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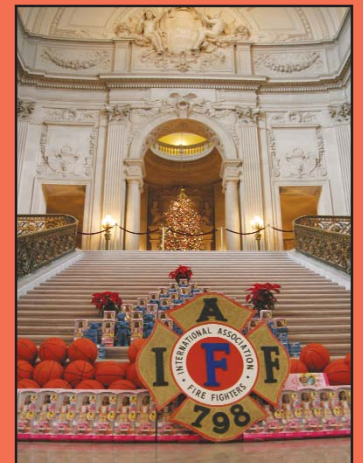
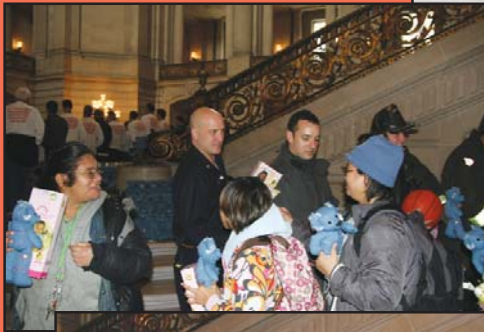
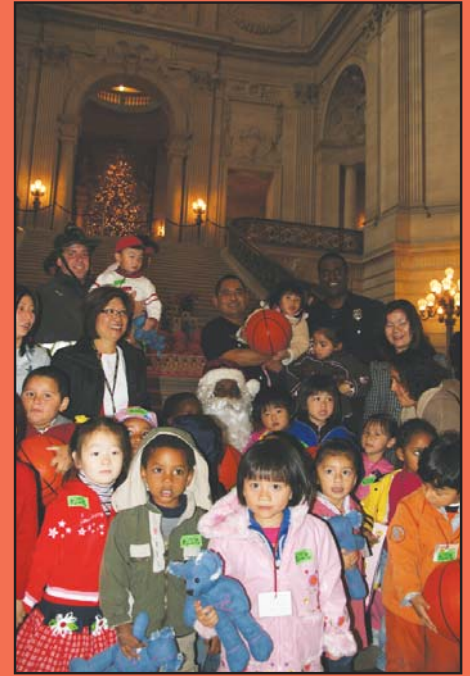
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LOCAL 798 TOY GIVE AWAY AT CITY HALL (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPT. OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES)



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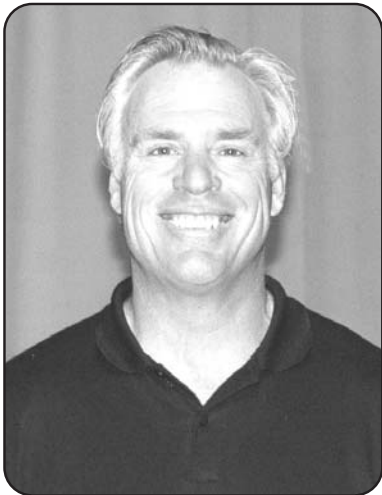
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*Local 798 Toy Give Away
Photo by Stan Lee*





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great seasonal enthusiasm that I wish all members of Local 798, both active and retired, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It's the season for giving. For Local 798 members, active and retired; our giving season is year-round. We are distinctly proud of this during the Christmas holidays when the Toy Program really kicks in and provides toys to children in need.

As reflected on this month's cover, our Toy Program brings smiles to the faces of many children this holiday season. This year, our toy giveaway was held in the City Hall Rotunda where children were able to have their picture taken with Santa (our understanding is that Santa might also be a member of Engine 25). We would like to thank the active and retired firefighters who helped pass out toys to 1,500 children. This year's toy giveaway at City Hall was made possible by Santa's friends, along with friends of Local 798 from PG&E, the San Francisco Dental Association (Mike Antonini), Local 6 IBEW, and the City's Department of Support Services who generously donated their time and funds to make this possible for San Francisco children. A wonderful, memorable and meaningful time was had by all who were in attendance. A special thanks goes to Sally Casazza at Toys for her long hours and dedication to the program; and to firefighters Kinnie Jamerson, Keith Onishi, Shon Buford, Bob Lopez and Bob Arzave for their ongoing donation of time and support.

We are thankful this year for our new four year contract with the City, reflecting a cost of living increase. Thank Mayor Newsom when you see him. You can also thank Aaron Peskin, President of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of

Supervisors themselves.

Congratulations to the recently appointed captains and lieutenants. What remains a mystery to me is that a couple of years ago, a firefighter was chosen to be a lieutenant but because of an extremely minor off-duty incident he was delayed in getting his appointment to lieutenant. Two years later he still has not received his appointment. And for the life of me I can't figure out if he was qualified two years ago why not now? Is this an example of the appointing officer playing games or just a simple vendetta?

