaps prophetically — The Golden Dragon. But in addition to his more legitimate businesses he also ran a brothel on Jackson Street with prostitutes imported from China, and was, according to historian Benson Tong, both a member of a *huiguan* and of a Triad gang. The cross membership in criminal/non criminal associations is one we will revisit many times in the series.

Assing also retained good relations with the police. On February 1, 1851 he “gave a grand feast at his private home in San Francisco,” attended by among others “a number of policemen.” That, on its face, was innocent enough. One of the functions of the merchant leaders of the *huiguans* was to represent their membership to the larger society. The principal point of contact in San Francisco between the Chinese and the majority society over the following decades would be the San Francisco Police Department.

In August 1849, following — and in consequence of — a murderous riot by a group of thugs called the Hounds who made a business of shaking down Latino newcomers on Telegraph Hill, San Francisco formed its first police department, consisting of 30 men and three sergeants under City Marshal Malachi Fallon. At first the contacts

between the police and the Chinese were mundane enough. At the funeral ceremonies for President Taylor on August 29, 1850 a group of self described “China Boys” followed the police contingent in the line of march. It was Norman Assing who presented Mayor John Geary with a proclamation on behalf of the “China Boys” thanking him for including the Chinese newcomers in the procession.

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The Chinese appeared in the criminal records of the time almost exclusively as victims. There were more than a few instances in which lone Chinese were set upon and beaten up by white thugs. The only homicide of a Chinese in the murderous first half-decade of the 1850s was that of a laundryman on the Jackson Street Wharf in October 1853 at the hands of a white man who was upset that he could not get his laundry back without a ticket.

But there was also a darker undercurrent in Chinese affairs. As early as 1851, the *Alta* noticed that some of the new arrivals were extorting money from their fellow travelers. And Francis Marryat, in his 1851 description of life in Gold Rush San Francisco, remarked that a clique had been discovered in San Francisco, “of the wealthiest Chi-

nese who subjected people to fines and bastinado” and who shipped some back to old country. When police discovered it, they put an end to it, he said, “as these punishments were applied only for the purposes of extortion.”

In 1853, the *Alta* commented on a Chinese “gang of rascals” two of whom were in court for compelling Chinese women to pay \$20 a month under the threat of being murdered or having their houses burned down. The Marshal was at last on scent of these rascals who had been at it for some time, the paper said. Summing up at the end of the year the paper commented that the Chinese who had previously been celebrated for peacefulness were losing that reputation. More and more they were appearing at the Recorder’s Court in the morning on charges from rowdiness to burglary. Many of the problems, the article claimed, originated in the “infamous houses.”

It would be impossible at the remove of 150 years to sort out all the complex criminal relationships but there is some evidence to more than suggest that there were even then cross-memberships between in the ostensibly respectable merchant companies and the Triad criminals. In its May 1853 report, the county grand jury wrote, “We find the existence in this community of a society of Chinese called the Four Great Houses,” organized, said the paper, for forcing trade to their establishments and fining all who transgress their laws. The jurors probably misread the purposes of the *huiguans* which had clearly legitimate purposes. As a factual matter, however, the Grand Jury did also report that the meetings of the society “were presided over by the heads of the Four great Houses Sam Wo, Ah Ti, and the two Ah Chings.” Interestingly, Among those arrested later at Marshal

Sequine’s Jackson Street raid of the Triad initiation ceremony was “Ah-Ching, a leader among the Chinese, one of the heads of the large mercantile companies.” Wheels within wheels.

In the early 1850s in the general climate of boom town craziness which characterized San Francisco much of this commanded only cursory notice. By the mid-1850s, however, the city had begun to cast off some of its boomtown wildness. Argonauts, who had come originally only to make a pile of gold and return home, took a look around and — like many later visitors — liked what they saw. They decided to stay. Many of them sent for their wives or returned to the eastern states to marry their girls who came back with them. The rude shacks of the gold rush gave way to substantial brick construction and the town took on a more settled look.

But the question of Chinese criminality — its nature and what to do about it — remained unresolved. Reporting on the situation in 1854, the contemporary *Annals of San Francisco* declared, “There seems to be some secret societies among this [Chinese] people, by means of which a few of their number grossly oppress their brethren. The police have attempted to interfere and protect the injured, though seldom with much effect.” Conditions would get a lot worse before they got better.

*Retired deputy chief Kevin J. Mullen has written several books on the city’s criminal justice history. As he proceeds with this effort, he solicits input from anyone with any knowledge of the Chinatown Squad’s history, in its historic form, or more recently, in its modern incarnation as a section of the Gang Task Force. Mullen can be reached at (415)883-0217 or [KM870@aol.com](mailto:KM870@aol.com). Comments and criticism are welcome.*



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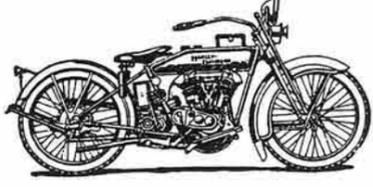
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# POA Medal of Valor Award

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President Gary Delagnes hosted the ceremony

Seeking to recognize the bravery, valor, and dedication to duty of several San Francisco Police Officers, the POA hosted a ceremony in which each of the following members was presented with the POA Medal of Valor. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at the Italian American Athletic Club. Each of these named officers is the personification of selfless dedication to this department and the people of San Francisco. The much-condensed explanations for the presentation of each award do not realistically reflect the danger to which each officer was exposed, but the text should serve to demonstrate the dramatic exposure of each incident.

## Officer Jose Guardado

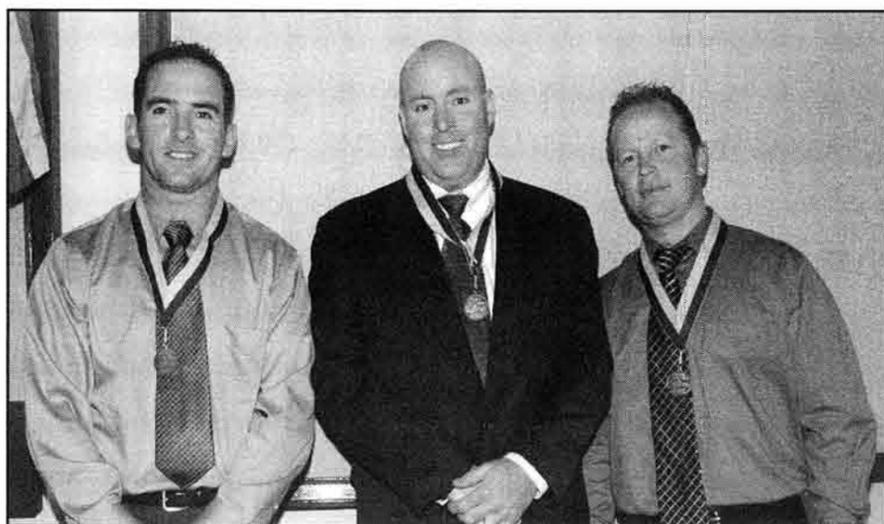
On Friday evening, December 22, 2006, Officer Jose Guardado and his partner, Officer Bryan Tuvera, were on patrol in the Taraval District when they spotted an escaped felon. Upon seeing the officers, the suspect ran, and the two officers gave quick pursuit by foot. At one point during the chase, the escapee turned and fired a handgun at the two uniformed officers. Officer Tuvera was hit and fatally wounded. Officer Guardado returned fire and hit the suspect several times. The suspect died at the scene.

"We are extremely saddened by the loss of Officer Tuvera and yet we are grateful that Officer Jose Guardado survived this assault and ultimately subdued the desperate murderer of his fellow officer."

— President Gary Delagnes,  
San Francisco Police Officers  
Association



Jose Guardado



L-R, Andrew Meehan, Matthew Goodin, Gerald Newbeck

## Officers Andrew Meehan, Matthew Goodin, and Gerald Newbeck

On Friday September 9, 2005, Officers Andrew Meehan, Matthew Goodin, and Gerald Newbeck were assigned to uniform patrol in the Bayview District on the Day watch. The officers responded to a call regarding two suspicious individuals in a car in the area of Hunters point. The officers located the vehicle with the two individuals inside parked on Ardath Court. Upon seeing the officers approach, the suspects quickly sped away from the scene. The officers gave pursuit, which was prolonged, and also involved a lengthy foot chase. During the foot chase, one of the suspects turned repeatedly and pointed a car-

bine rifle directly at the officers. After a dangerous struggle, the armed suspect – later identified as a member of a local street gang, was apprehended. It was also determined that the suspects had been intent on executing a rival gang member in that immediate area just before the officers intervened.

"Officers Meehan, Goodin and Newbeck survived a potentially deadly encounter with an armed subject while performing their duties as San Francisco Police Officers. The threat was immediate, in close quarters and with the subject having tactical advantage and superior firepower. Their decisive actions resulted in the arrest of a violent armed gang member and prevented further gang violence. These officers exhibited outstanding bravery above and beyond that expected in the line of duty ... The officers' lives were in constant jeopardy and the officers had sufficient time to evaluate that risk yet the officers did not back off, and were successful in capturing him ensuring the safety and lives of other officers and the community at large."

— Lieutenant Eric Quema,  
Bayview Station



L-R, Derrick Lew and Fabian Fowler

## Officers Fabian Fowler and Derrick Lew

On the night of August 27, 2006, Officers Fowler and Lew were on patrol in the Bayview District. At 2205 hours, they arrived at the scene of a shots fired call and quickly located a possible suspect. The suspect abruptly attempted to cross Flora Street in an attempt to evade contact with the officers. Officer Lew, who was driving the patrol vehicle, pulled slightly forward to block the suspect's avenue of escape. The suspect immediately turned and walked directly toward the driver's side of the patrol car. Then without warning, the suspect reached inside his waistband and drew a semi-automatic handgun and began firing a volley of shots into the driver's window of the patrol vehicle. One of the suspect's rounds pierced Officer Lew's jacket from left to right. Officer Fowler believed that his partner had just been murdered and he immediately engaged the suspect in a gun battle. During the gun battle, shots traveled back and forth across the roof of the patrol vehicle. With the suspect's attention focused on killing Officer Fowler, Officer Lew drew his department issued handgun and moved to join officer Fowler in the gun battle. As Officer Lew moved into a position where he could engage the suspect, the numerous rounds exchanged between the suspect and Officer Fowler came to an end. The threat had been eliminated when the suspect fell to the ground mortally wounded.

"Officers Fowler and Lew responded to a call of shots fired with the intention of protecting the public, but ended up fighting for their own lives in a rolling gun battle. These officers performed in a textbook fashion and took heroic actions to protect the community from this vicious individual who had just executed two people."

— Sergeant Chris Martinez,  
Bayview Station

## Officers William Elieff, Timothy Paine, James O'Malley, Greg Kane, and Steven Stearns

On the evening of May 5, 2004, Officer Elieff, patrolling alone in the Park District, became involved in a vehicle pursuit of a suspected kidnapper and child abductor. He was joined in the pursuit by another radio car containing Officers Kane and Stearns. During this pursuit, the driver began firing gunshots at the officers from the driver's window. Soon thereafter, Officers Paine and O'Malley also became involved in the incident, which terminated on Larch Alley in a continued shoot-out. After a violent attempt to continue flight, continued firing of a handgun at the officers, and repeated failure to heed the arrest order of the officers, the suspect was shot and apprehended. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The suspect was initially wanted for attempting to kidnap strangers, a woman with her adolescent son, using a gun. The heinous crime justified the pursuit of the suspect. The suspect's driving, combined with the previous crime, showed a grievous threat to public safety. The suspect then fired repeatedly at the Officers. The suspect's grave threat to public safety was ended by the actions of these brave officers."

