

The Downs Family is so grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of prayer, concern, and support which we have received from both friends and complete strangers. Most poignantly, the sincere devotion, camaraderie and courtesy exhibited by Kevin's fellow officers, along with the leadership of the SFPOA and the SFPD command staff, truly exemplify the best traditions of law enforcement in our city.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Kevin's partner that night, the officers who backed them up on the call, and the paramedics who responded. Your knowledge and quick decisive action provided the immediate treatment Kevin needed.

Thank you to the SFPD officers and those from other police agencies who apprehended the suspect before anyone else could be injured. Your selfless service to our communities and willingness to put yourselves in harm's way to protect others is a calling. Each of you embodies the words of St. Ignatius, the patron saint of Kevin's high school, "To give and not to count the cost."

Thank you to the amazing trauma team at San Francisco General Hospital. The nurses and doctors have treated Kevin with tremendous skill and compassion.

To the 246th academy class members, thank you for walking this journey with Kevin. Each of you are "246 STRONG". You are an exemplary group of men and women and we as a family can't thank you enough for lifting Kevin's spirits. You have been the best medicine. We will remain eternally grateful to each and every one of you.

Due to the tremendous concern about Kevin's condition, we want to provide updated details. The shot fractured Kevin's skull and missed a main artery by less than a centimeter. The fracture caused trauma to his brain. This trauma currently leaves Kevin paralyzed in his right leg. He has regained some use of his right arm. As Kevin's wife Corey said on Sunday, he remains our anchor. Kevin has deep faith in God and is physically strong. Both qualities will be important as he moves through his recovery. Kevin is determined through intense physical therapy and state of the art neurological treatments to walk again and ultimately return to full duty as a San Francisco Police Officer.

Many have offered financial assistance to Kevin. He and Corey are grateful for the support, but would prefer that you read about the work that Ranchin' Vets does to serve veterans, and if you are so inclined, direct your gift there. You can read about the mission of this organization at [www.ranchinvets.org](http://www.ranchinvets.org).