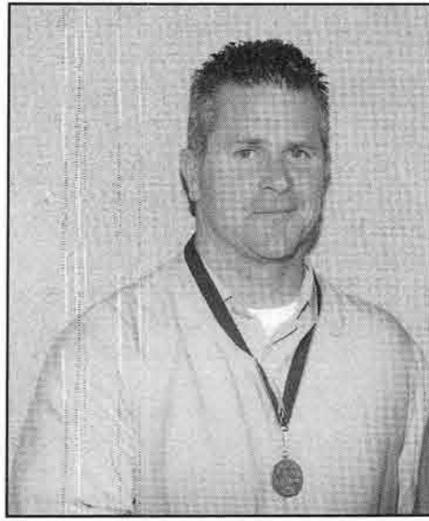
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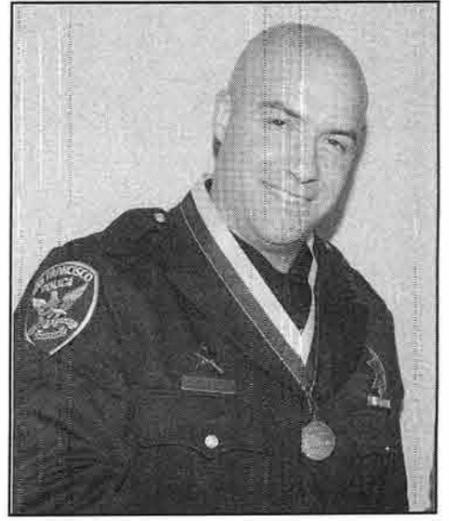
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**Officers Daniel Simone, Kevin Knoble, David Seid, Wendell Jones, Moses Gala (not pictured), Thomas Smith, Sam Christ, John Burke, and Joshua Kumli; Inspectors Michael Lewis, Sylvia Morrow, Thomas Newland, Richard Alves, and Mark Gamble; Sergeant John Greenwood**

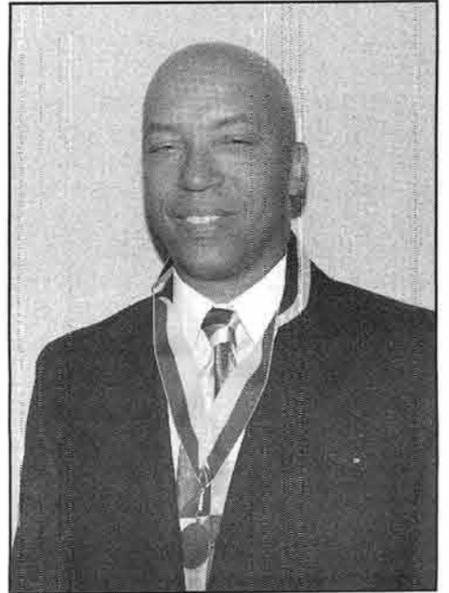
On June 29, 2004, the above listed members had organized an arrest team to apprehend and contain a dangerous wanted felon. Information received was that the felon, a suspect in several murders, was hiding in the Ingleside District. Upon locating the approximate location of the suspect's safe house, the arrest team descended on the area to prepare for the arrest. The suspect detected the presence of the officers and climbed into his vehicle and began to flee. In the process of his flight, the suspect used his vehicle to ram several occupied police cars, drive recklessly through city and neighborhood streets, and shoot at officers with a firearm. At great risk to themselves, the arrest team members managed to box in and disable the suspect's vehicle, but he exited it and continued to shoot at the officers. Officers returned fire and struck the suspect, ending his violent rampage and containing him.

"The above personnel demonstrated outstanding bravery where a risk of life to themselves actually existed. All were in a line of fire and had direct contact with the suspect who either used his vehicle as a weapon, pointed and fired a weapon, or placed themselves in harms way with the specific intent of accomplishing the objective."

- Lieutenant Daniel Mahoney, Special Investigations Division



Gary Delagnes and John Greenwood



Wendell Jones



Thomas Newland, Michael Lewis, David Seid, Sylvia Morrow, Richard Alves, Mark Gamble



Kevin Knoble



L-R, Steven Stearns, Timothy Paine, Greg Kane, William Elieff, James O'Malley



Joshua Kumli



## POA MAIL



### Police staffing at SFO...

*Editor's note: This very informative letter was received in April 2007. It was misplaced in the stacks of material on my desk and I failed to run it in either the May or June issues of the POA Journal, a bit of ineptitude I very much regret. – RS*

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has introduced a resolution this week to decrease the police staffing at the airport to supplement the police staffing shortage in the city.

After hearing the arguments for this resolution. All but one of the supervisors voted for this resolution. I want to stand up and argue for the people who work and travel through SFO daily who seem to have no say in this issue.

I see there is a huge misunderstanding about the needs of police services at the airport. These are the issues concerning the police staffing at the airport. The amount of police activity is small in comparison to the number of officers assigned there. They have more officers than any station in the city. How can they justify this staffing level? Why not move these officers to the city?

When you look through the lens of this single prospective of police work it would be hard to argue. We need to take a few steps back and view this from the lens of the airport perspective. We need to understand the airport first, and then it's needs and responsibilities.

SFO is a category X airport. This is the highest category given by the FAA. The airport is the main gateway for the world to come to the San Francisco Bay Area. It is also the main gateway for the residents of the Bay Area and Northern California to travel through out the world.

First, we need to understand the airport is a major business that needs to be profitable to operate. The airport must ensure the needs of the traveling public are met. The first concern is the safety of the traveling public and of the airport itself. The next major concern is for the smooth and timely way they move people through this airport. Anything that negatively affects the airport will hurt the reputation of the region and cause huge financial losses. It's impact affects the lives of millions of people who travel by air and the fundamental stability of the airline industry.

We can remember 9-11 and what effect it had on the world. This airport and all airports through out the world were shut down for a period of

time. It almost caused the collapse of the airline industry. The fear of flying was prevalent through out the world. The stock market took huge losses and many years to recover.

We remember what happened locally to business. Hotels, restaurants, stores and transportation took huge losses. Thousands of people were laid off and the city lost millions in tax revenue.

The airport is governed and influenced by many entities. It has its obligation to conform to the F.A.A. and the airline industry, the T.S.A. and Homeland Security requirements. The U.S. Customs, Immigration, and a host of local, state and federal agencies that work within the airport. The Airport Director and Commission oversee a multi million-dollar business. Revenue is generated from ground transportation, vendors, small businesses, and the airlines. This generates huge income for the airport, which contributes into the city general fund.

The airport is in an unincorporated area outside of the city limit and needs to be self-reliant. The airport is a small city in itself. There are over ten thousand employees that work in and around the airport. The daily passenger loads are in excess of twenty thousand travelers, double that number during peak seasons. It has a maintenance facility that services over a thousand city vehicles. There is an airport administration that oversees numerous departments. It has three fully staffed firehouses. These are examples of the scope of operations at SFO. The revenue to the airport pays for all these operations and services including the police staffing.

The size of the airport property is approximately 7 square miles. Our responsibility covers from the South San Francisco border to the Burlingame border. We patrol the open property west of the airport across the freeway. We patrol the cargo buildings, parking lots, terminal buildings, the airfield, and the roadways through out the airport.

Police work at the airport is unique compared to the city. We have a large staff of K-9 and EOD personnel. We regulate and oversee the taxis, shuttle vans, buses and Limos. There are no residences, schools or high crime activity at the airport. We are very customer service orientated to the public. Our value is our presence not our interaction. The officers have a more specialized knowledge and understanding of the different laws and jurisdictions at

the airport. We enforce all the laws of the State of California. We also enforce many federal laws associated with the FAA and ordinances established by the Airport. We support the TSA, Homeland security and all the other federal agencies in their daily operations. In the event of an aviation high alert level of red, we are mandated by Homeland Security to man a number of security posts, but we currently do not have sufficient personnel to meet that obligation.

The Airport is a controlled facility. Security is paramount, and access to this facility is limited. The police officers at the airport have this clearance.

Psychologically, people feel the most vulnerable and are at a high anxiety level when they are at the airport and traveling in planes. These feelings come from being in an unfamiliar place, or they might not know the language and do not have the same resources when they are in their home city. The global airline industry is interconnected by a vast schedule of flights. Being on time is another factor of stress. All passengers must undergo searches and screening which induces stress.

There are only a few events that can cause a major disruption to this airport. The first would be a plane crash or collision. The second major event would be a natural disaster like an earthquake. A large terrorist incident would be the last major event. These are the main reasons why every airport needs to have high police staffing. In the event of a plane crash or natural disaster, we need to close down all roadways into the airport, close down the terminal buildings, and begin evacuations of passengers from aircraft and terminal buildings. This is after the rescue of passengers.

When there is panic and chaos the presence of officers brings confidence to the situation. We bring order to any traumatic catastrophe. Specially trained officers with immediate response, knowledge of the airport, and access to secure areas is crucial in these incidents.

I was working at the airport during the Loma Prieta earthquake in October 1989. We had a larger department and more officers working then. There was major damage to many buildings and the terminal areas. The airport was shut down and we could not depend on any other outside resources. We had to search the whole airport to ensure no one was trapped or injured. We had to evacuate all the aircraft and terminals. There was chaos through out the Bay Area and everyone else was looking for assistance. The Airport Police at the time was able to bring control and order to the airport due to its staffing.

In an active terrorist incident such as a bombing, active shooter, hi-jacking or WMD release, the lives of thousands of people at the airport are at stake. Our immediate response is needed to save lives. The incident cannot wait for the arrival of personnel from the city or surrounding agencies. They would be unfamiliar with the locations and not have access to all the areas of the airport.

9-11 happened when 19 terrorist were able to penetrate the existing

security of those airports. The airports and the airline industry have and will always be the main target for terrorist. What happens at any airport and on any aircraft affects the minds of everyone who flies. When people choose not to fly, the economical effects are felt globally. The press coverage of an incident no matter how small that happens with the aviation industry generates national and international coverage. For example, a shooting in the city is almost a daily occurrence. This news might get a short paragraph somewhere in the back page of the newspaper. A shooting in an airport becomes international news. The scrutiny will come from every source of media and every level of government nationally or possibly internationally. Remember airlines also represent countries.

There are three fully staffed firehouses at the airport. They are justifiably there in case of any of those above-mentioned incidents. The primary function of the police at the airport is not to fight crime. They are there for the same reasons as the fire department.

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When the Board of Supervisors looks at the airport and this issue they are looking from the lens of the city of San Francisco and the districts they represents. This is a short-sighted point of view. They would view it differently if say one supervisor decided to make a resolution to move officers from another district to their own district because they thought their district had a greater need. The citizens from the affected district would be in an uproar.

The airport does not have residents and most are not taxpaying voters of the city. The Board of Supervisors might want to ask the millions of traveling public that pass through the airport each year if it would be okay to reduce the police staffing. The passengers pay for the airport police staffing and its security through fares and fees. The board of supervisors needs to look beyond their district when they consider making decisions affecting millions of people. Police staffing should be left to the Chief of Police and Airport director to decide.

By reducing police staffing instead of increasing it can have the following effects:

1. This resolution is a direct invitation to any terrorist reading the news to come to SFO because the police staffing levels are being lowered.



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2. The political and media ramifications of any major incident that happens at SFO will be under the same scrutiny as the events of New Orleans Katrina and the recent Virginia Tech massacre.
3. A major incident at SFO will cause a loss to our tourist industry affecting every district in the city.
4. The loss of reputation could cause people to fly out of the Oakland or San Jose airports losing revenue to San Francisco.
5. It does not give confidence to the new airlines that want to operate and relocate to SFO. (Virgin USA, Jet blue, Southwest etc.)
6. If SFPD cannot provide adequate police response, the Airport might consider another law enforcement agency. The airport needs to protect its interest.

The Board of Supervisors needs to rethink this resolution. This is one case where they cannot rob Peter to pay Paul. There is only one supervisor on the board who has the sense and vision not to vote for this resolution. I applaud Ed Jew for his wisdom.

My name is Alvin Louie and I am a police officer at the airport. I have been at the airport for 18 yrs.

## Mail to the Chronicle...

Hi Susan [Sward],

I am sure that you want to report the correct facts; SFPD officers are not issued Stun Guns. It would be nice if you put this on the front page of the Chronicle, but knowing you I doubt it. Serna is a good officer, we need more like him, not afraid to go out and arrest people who violate the law. It would be also nice if you done an article on all the violence, drunkenness that was and is occurring on Broadway, especially after the bars close. Again I doubt you will do that.

I would also appreciate if you done an article on the twelve officers who gave their lives in the line of duty to the people of California last year. Since the foundation of this great state over 1400 officers have been killed in the line of duty, and almost 18000 nationally. Why don't you do an article on the widows, children, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters left behind? (It was all male officers who were killed in California last year) The pain and suffering they endure everyday is unimaginable and the public should know what they go through. I would be more than happy to provide you with the details of each death. I can also get some of the survivors and police officers who knew and worked with the officers to talk to you. I look forward to your reply and the publishing of the article or rather a series of articles.

**Val Kirwan, Director**  
California Police Officers Memorial Foundation.

Dear Gary —

The following is a letter I wrote that was published by the S.F. Chronicle on May 20, 2007. You might have seen it. What you didn't see was the last sentence, which was edited out. The other letter submit-

ted about "The Badge", a new feature written by ride-along journalists, was about four times longer than mine but, given its gratuitous detail, appeared to be intact. It was critical of the actions taken by Officers Ray Vargas and Nate Stegar yet displayed no understanding of basic police work.

As you are well aware, The Chronicle strives to provide balanced opinions in its editorial pages whenever possible. Apparently my last sentence tipped the scales entirely too far and was deleted. I can only conclude that my 40 words were four times weightier than those that propagate negative myths about the SFPD.

To: S.F. Chronicle

Editor:

The Chronicle's new Monday feature, "The Badge", is long over due. Finally you have someone reporting on the SFPD from the street level, not sitting at a computer assembling Freedom of Information data into another cop scandal. If only Susan Sward and Seth Rosenfeld would volunteer to be "embedded" they could experience real police work - not the "based-on-fact" fiction they've been writing lately.

**John P. O'Shea**  
SFPD, Ret.

## Thanks for the opportunity...

Dear Gary —

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to participate on the 2007 SFPOA contract negotiating committee. The experience of sitting at the table with the negotiating team and partaking in the pains taking yet rewarding dialogue involving our contract issues was an absolutely invaluable life experience. I found myself not only learning and absorbing the many aspects of the labor negotiation process but also realizing that many dynamic labor issues will continue to challenge our membership for many years to come. I must admit that at times I wanted to scream in frustration at the opposing side as we sat and listened to their conversion of premium proposals.

The process of exchanging of ideas for the betterment of the association was both informative yet exhausting at times. I walked away at the end of it with a newfound appreciation of the diligent efforts that you have dedicated to the members of the SFPOA over the last several years in contract negotiations. I witnessed first hand your resolve, tenacity and perseverance in securing a generous compensation contract that will propel our membership well into the twenty-first century. The membership of the SFPOA can feel proud with this package as they continue to strive to provide for their families.

Thank you again for your determined and steadfast dedication to the rank and file of the SFPOA.

*Sincerely & Respectfully,*  
**Officer Edward Browne**  
Central Station

## Our Deepest Appreciation...

Hello —

Here are the pictures.... my apologies for the delay.

Words cannot express my family's gratefulness for your visits, gifts, meals provided, encouragement, thoughtfulness, and prayers. Thank you. It made a real difference for Ethan and his recovery; and our family will think of you all and remember what you did for us forever. You are all amazing people and the city of San Francisco is fortunate to have you protecting it and its people.

*God bless you all,*  
**Lynette Hale-Lee**  
*On behalf of*  
*Ethan Hale*  
*Jim, Michale and Emmalee Hale*

## Please Lend Your Support...

Dear POA Members —

I am asking for your support on a bill that will soon be going to the US Congress, This bill is titled the "Sergeant Henry Prendes Memorial Act of 2007." This bill will amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal penalties for attempting to kill, conspiring to kill, or killing a police officer, firefighter, and other federally funded public safety officer.

The bill was introduced by Congressman Porter of Nevada. In part, it reads: Sec. 1123. Killing of Federally funded public safety officers

(a) Whoever kills, or attempts or conspires to kill, a federally funded public safety officer while that officer is engaged in official duties, or on account of the performance of official duties, or kills a former federally funded public safety officer on account of the past performance of official duties, shall be punished by a fine under the title and imprisonment for any term of years NOT less than 30, or for life, or if death results and the offender is prosecuted as a principal, may be sentenced to death.

Please contact your Congressman and show your support, or send a letter to Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi at 450 Golden Gate 14th floor San Francisco, CA 94102

To read the entire Act, look up Congressman Porter of Nevada.

*Fraternally,*  
**Rich Alves**

## Thank you...

Dear Mr. Delagnes —

In April each year, the Nation takes a moment to recognize and thank the men and women who answer our Country's 911 calls. National Telecommunicator Week provides for communities to highlight the tireless work that goes on, day and night, in each 911 center across the country. This year, as in years past, the San Francisco Police Officer's Association played a major role in our celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and gratitude for the continued support the SFPOA has shown our 911 call takers and dispatchers each and every year, without exception it has been almost eight years since communications operations shifted from the San Francisco Police Department to what is now the Department of Emergency Management. During this time, you have shown our dispatchers that although departmental affiliation may have changed, the natural bond between dispatcher and police officer has not. I am pleased that our relationship with your officers remains as strong as ever, and look forward to continued collaboration with the men and women of our City's police force.

Please share my personal thanks to the members of the SFPOA Board for their generosity and care.

*With warm regards,*  
**Laura Phillips**  
Executive Director

Dear SFPOA —

The SFPD Academy's 215th Recruit Class would like to extend our gratitude and sincerest appreciation to you and the whole POA organization for your unselfish support and generosity towards a great cause.

The POA's donation of \$1,000 for the Northern California Special Olympics is greatly appreciated by every single member of the 215th Recruit Class as well as the administrators, families, and athletes of the Special Olympics.

The example displayed by the POA is truly an inspiration to all of us and will be remembered throughout our whole academy experience.

We look forward to working with the POA in the near future.

*With our sincerest regards,*  
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Dear POA —

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Sincerely,  
Recruit Class 216

## The De-Policing of the SFPD...

Editor —

Police Officers as a whole are an interesting breed of folks to begin with; add a bit of fresh coastal air, mix it with an ounce of homegrown politics, and the eclectic characters seem only magnified in this grand old city of Saint Francis. This is what makes this department so unique, so diverse, and so interesting.

For over 150 years the cops in this city have held a certain pride and dignity for being members of the City's finest, where donning the Phoenix on the shoulder of each street soldier really meant something. Where "Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra" was an accurate slogan. Where fighting the criminal element were a duty and not a meaningless, futile task.

Here we are in the year 2007. The Phoenix is still rising and the slogan touted, but the efforts have been quelled by a politically correct and corrupt evolution of spineless leaders, a power-hungry (anti-) Police Commission, The Office of Coercing Complaints (OCC) and a Mayor, who has yet to be weaned.

I hear it time and again, "it used to be a great job". I bet it was. I came into the department in 1995, and it seems that I experienced the tail end of the "it used to be a great job" era. We did have fun. We even had some semblance of support to do our job the way we were trained to do.

Now, there are so many restric-

tions placed upon us during the course of our job that it has become nearly pointless to even try. With so much threat of personal liability and discipline looming over our every move, why move at all? If chasing a vehicle (for whatever reason) requires us to meet so many different criteria to even initiate it, why bother chasing? And, If I have to "articulate" my reasons every time I pull my gun, I simply won't place myself in any situation in which I may have to pull it out to begin with. This is what I consider "de-policing".

The unknowing citizens of this city are being bamboozled by political correctness that they don't even realize the hushed fallout from this behavior. Human nature will always prevail, and lest not forget that cops are human too. The citizens are not getting what they pay for; they will never have a full-functioning police force so long as the cops are the ones who are "handcuffed". This entire system is bogus and serves nobody well. There may not be many cops who are willing to come out and voice these words aloud due to their fear of political suicide, but I am telling it like it is because I, for one, am sick and tired of pretending that it's all ok. It's simply not ok.

Fortunately for the good folks of this city, we are still doing the best we can because it is in our nature to do so. However, we may not be so quick to get there, we probably won't waste our time chasing the bad guys and we may not always smile, but we are still here and you can count on us. As far as the crime rate is concerned, you will have to ask the Mayor and the Chief about that; I'm not taking any more chances.

That is the quintessential definition of "de-policing". Congratulations once again to "the City that knows how".

Oh, I almost forgot to mention the most recent administrative, knee-jerk reaction to the extremely late interview of one of the Asian-American officers involved in the

VideoGate Scandal. Over 18 months later, one last, forgotten officer was apparently brought down to MCD for questioning. Could this mean that the all-powerful Chief might be feeling the heat placed upon her for her blatant act of discrimination? As I have mentioned time and again, we will be relentless in our battle to make this right as well as to do our part in preventing these types of manufactured and misguided accusations from occurring in the first place. Shame, shame, shame!

Officer Andrew Cohen  
Purgatory

## Traveling Abroad: A Cautionary Tale...

Editor —

I am writing this article as a result of a recent trans-Atlantic cruise that my wife and I completed with Holland America Cruise lines, known in the cruise business as HAL. Without a doubt, we were looking forward to this as an adventure that might never happen for us again. The ports of call were a combination of well-known locations such as Nassau, Casablanca and Barcelona along with lesser-known but equally attractive places such as Cadiz and Funchal. Because of word of mouth information and extensive advertising on the part of HAL we had confidence that everything would proceed with great professionalism. I want to advise anyone seeking a similar vacation to not make the mistake of entertaining such an assumption. And should you have the misfortune of having a similar problem that we did, don't expect the cruise line to be understanding, admit to mistakes or acknowledge responsibility.

On Tuesday, April 10 four terrorists died as a result of bombings in Casablanca, as did a police officer involved in an investigation of these terrorists. A child was injured in the same incident. That investigation revealed that these terrorists had plans to attack the port in Casablanca and Americans were the focus of their aggression. This information was printed in the New York Times on Wednesday, April 11, but we, the passengers aboard the ww Westerdam, did not receive any such information. Instead, on Thursday, April 12, the ship docked and all land tours proceeded as scheduled. My wife and I went on one of the tours and found the city to be very interesting but the vast majority of the citizenry to be very tense and distant. During our stay no one suffered any injuries or was attacked, at least not to our knowledge. On Saturday, April 14, two more terrorists blew themselves up in the middle of a boulevard near the United States Consulate. The

next day the U.S. Consulate closed and sent its employees home. We, the passengers of the ww Westerdam, were still left uninformed. Another HAL ship, following us toward Casablanca, was re-routed and did not dock there as planned.

Upon the end of the cruise, in Italy, we learned some of what had happened by reading newspapers in Rome. Upon our return home we researched the events more closely and contacted HAL, informing them of what we had learned and expressing our disappointment and fears. At no time did we ask for anything other than an acknowledgement of the facts, an explanation and perhaps an apology for what was clearly a dangerous mistake by HAL. I sent a typewritten letter to the office of the president on May 6. As of today, June 5, there has been no response to that letter. Several e-mails were sent to different offices within HAL. As our travel agent had been informed of our complaint, she forwarded our statements of fact and one e-mail was returned to her stating that we were confused and for us and her to not be concerned. Another e-mail was sent directly to me, stating that we could have asked the security office on the ship whether or not we should go ashore and that passengers always have the option of staying aboard the ship when it docks. If the port was being targeted what could possibly be a larger target than a cruise ship full of Americans? I responded to those absurd remarks but, again, I have not received a response.

My wife and I are retired San Francisco police officers. We are not prone to overstate dangerous situations but recognize them when we see them. There were numerous elderly passengers aboard the ship, several in wheel chairs, who took land trips. They would have had no chance whatsoever in protecting themselves.

The point of this article is to warn any and all people considering traveling abroad to not assume that the people with whom you have placed your trust in, the people who you believe have your safety at the forefront, may in fact, have no such concerns. You need to do your own research in advance. The State Department has such a resource. You need to find ways to keep in touch with the outside world when you are traveling on a ship that doesn't come into port often. And you should not believe that the company you are traveling with will understand your position should you complain about a safety issue. Holland America has proven this to us. We hope you learn from our experiences.

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# Richmond District Officers Hold Kids' Bike Fair

By Officer Phil Busalacchi  
Richmond Station

Our gratitude to the POA, Community Services Committee, for sponsoring our Kids' Bike fair in the Richmond District on June 2nd at Cabrillo Playground. The generous donation went towards providing safety helmets to kids, a barbecue lunch and supporting the entire Bicycle Safety Campaign in the district.

The Kids' Bike fair was a huge success amidst a foggy day in the Rich-

mond. The event was a collaborative effort with Rec and Park, SF Safe, AAA, SFMTA, Senior Action Network and the SF Bicycle Coalition. All the agencies provided traffic safety information and the kids' activities included a bicycle rodeo, helmet fitting and giveaway, minor bike repairs, face painting, raffle prizes and bicycle giveaway. The Kids' Bike fair was followed by a month of traffic education and enforcement targeting bicycle safety in the district.



## Support The Troops

A few weeks ago I placed an information letter and donation box in the Inspector's bureau at the Hall of Justice, asking for items and supplies that would be sent to our brave Military troops who live in war.

Captain Hennessey a former U.S. Marine spearheaded the donation drive. Thanks to all the Men and Women of the Investigation Bureau who collected \$1,500.00. Officer Brogan and I selected the items that were sent off to the troops on June 9, 2007 (over 300 boxes were filled). I would also like to mention Insp. Dino Marcic who gave up his wonderful DVD collection, and other Inspectors who dropped off items to my office but neglected to supply a return name so, thank you all.

Numerous San Francisco Police Officers and Support Staff have Children that are deployed.

Inspector Joe Curtin's son, Ross is a U.S Marine and is deployed to Iraq on his 2nd tour which he will receive several boxes.

Officer Marty Barbaro's Cousin Robert Stephens, Marine will receive supplies.

My Son David Parrish is a Marine and going on his 2nd tour to Iraq this August and Tony Landi, Navy - CB (my Son David's childhood friend) Tony's Father is Officer Steve Landi. Tony did a tour in Iraq and is going to Kuwait late this summer. They will receive boxes after deployment. These are just a couple of the "Kids" we send to.

If you have a love one that is going to be deployed please let me know their Name, Unit, FPO or APO and the Moms will put them on our mailing list. Donations of Items for the troops can be dropped off at the HOJ - Records Room 475 or call Lori on day watch - (415) 5754371.

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Money for postage is always accepted please make checks to - Pacifica Military Moms P.O. Box 1764, Pacifica California 94044.

### This Is An On Going Operation Until They Are All Home....

Please see updated pictures from this packing day and other photos of our fighting Men and Women at [www.pacificamilitarymoms.com](http://www.pacificamilitarymoms.com).

On behalf of the Military Moms and all the "Kids", please accept our sincere thanks for your kind donations. Please know that we appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
Lori Bowie

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*Scott v. Harris***Civil Liability for Law Enforcement Pursuit Driving**

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An earlier article in this topic examined prior caselaw on the subject of law enforcement pursuit driving from both federal and state courts. On April 30, 2007, however, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of *Scott v. Harris*, No. 05-1631, 2007 U.S. Lexis 4748, issued an important decision, addressing the issue of whether a law enforcement officer can, consistent with the Fourth Amendment, attempt to stop a fleeing motorist from continuing his public-endangering flight by ramming into his car from behind, or "put another way: Can an officer take actions that place a fleeing motorist at risk of serious injury or death in order to stop the motorist's flight from endangering the lives of innocent bystanders?"

This new decision displays the thinking of the current Supreme Court on this topic, provides much food for thought as to what tactics are reasonable to use in the context of police pursuits, and is important to clearly understand, as many accounts in the daily press have grossly oversimplified what the Justices said. We hope that the material that follows will contribute to a better understanding

of the legal principles that the decision presents.

### 1. The facts of the case, and the decision of the appeals court below.

In the appeals court below, in *Harris v. Coweta County*, No. 03-15094, 433 F.3d 807 (11th Cir. 2005), a county deputy (Timothy Scott) and his supervisor appealed from the denial of their motions for qualified immunity in a federal civil rights lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983 by a motorist claiming that the deputy violated his Fourth Amendment rights by using excessive force during a high-speed car chase and that the supervisor improperly authorized the use of that force.

The federal appeals court found that the deputy, who rendered the pursued motorist a quadriplegic when he rammed his vehicle from behind at high-speed, was not entitled to qualified immunity.

The supervisor, however, was ruled to be entitled to summary judgment, as he had not authorized the action that the deputy took, but instead a different safer maneuver, known as a "PIT," which the deputy did not in fact, carry out.

After the motorist's vehicle was clocked as going 73 miles an hour in a 55 mile per hour zone, a deputy flashed his blue lights, but the motorist kept driving at a high rate of speed,

passing vehicles on double yellow traffic control lines, and running through two red lights. The deputy radioed in about his pursuit of the vehicle and broadcast its license plate. The pursued vehicle entered an adjoining county, and continued to flee after encountering two police vehicles there.

The pursuing deputy radioed a request for "Permission to PIT him." A "PIT" ("Precision Intervention Technique") maneuver is a driving technique designed to stop a fleeing motorist safely and quickly by hitting the fleeing car at a specific point on the vehicle, which throws the car into a spin and brings it to a stop. The deputy had allegedly not been trained in executing this maneuver, and he and fellow officers did not undergo training on it until after the incident. The defendant supervisor responded to the radio call and granted permission to employ the PIT, telling the deputy to "go ahead and take him out."

At the time, the supervisor allegedly did not know how the pursuit originated, the speeds of the vehicles, the number of motorists or pedestrians on the roadways, or how dangerously the motorist was driving. He allegedly tuned into the transmissions about the pursuit late and did not request additional detail.

After receiving approval, the deputy determined that he could not perform the PIT maneuver because he was going too fast, and instead rammed his cruiser directly into the motorist's vehicle, causing him to lose control, leave the roadway, run down an embankment, and crash, suffering injuries that rendered him a quadriplegic.

Under the circumstances, the appeals court found that the ramming of the motorist's car could constitute a use of "deadly force," although none of the "antecedent conditions" for the use of such force existed in this case, since there was no suspicion that the motorist had committed a crime involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical harm, and prior to the chase, he did not pose an imminent threat of serious physical harm to the deputy or others.

His sole crime when the pursuit began was speeding. "The use of deadly force is not 'reasonable' in a high-speed chase based only on speeding and evading arrest," the court stated, and a high-speed chase of a suspect fleeing after a traffic infraction does not amount to a "substantial threat" of imminent physical harm required before deadly force can be used.

Accordingly, the court reasoned, a reasonable jury could find that the deputy violated the motorist's rights. The appeals court rejected the argument, however, that the supervisor could also be held liable under these circumstances.

While the supervisor authorized a PIT, "a driving technique designed to stop a fleeing motorist safely and quickly by hitting the fleeing car at a specific point on the vehicle, which throws the car into a spin and brings it to a stop," which by definition assumes that the maneuver will be executed at lower speeds by properly trained officers, and therefore can terminate a flight "safely," the PIT was not, in fact, carried out.

The actions the deputy instead took, of ramming the pursued car at a very high speed from behind, were

not authorized by the supervisor, so the supervisor could not be held liable for it. The appeals court could not say that the conduct in authorizing a safe PIT that was not executed violated the motorist's rights. It therefore ordered the entry of summary judgment for the supervisor.

The deputy argued that the motorist's driving was so reckless that it should be considered, as a matter of law, to be enough to give him probable cause to believe that his actions created a substantial possibility of imminent physical injury to other motorists and pedestrians. The appeals court rejected this argument, and found that this question was a factual one to be determined by the jury. The appeals court found that the law on the issue on the date of the incident was clearly established, so that the deputy was not entitled to qualified immunity.

The U.S. Supreme Court granted review on the following questions presented by the deputy:

1. Is a law enforcement officer's conduct "objectively reasonable" under the Fourth Amendment when he makes a split-second decision to terminate a high-speed pursuit by bumping a fleeing suspect's vehicle with the push bumper of his police vehicle, because the suspect demonstrated by his conduct that he would continue to drive in a reckless and dangerous manner putting lives of innocent persons at serious risk of death?

2. At the time of the incident, was the law "clearly established" when neither the U.S. Supreme Court nor any federal court of appeals, including the Eleventh Circuit, which decided the case, had previously ruled that it violates the Fourth Amendment when an officer uses deadly force to protect the lives of innocent persons from the risk of a dangerous and reckless vehicular flight?

The deputy was essentially arguing that the federal appeals court decision establishes a preference for allowing reckless drivers to successfully flee when they have committed a traffic violation such as speeding, despite the fact that such flight at high speed puts other motorists and pedestrians at serious risk of harm.

### 2. The Supreme Court decision in *Scott v. Harris*.

By an 8-1 vote, with only Justice Stevens in dissent, the U.S. Supreme Court, in an opinion authored by Justice Scalia, essentially agreed with the deputy.

The Court held that, because the chase the driver of the pursued car initiated posed an "immediate" and "substantial" risk of serious physical injury to others, the deputy's attempt to terminate the chase by forcing him off the road was reasonable under the circumstances, so that he was entitled to summary judgment, and could not be held liable for the resulting injuries to the driver when his car was caused to leave the road and crash, rendering him quadriplegic. The deputy had asserted a defense of qualified immunity, which essentially claims that his conduct did not violate any clearly established rights of the plaintiff.

Under *Saucier v. Katz*, No. 99-1977, 533 U.S. 194 (2001), a court deciding whether an officer is entitled to qualified immunity must, for purposes of the decision, take the facts in the light most favorable to the plaintiff injured

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party, and determine whether, assuming those facts, the officer's conduct violated a constitutional right.

To credit the plaintiff's version of the events in this case, however, the Court sarcastically commented, one would get the impression that, "rather than fleeing from police," he was "attempting to pass his driving test." He claimed that he remained in control of his car, slowed for turns and intersections, and typically used his indicators for turns, as well as not running any motorists off the road or posing a threat to pedestrians in the shopping center parking lot which the vehicles passed through, and that by the time the vehicles were back on the highway and Deputy Scott rammed his vehicle, the motorway had been cleared of motorists and pedestrians because of police blockades of the nearby intersections.

In the immediate case, however, the Court noted, there was a videotape that captured the events at issue live as they were happening. Because of this and what the videotape showed, the Court found, no reasonable jury could believe the plaintiff's version of events. Given the existence of the videotape, for purposes of ruling on the qualified immunity determination, the trial court should not adopt the plaintiff's version of the facts. The videotape tells a very different story from the plaintiff's version of events.

In the videotape, the Court noted, we see the plaintiff's vehicle "racing down narrow two-lane roads in the dead of night at speeds that are shockingly fast," swerve around more than a dozen other vehicles, cross the double-yellow line, force cars traveling in both directions to their respective shoulders to avoid being hit. The videotape also displays the plaintiff running multiple red lights, traveling for considerable periods of time in the occasional center left-turn-only lane, and chased by police vehicles which were forced to engage in the same hazardous acts just to keep up.

The videotape of the chase at issue in the *Scott v. Harris* case, is available on the U.S. Supreme Court's website, [supremecourt.us.gov/opinions](http://supremecourt.us.gov/opinions). Please note that this is a very large file (92 megabytes in size), and that even on a fast Internet connection, it may be slow in loading.

The Justices essentially say that, in cases where such a videotape exists, a trial court may rely on it if it presents a thorough refutation of the plaintiff's version of events, rather than adopting the otherwise legally mandated posture of assuming, for purposes of deciding the issue of qualified immunity, that the plaintiff's version of events is true. **This demonstrates the importance of having cruiser mounted video cameras installed in police vehicles to record such events.** The existence of such a video recording of a police pursuit can, as this case illustrates, make the difference, under the rules that the Court announced, between the denial of summary judgment, resulting in long, drawn out, and expensive litigation, regardless of whether or not the case is ultimately

won, and a swift grant of summary judgment, which will terminate the lawsuit against individual defendant officers or supervisors.

In *Scott v. Harris*, Justice Scalia's opinion states that: "Far from being the cautious and controlled driver the lower court depicts, what we see on the video more closely resembles a Hollywood-style car chase of the most frightening sort, placing police officers and innocent bystanders alike at great risk of serious injury.

"When opposing parties tell two different stories, one of which is blatantly contradicted by the record, so that no reasonable jury could believe it, a court should not adopt that version of the facts for purposes of ruling on a motion for summary judgment. That was the case here with regard to the factual issue whether respondent was driving in such fashion as to endanger human life. Respondent's version of events is so utterly discredited by the record that no reasonable jury could have believed him. The Court of Appeals should not have relied on such visible fiction; it should have viewed the facts in the light depicted by the videotape."

Once one views the facts in the light depicted in the videotape, the Court found, it is clear that Deputy Scott did not violate the Fourth Amendment, i.e., that his actions were not unreasonable under the circumstances. While the appeals court below seemed to place a good deal of emphasis on the notion that the deputy's actions could constitute "deadly force" under *Tennessee v. Garner*, #83-1035, 471 U.S. 1 (1985), the U.S. Supreme Court rejected this method of analysis. *Garner*, the Court stated, did not establish a "magical on/off" switch triggering "rigid preconditions" whenever an officer's actions could theoretically constitute "deadly force."

(The plaintiff argued that Deputy Scott's actions were per se unreasonable because all of the purported *Garner* "preconditions" for using deadly force were not met—i.e., 1) the suspect must have posed an immediate threat of serious physical harm to the officer or others, 2) deadly force must be necessary to prevent escape, and 3) where feasible the officer must have given the suspect some warning. In a footnote, the Court's opinion stated that the plaintiff was also taking a quote from *Garner* out of context, concerning the need to prevent escape, and that rather than this being a "precondition" to the use of deadly force, the *Garner* Court was only pointing to it "by way of example" as a circumstance that might support the use of deadly force if a suspect being at large posed an "inherent danger" to society, as opposed to compiling a list of preconditions).

In *Garner*, the opinion continues, the Court simply applied the Fourth Amendment's reasonableness test to the use of a particular type of force in a particular situation (the shooting and killing of a young, slight, and unarmed burglary suspect while he was running away on foot), and stated factors that, if present, might have justified shooting the suspect in that

case. The threat posed by the flight on foot of an unarmed suspect, as in *Garner*, the Court noted, is not even "remotely comparable to the extreme danger to human life posed by the pursued motorist in this case.

*Garner*, the Court argued, has "scant" application to the chase that occurred in *Scott v. Harris*, which had very different facts—and what really mattered was whether Deputy Scott's actions were reasonable in light of the circumstances. To determine whether such actions are reasonable, a court has to balance the "nature and quality" of the intrusion on the suspect's Fourth Amendment interest versus the importance of the governmental interests justifying the action. Applying this test, Justice Scalia wrote:

"So how does a court go about weighing the perhaps lesser probability of injuring or killing numerous bystanders against the perhaps larger probability of injuring or killing a single person? We think it appropriate in this process to take into account not only the number of lives at risk, but also their relative culpability. It was respondent, after all, who intentionally placed himself and the public in danger by unlawfully engaging in the reckless, high-speed flight that ultimately produced the choice between two evils that Scott confronted."

Those members of the public who might have been injured or killed if Deputy Scott had not forced Harris off of the road, the Court noted, were "entirely innocent," so that it was reasonable for the deputy to take the actions he did to protect them. The Court rejected the plaintiff's argument that the interests of public safety could have been better served if the chase had merely been ended. If the reasoning the plaintiff urged were adopted by the Court and by law enforcement agencies, the opinion stated:

"Every fleeing motorist would know that escape is within his grasp, if only he accelerates to 90 miles per hour, crosses the double-yellow line a few times, and runs a few red lights."

The Court had little hesitation in stating that it was "loath to lay down a rule requiring the police to allow fleeing suspects to get away whenever they drive so recklessly that they put other people's lives in danger." (emphasis in original). Instead, the rule that the Court did adopt was that "a police officer's attempt to terminate a dangerous high-speed car chase that threatens the lives of innocent bystanders does not violate the Fourth Amendment, even when it places the fleeing motorist at risk of serious injury or death." In this case, since the Court found that there was no violation at all of the pursued motorist's rights, it ruled that the deputy was entitled to summary judgment. It therefore found it unnecessary to go on to decide whether any such violation involved "clearly established" rights.

### 3. Some Specimen Policies and Other Helpful Resources.

While policies on police pursuit driving must be carefully crafted to incorporate particular local and state circumstances and law, as well as federal constitutional law, in consultation with competent legal counsel, it may be helpful to examine what other departments have done. Accordingly, this article is accompanied by some example policies of various police departments, as well as some other helpful resources, which may be accessed by going to <http://www.aele.org>.

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## DA's Office Secures First Degree Murder Verdicts for Man who was Beaten and Stabbed to Death

### Defendants Hatched Unusual Plan to Cover Up Murder; DNA Helped Nab a 3rd Defendant

SAN FRANCISCO, CA— District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that a San Francisco jury has delivered two first degree murder verdicts for the 2003 beating and stabbing of Rodney Tom, 51. Tom was in his home on July 10, 2003 when he was brutally beaten and stabbed to death. The murder took place in his bedroom and the lethal blow was a knife wound that severed the carotid artery.

Defendants Eric Ardoin, 51, and Albert Jaquez, 49, were convicted today of 1st degree murder in the slaying of Tom. Earlier this year, a third defendant, Rebecca Burgos, pleaded guilty to accessory to murder and smuggling drugs into jail. Burgos is the legal wife of defendant Jaquez.

After the murder of Tom, defendants Burgos and Jaquez had a plan to "cover up" the crime by pretending that Burgos had been attacked upon entering the Tom home by two men and a woman who thereafter left her

tied up in McClaren Park. In reality, after the murder of Tom, Burgos and Jaquez checked into the Howard Johnson's motel at SFO. Defendant Burgos was left in the park by defendant Jaquez to execute their cover up plan, but she left the park to receive police aid for wounds she had incurred during the slaying.

Defendant Ardoin was linked to the murder by DNA matching his profile under the fingernails of Tom. Defendants Ardoin and Jaquez said that defendant Burgos had killed Tom by herself, a claim the jury found inconsistent with the evidence. Defendant Jaquez faces 75 years-to-life in state prison as a three striker. Defendant Ardoin faces 25 years-to-life in state prison.

SFPD Investigators Maureen D'Amico and Mike Johnson were the inspectors on the case. Assistant District Attorney Bob Gordon prosecuted the case.



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## Book Reviews

### Havana Black

By Leonardo Padura  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This book comes from a unique source, Bitter Lemon Press, in London. Bitter Lemon Press publishes some of the best police thrillers you have never read. The authors you will find here come from Europe, South America, or as like this novel, Cuba. They can be found at [www.bitterlemonpress.com](http://www.bitterlemonpress.com). Look around the site to decide if these books appeal to you. I found "Havana Black" outstanding.

The author, Leonardo Padura, introduced his protagonist Detective Lieutenant Mario Conde (aka "The Count"), two years ago in another police thriller, "Havana Red. Detective Conde has discovered he has had enough of the corruption of the Castro regime and the local politics. He wants to leave the police department, particularly as his boss has just been bounced out of the local station. But as he attempts to resign the replacement boss offers him a deal: solve the mystery of the murder of a Cuban defector, who has returned to Havana only to have his head bashed in from behind and then castrated. If Conde can sew this up in three days his resignation will be accepted without prejudice and he can follow other pursuits. What those pursuits could possibly be one can only guess as Conde seems to be best at; a. being a detective, b. smoking cigars and c. drinking obscene amounts of rum and/or coffee.

The story line goes to some unusual extremes at describing the personal lives of many of the denizens of Ha-

vana and some readers might be offended, but then maybe they shouldn't be reading police thrillers. Padura and his translator, Peter Bush, have broken some stereotypes including sentences that run on for 18 lines or more, and descriptions of Cubans who stayed behind who are not content with Fidel or his government but just couldn't leave their homeland. While reading the novel one becomes aware of how beautiful the island must be, in juxtaposition with the negative description of the Castro regime. Adding to the pace and excitement, a huge hurricane is headed toward Havana. Hurricane Felix takes on a very integral part of the story as its speed develops along with the investigation. The hurricane may be a symbol of modern times headed Cuba's way, wiping away the corruption of the failed regime and starting anew.

It is those views which I think you will find in the books from Bitter Lemon Press that you don't find other places, or very seldom. If you are looking for other writers from abroad one other site is [www.europaeditions.com](http://www.europaeditions.com). A few years back an author by the name of Alice Seybold wrote one of my all-time favorite books, "The Lovely Bones." Seybold writes about Europa editions in this manner: "To insist that if work is good, no matter what, people will read it? Crazy! But perhaps that is why I like Europa...They believe in what they are doing above everything. Viva Europa Editions." That is very high praise from an enormously successful and erudite author.

### In the Company of the Courtesan: A Novel

By Sarah Dunant  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

It would be easy to draw the wrong conclusion about this book based upon the title. It has that sound of some romance novel or other, but this book is a much different affair. Let's begin with the definition of "courtesan": "1. a prostitute, especially one with wealthy or upper-class clients. 2. the mistress of a wealthy man. Now, do I have your attention? This courtesan, Fiammetta Bianchini, and her dwarf assistant Bucino Teodoldi, may be the creation of Sarah Dunant's imagination, but the novel is filled with historically accurate details and famous people of 16th Century Italy, particularly Venice. The story begins ten years after Martin Luther called the corrupt Catholic Church to task and Rome has been sacked – again!

This is a great adventure story, told by Bucino, who, despite his physical diminutiveness, is clever and crafty as any story-teller one could wish for. He and Fiammetta flee Rome after being deprived of everything but the clothes on their backs and the jewels they have secreted in their bodies by swallowing them. They head for Venice, the republic where Fiammetta was born, only to have to begin the long struggle of establishing themselves as

attractive entertainers. And they must attract not just anyone, but the movers and shakers of Venice, a city filled with wealthy, powerful merchants who lived the High Renaissance life to its fullest. These are the men who gave inspiration to the quote, "Wherever there is public virtue there is also private vice."

Dunant has peppered the pages with real people such as Tiziano Vecellio, better known to us today as Titian. An interesting side light is that there exists a very famous Titian painting, known as The Venus of Urbino, that was used on the cover of the book. The nude model is believed to have been a courtesan of the era. The original is now in the Uffizi gallery in Florence but you can find it with a quick search on the internet. Even though Dunant writes beautifully and supplies the reader with much detail, having seen the painting it was easier to envision the protagonist of this book, and a very pleasant vision it is.

There seems to be more than one plot at work but Dunant ties them all together at the end, with a mysterious blind healer, armed with potions and salves, a famous author who opens up many Venetian doors for Fiammetta and the city of Venice itself all blending into an historical novel that is fun and informative.

### Silence Of The Grave

By Arnaldur Indridason  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I have previously reviewed the author John Lescroart in these pages and have also had the great pleasure of interviewing him. I respect his great ability and style, so when I saw his name touting a novel of a writer I was unfamiliar with I immediately became interested. Lescroart referred to the author Arnaldur Indridason as "A writer of astonishing gravitas and talent." I have always been chary of the word "gravitas," a word defined as, "solemn or serious," but I nonetheless began reading and the book is seriously good!

Indridason is from Iceland and this story is set in and around Reykjavik. There are two separate time lines that Indridason slowly, but surely, winds together. On the surface it is a cold-case investigation, but there is so much more here. A skeleton is found at an excavation for new buildings. The skeleton has been there for approximately 50 years, but who it is and how it came to be there are clearly uncertain. Maybe it was homicide, maybe not. Inspector Erlendur Sveinsson, a flawed fellow with the drive and tenacity required to follow this case through to completion is a fictional detective of great stature and enormous regrets.

The story reflects Erlendur's personality, the environment of Iceland, the people involved in both time lines, and the word that best fits that reflection is "dark."

The case deals with a family that lived near the crime scene fifty years earlier, victims of spousal and child abuse, both physical and psychological. But Detective Erlendur must also deal with the heart ache of having his own daughter, a drug addict, trying to survive a miscarriage as she lies in a coma in a hospital in Reykjavik. The girl's mother, divorced from Erlendur, has remained bitter and adds even more anxiety. Indridason describes the drug scenes with great accuracy, taking the reader to locations of drug sales where the reader can feel the hopelessness, the filth and the self-abuse found in such environments. Nothing even vaguely resembling some Hollywood glamour will be found here. But what is present is an interesting mystery, fascinating characters and all presented in fine prose. The books seems to not want to end as the surprises keep coming at you to the unpredictable finish. Since the book was originally written in Icelandic I must also compliment the translator as the words poured fluidly across the pages. I enjoyed this book enough to begin looking for Indridason's other thrillers.

### The Naming Of The Dead

By Ian Rankin  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

In July 2005 the G-8 Summit was held in Scotland. The rock singer Bono was quoted as addressing the world leaders with the statement, "Write us a chapter to be proud of."

Ian Rankin, the author of numerous police thrillers starring Detective Inspector John Rebus, has written many chapters and books he must be proud of, and *The Naming of the Dead* continues the fine work. G-8 is an entirely different matter. The chaos created by anarchists during the 2005 was trumped by the terrorist bombing in London. The current violence attached to the recent G-8 Summit in Germany this June will likely make this book even more interesting to Rankin's readers.

This time out Rebus finds himself trying to solve a murder in the midst of chaotic protests and high-level, but not very ethical, politics. Rebus is a flawed man with the dogged determination and crusty curiosity of any of the greatest fictional detectives, and I can't get enough of him. He is at home in a local Edinburgh bar with a cigarette in one hand and a scotch in the other, or listening to rock tunes from previous eras, lyrics which he often uses in descriptions of his cases. But Rebus has been around most everything in his many years of service and has no problems confronting anyone of any rank to solve his case. This has always been Rebus's most endearing trademark, the hook that gets us all reading more. This time, due to the

presence of national leaders from the so-called "free world" Rebus must confront and do battle with not just street thugs but conflicting security forces as well as his own politically motivated department heads.

Rankin's strength has always been character development and this book is no exception. Rebus is aging and looking at the reality of his coming retirement, as Scotland has a mandatory age at which police officers must retire. His partner, the young Siobhan Clarke, the daughter of peacenik parents, sees the world much more idealistically than Rebus. She still believes that marches and protest songs can make a difference. Rebus knows better. As a matter of fact he comes to the realization that no matter how hard he has worked, how diligent he was how many bad guys he has thrown in jail, crime marches on and he can't stop it. His cynicism is compounded with the death of his younger brother, at age 54, and the book opens with Rebus attending the funeral. This thread reappears often enough to emphasize the Inspector's inner-demons: "Just what have I done in my life? Have I made a difference?"

Rankin's plots are usually intriguing. This book has more than one and it runs on to 450 pages, which some critics have complained is too long. Perhaps, but I wouldn't know what to cut, as it all has value. What worries me more is what Rankin will do for his next book, if he finds Rebus has reached retirement age. Whenever that day comes, I will miss him.

# Sports



## Nick's Notes

by Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Traffic Company Champs Of B Division Softball

**CHECK IT OUT:** The department softball championship for the B Division took place on Tuesday, June 12th at Silver Terrace with Traffic Company defeating Ingleside Station by a score of 12-11. It was a game that saw Traffic go up early in the game by a score of 12-0, but also featured Ingleside battling back the rest of the way to make it a close game at the end. **Ed Callejas** was very proud of his guys who were just able to hang on, especially since they're an older club that was getting tired out in the warm sun as the game progressed; in fact, these old guys barely survived the season with many guys pulling a ham string here or tweaking another muscle there. They held it together though and made a run of it to win it all.

The one run game was something that they were used to as they got by both of their playoff games in one run contests. The first round game that Traffic had against Central Station was won by a score of 9-8, while the second round game against the Tenderloin Rats had a final score of 7-6. It was a great way to end the season for a team that had just gotten back into the SF Police Softball League this year after a long respite.

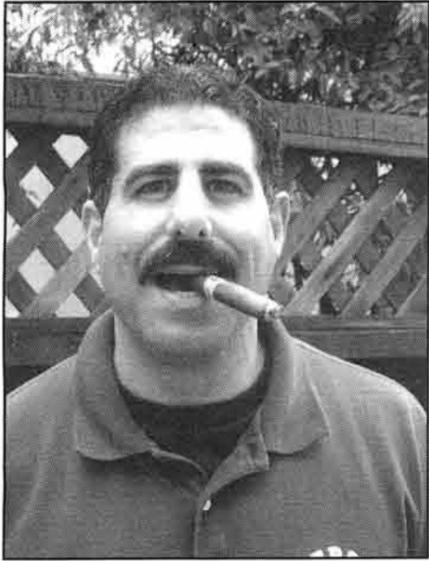
Congratulations are in order to the likes of **George Fogarty, Dave Kranci, Steve Glickman, Al Miranda, Rolli Canales, Mike Gonzales, Joe Cogan, Edie Lewis, Mike Alexander, Larry Chan** and the rest of them for a job well done.

Much kudos of course goes to **Callejas** for his enthusiasm when entering the team back into the league and then managing them all the way through a championship season.

I'd also like to mention the effort of **Bob "Lazz" Lazzaretto** and **Jim "Badlands" Trail** for their job running Ingleside's team. They were undefeated during the regular season and were obviously the favorites to go all the way. They had no problem with SF CHP in their playoff game (10-3), but the loss of **Josh Kumli** and **Kevin Knoble** to injuries suffered at work before the championship game was too much to overcome. Never-the-less, the youth of the club featuring **Arman Ramoso, Darren Wong, Kevin Horan, Gerald Thompson** and **Nick Suslow** played well with seasoned vets **Dave Maron Sr.** and **Lazz**, but it just wasn't enough.

### Bayview Wins It All In The A Division

The Bayview Pitbulls played the Mission Diablos in the A Division final also at Silver Terrace on Tuesday, June 12th, but the final score wasn't an indication of the game that was played.



The game went back and forth until late in the game when the Pitbulls finally took off and never looked back on their way to a 14-6 victory. To get to the championship game, the Pitbulls defeated Southern Station with no problem 10-6 while the Diablos easily handled the Park Islanders in their match-up by a score of 16-3.

The Diablos were a shaky team early on in the season but when all of their players started showing up at the same time, they became very strong. They felt strong going into the final, but just couldn't overcome the very mighty Pitbulls. I still want to give credit to the Mission Diablos featuring **Glenn Ortega, Dom Celaya, Marco Garcia, Aaron Fischer, Jim Pandolfi, Chuck Collins, Todd Burks** and of course **Sergio Lopez** for a job well done.

The Bayview Pitbulls are now champions two out of the last three years and I want to congratulate **Eric Solares** for doing such a good job running the club. I also want to salute players such as **Eric Solares, Mike "Bugsy" Moran, Steve Coleman, Jerry Lyons, Eric Batchelder, Mike Ellis, Will Kraus, Rod "Fitz" Fitzpatrick**, and of course **Jim "I Wanna Go Back to Aluminum Bats" Ahern** for a great season.

### Softball Banquet At The Forest Lodge

The end of season banquet took place the evening of Tuesday, June 12th at Ron Dumont's City Forest Lodge on Laguna Honda Blvd., and it was a good opportunity to give out trophies and awards for many accomplishments during the year. After the 1st and 2nd place trophies were given out to Ingleside and Traffic in the B Division, and then to Mission and Bayview of the A Division, the memorial softball awards were announced next. The **Mike O'Brien Memorial Softball Award** for longevity and contribution to the league was presented to **Nick Allen** for over twenty-five years either playing or managing the Airport Bureau team. The **Brian Olcomendy Memorial Manager of the Year Award** was next presented to **Bill "Tui" Tuia-sosopo** of the SF Sheriff's. Even though the Sheriff's teams haven't been as competitive as they'd like over the years, Tui always fields a team week

in and week out and it hasn't gone unnoticed.

The **Layne Amiot Memorial Most Inspirational Award** was presented to two ball players for this season: **Mark Obrachta** who played inspired ball for the Tenderloin Rats all season long and **Joe Fischer** who played well and where ever he was needed in the field for Central Station's very competitive team this year. These two guys are not only both gentlemen on and off the field, but they have been good friends over the years as well.

The **Isaac Espinoza Memorial MVP Award** went to one of the better players the league has at this time, and that is **Park Islander shortstop Quoc "Q-Dog" Do**. He handled his position with ease all season long making almost every play look so very easy and of course hit well to all fields when at the plate. Quoc was so well deserving of the award as were all the recipients at the banquet that night. As softball commissioner I want to congratulate them all.

I also want to thank **Marc Marquez, Matt Rodgers, and Glenn Ortega** for their help umpiring the playoffs and championship games. I especially wanted to thank **Ortega** for his help running things this season as he is now going to be my co-commissioner of the league, but we will of course continue to receive counsel from **Rodgers** and **Marquez**. I next want to mention **Rafael "Raffy" Labutan** for the great photos he is always taking and providing for me and the *Journal*. There's **Ron Dumont** and his staff who

did a fine job with dinner at the banquet and **National Trophy** on Ocean Ave. do a great job on the trophies and plaques. Finally, I want to thank the POA for sponsoring and keeping this department league going year in and year out.

### Sports Events Coming Up

I wanted to remind everyone about the **Battleground Mixed Martial Arts** event that will be taking place at **Kezar Pavillion** the night of Friday, July 27th. The fourth annual **Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament** will be taking place the weekend of August 18th at **Balboa Park**. The sixth annual **Emerald Society Golf Tournament** will be at **Harding Park** on Monday, August 27th; and, of course the sixteenth annual **SF POA Golf Tourney** will be taking place at **Stone Tree** in **Novato** on Monday, September 24th. **Law Enforcement Appreciation Night** is taking place at **AT&T Park** during the **Giants vs Braves** game on Wednesday, July 25th. A memorial tribute to fallen officers in **Northern California** will take place during the home plate ceremonies as well as the law enforcement torch run. Also, a flyover by law enforcement air units will occur and last but not least, our own **Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy** of **Tenderloin Station** will sing the national anthem right before the game. Flyers with all the details for most of these events are in this same sports section, so hope to see you there.

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



**Bob Lopez**, Retired SFFD; **Sally Casazza**, S.F. Firefighters Toy Program Director; Representative of the S.F. Tennis Club; **Mrs. Marilyn Rosekind**, President of BALEAF; and **Inspector Robin Matthews**, BALEAF Treasurer.

### Guns And Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge

## A Final Comment

By **Robin Matthews**  
BALEAF Treasurer

Greetings. I just wanted to thank everyone once again for the tremendous support that you gave to this year's **Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge**. The event's success enabled the **San Francisco Firefighters' Toy Program** and the **Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF)** to re-

ceive \$8,000 each for their respective programs! Countless children, as well as members of our law enforcement family who have been killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or have suffered a catastrophic event will be assisted by your generosity.

Thanks again, and I hope I can count on your support again next year.

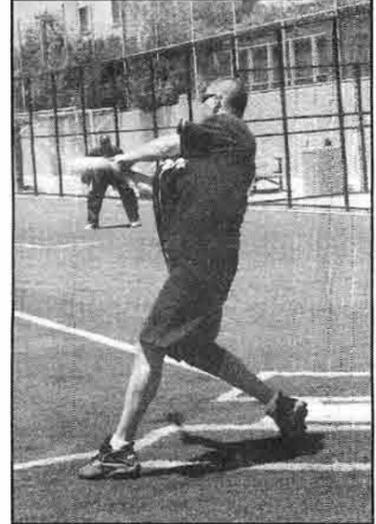
# A and B Division Softball Championship Games Tuesday, June 12, 2007 • Silver Terrace, SF



A Division Champs: Bayview Pitbulls



Above: Bayview's Mike "Bugsy" Moran making contact



Right: Bayview's Mike Ellis hitting the ball



Bayview's Eric Solares on the mound



Bayview's Jason Kirchner with a mighty swing



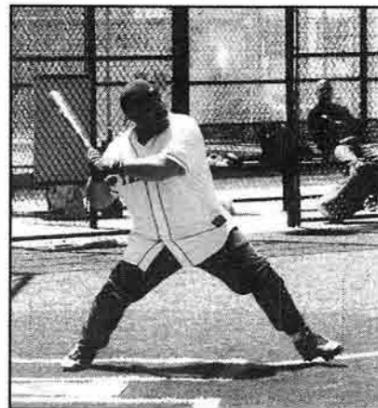
A Division Second Place: Mission Diablos



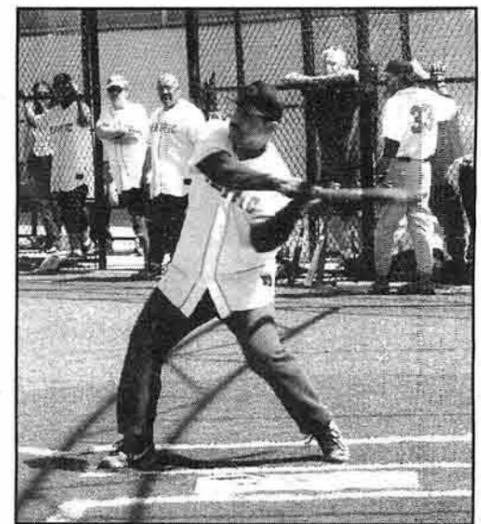
B Division Champs: Traffic Company



Mission's Glenn Ortega at the plate



Traffic's Ed Callejas at the plate



Traffic's Al Miranda waiting on a pitch



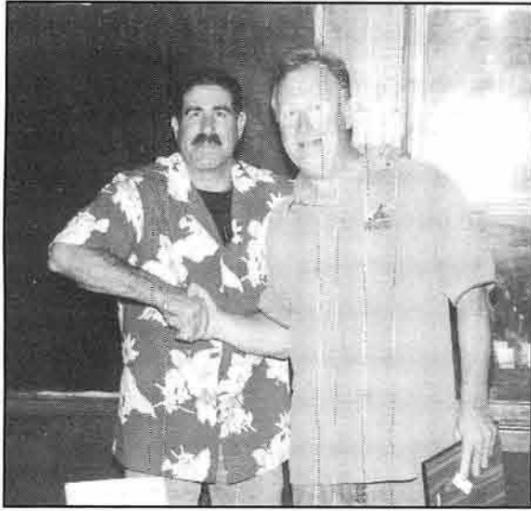
Left: B Division Second Place: Ingleside Station



Right: Ingleside's Kevin Horan at the plate

# 2007 SFPD Softball Banquet

## Tuesday evening, June 12 • City Forest Lodge



Airport's Nick Allen (ret) being congratulated for his award by Softball Commissioner Nick Shihadeh



Left: SF Sheriff Bill "Tui" Tuiaosopo with his "Manager of the Year" plaque



Right: Mark O'Brachta (left) shares the "Most Inspirational" award with good friend Joe Fischer (ret). Larry Chan is in the middle.



Quoc Do receives his MVP award from Commissioner Nick Shihadeh



Bob Ford with hair: "Rogaine really does work!"



Left to right: Bud Clinton, Edie Lewis, Bob Duffield & Joe Finigan



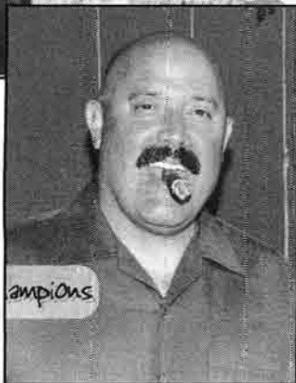
Left to right: Mike Siebert, John Hallisy & Brian Delahunty (three inspectors who decided not to boycott the softball banquet)



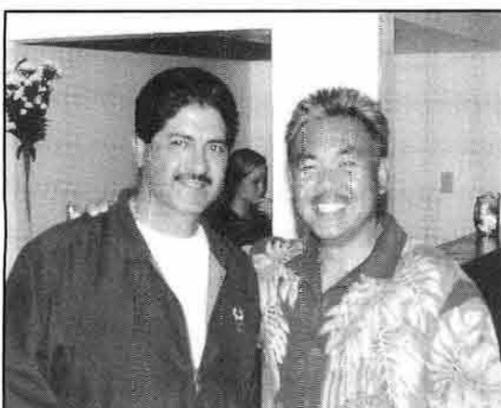
The Park Islanders have a good turnout at the banquet as usual



The Airport Bureau enjoying a meal together



Ed Callejas with a celebratory cigar



Rollie Canales (left) and Raffy Labutan



Father and son: Liam & Sean Frost



Left to right: Marc Marquez, Dave Maron Sr, (ret) and Greg Latus

## Golf? We Got Golf

### Emerald Society 6th Annual Law Enforcement Emerald Society Golf Tournament

Monday, August 27, 2007, at Lake Merced Golf Club  
10:30 Registration; Noon Shotgun Start

Checks for \$185 to be in by August 7, covers Round of Golf on a beautiful course, Lunch, Dinner at the U.I.C.C., Tee Prizes, as well as the chance to win the Grand Prize.  
Dinner only (at U.I.C.C.) \$50

Tournament limited to 144 players  
Mark your calendars and pick your foursomes

**Contact:**

Brian Philpott 415-793-4558  
Ed Carew 415-531-6096

San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society  
P.O. Box 355, 236 West Portal Avenue, San Francisco CA 94127  
415-531-6096

## SAVE THE DATE

Archbishop Riordan High School

# 2007

Alumni and Friends Golf Invitational  
Monday, October 15, 2007

Harding Park  
San Francisco, CA.

Price includes:

Driving Range, Golf Cart, Tee Prize, Lunch, and Dinner

\$250 per person

Early Bird Special:

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## Anyone for Golf? Why, Certainly!



### The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

#### SF Italian Athletic Club Annual Golf Tourney

**September 10, 2007**

Richmond Country Club, 1 Markovich Lane, Richmond, CA 94808

#### NOON SHOTGUN START

Awards & Dinner to Follow, 7:30, at SFIAC  
Includes Roundtrip Bus Transportation  
Non-Golfers Welcome for Dinner at SFIAC

More details to follow

San Francisco Italian Athletic Club  
1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94133

415-781-0165 - Office  
415-781-0933 - Banquet and Party Information  
Contact John Ferrando, 650-438-1218

## Attention Golfers

### The 27th Annual BnB West Golf Tournament in Reno, Nevada

Get your foursome together for a great golf getaway before it's too late.  
Players of all skill levels are welcome

**WHEN: Monday, September 10 through  
Thursday, September 13, 2007**

**WHERE: Atlantis Casino Resort, 3800 So. Virginia St., Reno, NV;  
(800) 723-6500**

**Sunday, 9/09/07:** This is the first day of the 4-night package for those who want to arrive early; you're on your own for dinner, etc. The 3-night golf package starts with golf early Monday morning!

**Monday, 9/10/07:** WOLF RUN GOLF CLUB. Individual stroke play using course handicap. This is a SHOTGUN start @ 8 AM! If you're on the 3-night package, check in after golf. 5:00 PM: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL (2-hr. hosted bar & tailgate buffet).

**Tuesday, 9/11/07:** LAKERIDGE GOLF CLUB. Team best ball; team handicap is one-half of the course handicap of the lowest within the foursome. This is a SHOTGUN start @ 8 AM!

**Wednesday, 9/12/07:** D'ANDREA GOLF CLUB. Team scramble; the team handicap is again one-half of the course handicap of the lowest within the foursome. SHOTGUN start @ 8:30 AM. 5:00 PM: 2-hr. hosted bar; Awards dinner @ 6:00 PM (includes wine).

Closest-to-the-pin contests on each par-3 every day; Cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in all competitions.

**COST:** \$543 (3 nights) or \$577 (4 nights) based on 2 golfers sharing a room; Single rooms & non-golfer packages are available, as well as Friday or Saturday arrivals; includes **4 drink coupons per day;** (send e-mail to below address for application & specifics for all packages)

During the awards dinner, a raffle is held to benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund; the winner will receive a new set of custom irons. Over \$1600 has been sent to the NLEOMF from the past 2 tournaments.

**Only The First 120 Applications Will Be Accepted!**

**CONTACT:** SFPD Retirees Roy Sullivan (925-876-1547) or Don Carlson (650-759-0754) or e-mail questions to: [bnbwestgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:bnbwestgolf@yahoo.com)

# San Francisco Police Officers Association 16th Annual Golf Tournament

*This is your invitation to play in the 16th Annual San Francisco Police Officers Association Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24th, 2007.*

*We are returning to glorious StoneTree Golf Club this year at 9 StoneTree Lane, Novato. This 7,000-yard, 18-hole championship course plays throughout oak-forested hills and valleys and across lush meadowlands with magnificent views of Mt. Tamalpais.*

*This year's tournament is a scramble format, with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for low gross; hole-in-one prizes on selected holes, includes a new automobile; and longest drive. Fabulous tee prizes and raffle prizes will be featured.*

*Tournament activities include a chipping contest, a barbeque lunch, refreshments on the course, concluding with the awards dinner in the Course Club House. Complimentary wine will be served with dinner.*

*Additional guest may be added to the Awards Dinner for only \$50.00 each.*

*Your support of this tournament provides the funding for the Police Officers Association support of worthwhile charitable contributions, which might otherwise go unassisted; community based organizations; and provides scholarship money to deserving youth.*



### Tournament Schedule:

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| 10:00 AM    | Registration             |
| 10:30-12:00 | Chipping Contest & Lunch |
| 12:00 PM    | Shotgun Start            |
| 7:00 PM     | Dinner                   |

### Entry Fees for this year's charitable fundraiser: (Includes golf, barbeque lunch, dinner and a Special Tee Prize)

Friends and Supporters: \$215

### Additional Information:

Tim Hettrich (415) 970-3052  
 Gary Delagnes (415) 861-5060  
 Marty Halloran (415) 861-5060

### Yes, I will be playing in the SFPOA 16th Annual Tournament

Players Names:

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Please make checks payable to: **SFPOA Scholarship/Community Service Fund**  
San Francisco Police Officers Association • 800 Bryant Street, 2nd Floor • San Francisco, CA 94103

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

# Law Enforcement Appreciation Night, AT&T Park

By Robin Matthews  
BALEAF Treasurer

On Wednesday, July 25th, 2007 will be Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at AT&T Park when the San Francisco Giants take on the Atlanta Braves at 7:00 PM. Bring your family and friends out to the ballpark for a great time and to celebrate all of the professionals in local law enforcement, an especially remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to their community.

There will be a pre-game memorable ceremony at home plate that will include a memorial tribute to Northern California Police Officers who have died in the line of duty, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a fly-over by law enforcement air units, and our very own Sergeant Jerry D'Arcy will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America.

Tickets for the game are \$25.00, which includes a souvenir baseball cap and a hosted pre-game tailgate party that will be held at the Mariposa Yacht Club starting at 3:00 PM.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be split between the Special Olympics Northern California and the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF).

Tickets can be purchased directly from the SFPOA Office at 800 Bryant Street (checks to be made out to the S.F. Giants). Along with your ticket, you will receive a voucher for your baseball cap, which you'll be able to pick up on your arrival at the ballpark. Tickets can also be obtained by going onto the Giants website at [www.sfgiants.com/specialevents](http://www.sfgiants.com/specialevents) under Law Enforcement Night. Please mention that you are part of the Law Enforcement Group when ordering your tickets. To avoid a service charge, however, it is recommended that you get your tickets at the POA Office.

For additional information on the event, please contact Sergeant Bob Guinan at 415-850-5726.

This is a fun event for the entire family. Come on out and have a great time and support two wonderful organizations. This is a night especially for us.

Mesa, Arizona Oct. 6-13th

# Western States Police and Fire Games

Now that the World Police and Fire Games, held this past March in Adelaide Australia, is over, competitors are setting their sights on Mesa Arizona where the Western States Police and Fire Games is scheduled for October 6th through 14th.

The Western States Police and Fire Games is an event that has taken place each year since 1967 and draws thousands of competitors from the law enforcement and fire fighting communities. During this particular week in October, police officer and fire fighter athletes will gather to test their strength, endurance and skill in nearly sixty different sporting events.

Much of the competition is traditional. Some of it though you won't see in any other large organized sporting event.



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| Angling                 | Flag Football       | Half Marathon             |
| Archery                 | Golf                | Roller Hockey             |
| Baseball                | Off-Road Motorcycle | Skeet & Trap              |
| Basketball              | Pistol              | Soccer                    |
| Bench Press             | Police Service Dogs | Toughest Competitor Alive |
| Biathlon                | Pocket Billiards    | Tennis                    |
| Body Building           | Push/Pull Lifting   | Track & Field             |
| Boxing                  | Racquetball         | Triathlon                 |
| Cross Country Run       | Rifle - Large/Small | Karate                    |
| Cycling - Road/Mountain | Dodge Ball          | Horseshoes                |
| Paintball               | Western Pistol      | Surfing                   |
| Table Tennis            | Volleyball          | Wrestling                 |

Week end warrior or hardcore amateur, if you're interested in finding out what it's all about, check it out at [www.cpaf.org](http://www.cpaf.org) or by calling (858) 571-9919. Read the complete list of events offered, the rules of competition and eligibility, and something about this great sporting competition that has been taking place for forty years. And then, if you're up to testing yourself or your team against others in the law enforcement and fire fighting professions, it'll tell you how you can sign-up.

## Mixed Martial Arts Cage Fighting

The fastest growing sport in the U.S returns to the Kezar Pavilion Friday night, July 27. Come witness a night of "no holds barred" Mixed Martial Arts cage fighting when "Battleground" takes place. Come out and support our own Bryan Lujan who will be making his return into the cage. As well as Bryan Lujan, July 27 will also feature the debut of San Francisco Sheriff Sal Alcala, who will be fighting in the 240 pound heavy-weight division. And if that's not enough civil servants for you, San Bruno fireman Ben Minkin

will also be on the card as well. Don't forget that the Gladiator Challenge Middleweight Championship is at this same event With all this being brought to you by retired SFPD Captain Richard Cairns and son, SFSO Deputy Jeffrey Cairns, please come and support your fellow officers as they battle inside the cage!!!

Tickets can be purchased online at [VIRTUALBOXOFFICE.COM](http://VIRTUALBOXOFFICE.COM) or call (650)355-4327 for more information(doors open at 5:30pm).

## Lou Seal Wants You!



To Join Us For  
**Law Enforcement Appreciation Night  
at ATT Park**

**Giants vs. the Atlanta Braves  
Wednesday July 25th @ 7:10 pm**

Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit  
Special Olympics Northern California  
and

Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund

Pre-game home plate Ceremonies will include:

- a Memorial Tribute to Northern California Police Officers who have died in the line of duty
- the Law Enforcement Torch Run
- a flyover by law enforcement air units
- National Anthem sung by Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy, (SFPD)

TICKETS are \$25.00 and can be purchased:

- via the web @ [www.sfgiants.com/specialevents](http://www.sfgiants.com/specialevents) under Law Enforcement Night
- via telephone for groups 25 or more call (415) 972-2298
- Please mention that you are part of the Law Enforcement Group
- Tickets can also be purchased directly from the SFPOA Office at 800 Bryant St.

**Ticket price includes a souvenir baseball cap and a hosted pre-game Tailgate party at the Mariposa Yacht Club @ 3 pm**

**Contact Sgt. Bob Guinan, San Francisco Police Dept, for additional information (415) 850-572**

## 4th Annual Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament

August 17-19, 2007

Balboa Park Baseball Fields,  
San Francisco

Team rosters limited to 12 players. Registration is \$300 per team, co-ed teams welcome. Tournament limited to 30 teams based on a first come basis. Double Elimination Tournament.

Team managers please call and commit your team and reserve a spot by July 6th, 2007. Team entry fee and roster is due by July 27, 2007. Please make checks payable to: Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament.

For registration form and any further information please contact:

Officer Marcial Marquez  
Southern Station  
850 Bryant St.  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415-553-1373 (wk)  
415-609-0232 (cell)

Officer Kevin Worrell  
Central Station  
766 Vallejo St.  
San Francisco, CA 94133  
415-315-2400 (wk)  
415-531-4840 (cell)

# PAL NEWS AND UPDATES

By Rick Bruce  
President, SFPAL



On May 14 the Police Activities League hosted their annual fundraiser golf tournament at Harding Park, and 120 police officers and community members came out to support the PAL. It was a great day of golf on a beautiful course, and the tournament raised over twenty thousand dollars for the PAL.

The PAL wants to thank their many sponsors and supporters, particularly the SFPOA, whose generous support helps us to continue to serve more than 5,000 San Francisco children every year.

On another note, the SFPAL will celebrate its 50th year of existence on 2009. At that time, we hope to induct the first members of the SFPAL Hall of Fame. If you know of anyone deserving of this recognition, please drop me an e-mail with the specifics. We will probably have at least four categories of inductees, including the following:

1. Kids who participated in SFPAL sports or activities (at any time in the past 50 years) who excelled in one or more activity.

2. Kids who participated in SFPAL sports or activities who went to to make a difference in San Francisco as adults (business leader, civic leader, etc.)

3. Kids who participated in SFPAL sports who later excelled in college or professional athletics in the same sport.

4. Adults who coached or guided SFPAL sports or other activities who made a difference in the lives of the kids they coached.

If you have any ideas about persons who meet the above criteria, please phone me at 650-296-0323, or e-mail me at rickbruceconstruction@yahoo.com.



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2004 SATURN L300, 4 door, Silver, v. good condition, 15.5 K miles, 4 cylinder engine, good mileage, good commute car. \$9200/obo. Contact Joe at 2004\_saturn@comcast.net or (415) 564-4838 07/07

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### Vacation Rental

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## Word Search

Created by  
Officer Michelangelo Apodaca  
Taraval Station

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

Each puzzle has a grid of letters that

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

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# Close Encounters

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A contingent of SFPD officers led by **Sergeant Chris Martinez** recently had the privilege of visiting the soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Chris and the other officers (**Officer Jerry Lyons**, **Officer Eric Chiang**, **Officer Arnold Borgen**, **Officer George Luedtke**, and **Officer Jason Kirchner**) were attending the National Peace Officer Memorial services at the time and had the foresight to schedule their visit to Walter Reed several weeks in advance not knowing just how much it was going to mean to those in our country's uniform.

The officers were overwhelmed by the individual courage they witnessed. Most, if not all, of the wounded soldiers had been flown to Walter Reed Hospital just 12 days after their initial treatment in Iraq. Chris told me that their visit was an extremely emotional one. "These young soldiers had been seriously wounded. Many of them had lost their arms, legs, sometimes both. And yet they were so glad to see us."

Chris and the officers were so impressed at how the only thing each and every one of the wounded heroes wanted was to go back and re-join their fellow soldiers. "Not one of them complained. And, when we were leaving one of the rooms, a young soldier thanked us for what we do as police officers — we made sure he knew that the sacrifice he made would never, ever be forgotten."

Southern Station officers were asked to watch for the culprits responsible for the many window-smash burglaries taking place in the 6th/Brannan Street neighborhood. The crimes usually occurred in the early morning hours between midnight and 4:00 a.m. **Officer Monica MacDonald**, a young

officer just starting her probation, and her partner, **Officer Joseph Salazar**, a seasoned veteran, had the sector car in the area. They had just finished a report in another part of the district when they drove back over to the area in question. They noticed a pedestrian who seemed to be harassing people in a car who were stopped at the intersection of 6th and Brannan Streets. This individual seemed extremely agitated. Monica and Joe got out to investigate further.

They first asked the person who was so upset if they could talk to him. He walked away. The officers then approached the people in the car to see what was going on when the individual who was walking away suddenly turned and was now brandishing a large butcher knife moving towards **Officer Salazar** in a quick pace. Both Joe and Monica starting yelling commands for the armed suspect to drop his knife. The commands were ignored. He started to move even faster towards **Officer Salazar**, closing in to the point where Joe and Monica had no choice but to fire in the suspect's direction. It was later determined by homicide investigators that the suspect who was intent on attacking the officers had actually killed a man one block away just a few minutes before **Officer Salazar** and **Officer MacDonald** arrived . . .

It had been just a few days earlier when **Officer MacDonald** and **Officer Salazar** were checking out a car that appeared to have been in a recent accident. As the officers approached the freshly dented vehicle the two occupants immediately got out and tried to walk away before being detained. The officers discovered that there was an obvious reason these two wanted to distance themselves from the scene as far as they could because it was going to be hard to explain the loaded gun they left on the floorboard of their damaged chariot.

Guns and cars seem to be a great mix in San Francisco. Can't have one without the other...**Officer Ramon Reynoso** proved this theory when he was driving on the 1400 block of Underwood at an hour when gang members are usually sleeping in, that is, unless they have a court appearance to make . . . **Ramon** watched an illegal turn being made and when the car was coming back towards him he recognized



L-R: **Eric Chiang**, **Arnold Borgen**, **George Luedtke**, **Chris Martinez**, **Jason Kirchner** and **Jerry Lyons** at Walter Reed Hospital.

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the driver as being a 'frequent flyer' — not in a favorable sense. **Ramon** turned his police car around in order to follow and cite the moving infraction. The suspect immediately sped up. **Ramon** was not going to put anyone else in jeopardy of a chase at this time in the morning, besides, he knew who the driver was — it could wait. But just as the suspect was about to make a turn he threw a large object out of the car's window. **Ramon** stopped to retrieve it and it was a good thing he did — turned out the recovered property was a fully-loaded machine gun. Probably something the neighbors wouldn't want just lying around in the street . . . **Officer Reynoso** was also able to 'retrieve' the owner of the weapon a few days later.

**Police Chief Heather Fong** recently addressed the Police Commission, citing the number of guns that are recovered by San Francisco police officers. The numbers were somewhere between 1100-1200 a year. Which means that San Francisco police officers are taking 3-4 guns off the street each and every day — which also means that each and every day the officers are putting their lives on the line.

One of the guns recovered was from the Tenderloin when **Officer Mike Celis** and **Officer Aaron Ballonado** stopped a car traveling the wrong way on a one-way street . . . turned out that the driver was visiting San Francisco from the East Bay and was doing so with a suspended driver's license. There was, no doubt, a reason he was here — why else would he have brought the fully-loaded, .40 caliber semi-automatic weapon with a laser sight? His intended victim should think about thanking **Mike** and **Aaron**. We also need gun-sniffing dogs at every bridge entrance to this city . . .

**Officer Mike Celis** got another one a few days later when he was paired up with **Officer Brian Hopkins**. **Mike** and **Brian** stopped a car for a mechanical violation and, as much as they just wanted to warn the driver and let him move on, they couldn't. Turned out he was another 'tourist' driving without a valid license and he just couldn't help but arm himself with a fully-loaded, .357.

Of course, guns aren't always the weapon of choice . . . **Officer John Haverkamp** was flagged down by a group of citizens who told him there were two suspects around the corner

who were cutting the locks off of several bikes. (There is a tremendous profit margin on stolen bikes and they are almost impossible to trace.) **John** arrived just in time to take the thieves into custody and relieve one of them of the dagger he had concealed under his sweatshirt and a switch-blade knife from the other 'opportunist.' Both suspects were wearing t-shirts with bold print on the back that read, "It's only a crime if you get caught" . . . bingo.

Police officers are a different breed — they are the ones who respond to the sounds of gunfire while other people are running away from the danger. And a perfect example of this daily courage was displayed by **Officer Kevin Coleman** and **Officer Joseph Minner**. **Kevin** and **Joe** were driving by Hyde and Eddy the other morning before the daily newspapers are delivered when they heard the unmistakable sound of rounds going off . . . They arrived where the action took place only a block away and found the usual non-witnesses ducking behind parked cars and crawling into doorways for cover. Someone did point out the suspect who was now running away with the gun still in hand. Both officers chased him down, not even thinking about the danger they were facing, just knowing that it was the right thing to do. Suspect and gun in custody.

Can you possibly imagine what an AK-47 sounds like going off at 1:30 a.m. in the heart of downtown San Francisco . . . ?? It is a formidable weapon, threatening enough by its looks, and you'll never forget the sound of one being fired. And so we find our suspects trying out their newly-purchased firearm figuring that they can just drive off after they drill a few holes in the local masonry. Not quite that easy. Enter the cavalry. . . **Officer Kevin Lyons**, **Officer Daniel Kroos**, **Officer Robert Trujillo**, **Officer Larry Bertrand**, **Officer Steve Hogan**, **Officer Jeff McHale**, and **Officer Sean Cronin**. This contingent of fine officers quarantined the area at tremendous risk, not knowing exactly where the weapon was when they arrived. However, due to their excellent rapport with the locals, information was developed that led to the capture of the suspects responsible for the earlier shooting as well as the recovery of the weapon. This was the same type of weapon that was used in the murder of **Officer Isaac Espinosa**.

And that's how dangerous this job is.



**Monica MacDonald** and **Joseph Salazar** on patrol