The issue of intersection "accidents" is still an issue and I want to highlight the term accident because it is one. Firefighters are not driving engines, trucks or squads for any reason other than to get to a fire or medical emergency to protect the citizens of San Francisco. Sometimes accidents happen; it's the nature of the job. It's not intentional, but given the fact that San Francisco is one of the most congested cities in America, the likelihood of a collision between two vehicles is predictably high. In some instances, the civilian(s) "hit" by engines have themselves been ticketed by police officers for being at fault, and STILL, the Administration attempts to bring the firefighter up on charges. Maybe because the Chief (and we are tempted to investigate this) has never driven a fire engine Code 3 explains the stand that seems to be taken "... guilty until proven innocent". Maybe if the Chief had actual experience driving an engine in an emergency situation she would understand that accidents happen. We are asking for the Administration to give the "driver" the benefit of the doubt. Maybe there's a class that teaches "faith in your employees". This Administration seems to be "big" on classes - maybe the "group" should attend one.

The Toy Program is up and running. Volunteers are still needed every day between now and Christmas. Speaking of toys, it is our understanding that Station 7 is getting an exorbitant number of bicycles donated and what the donors are saying is that they want to make sure that every member of Station 7 can ride a bicycle.

Local 798 will have its Valor Awards Night. These awards will be dedicated to the men and woman of Local 798 for their heroic acts of bravery and valor that have occurred within the last four years. Please send your nominations to the Union office with the name of the individual(s), date and time of incident, a paragraph or two explaining the heroic act(s) and names of witnesses who observed such acts. **Deadline for nominations is January 10, 2007.** As always, please call the Union office if you have any questions.

Fraternally,
John F. Hanley

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Dear SF Firefighters Local 798,

Thank you for your support of Macy's 18th Annual Tree Lighting benefiting UCSF Children's Hospital.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Kelly O'Brien
Director, Special Events
UCSF Medical Center

Dear Everyone at Local 798 SFFD,

We cannot put into words how grateful we are for your help. We can never thank you enough for the support our family received. You really **fought** for him. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
Stephanie, OJ,
and Lucas Leonardo

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Spencer Erickson Trust Fund.

Great Falls Firefighters,
IAFF Local 8 &
Rachelle and Spencer Erickson

Hi,

I'm sending this check in the memory of my uncle Al Lambrechts a retired S.F. firefighter.

Al was very involved in the Toy Drive. He loved the kids!

Thanks for all you do,
Mary Quinn

For Al Lambrechts. Please use as needed for Toys. Al was one of a kind. He will be missed.

Skip and Judy McKinney

In memory of Al Lambrechts.

J. & J. Erickson

Enclosed check in memory of Al Lambrechts – Toy Program.

Sunset Tennis Club

Executive Board of Local 798,

Please accept this donation in the memory of Al Lambrechts and pass it on to the Toy Program.

Al will always be remembered as a great friend of our family for over 30 years and as an inspiration to anyone he ever came in contact with

through the years.

The Pera Family
Mike, Holly, Casey,
Lindsay, Sage and Cricket

Dear fellow firefighters,

I would like to give you my new address. I sure miss the department of San Francisco.

Use donation as needed. I sure miss my Main Line.

God Bless,
Lieutenant Adrian Terranova
Retired Station 34

Local 798 Staff,

Please use the enclosed check as needed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Board, Directors and the Office Staff of Local 798 for their continued work towards the health and welfare of all the members. Stay safe and may you and your families have a Healthy and Safe New Year.

Sincerely,
Bill Serafini

Hi,

In memory of Andy Clemenza (Airport and Old 27 Engine). He was one of the great 'Ol timers who all young firemen loved to emulate! R.I.P. Andy.

Paul Butler

In memory of "Big John Flaherty". A Giant of a Man and the Poster Boy for the "Greatest Generation".

Frank Pagano

P.s. Use as needed.

Local 798,

Thanks for the good life. Use as needed.

Jim Allan
Retired 39 Hose

October 8, 2007

Dear Mr. John Hanley,

Please accept this donation as two equal gifts for college student children of San Francisco Fire Department Firefighters that are enrolled in a sports program, (one son and one daughter), in the name of Pilot of Fireboats, Kevin Joseph Devine 1948 – 2007.

In the short time that I knew him he left quite the impression on me. Thank you Kevin!

Sincerely,
Joe P. McCormick
Relief, Pilot of Fire Boats

October 15, 2007

Dear Mr. Vannucchi,

Thank you for your generous support of the Men of St. Cecilia Golf Classic, which was held on May 2, 2007 at Crystal Spring Golf Course. The outing was a success for all who participated and most importantly for our parish. All event proceeds will be used to directly benefit the many needs of our parish community.

We appreciate your cash donation in support of the Golf Classic. St. Cecilia Parish is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Thanks again for your commitment to enhance the fundraising efforts the Men of St. Cecilia provides for the St. Cecilia parish community. We look forward to your support in our Golf Classic fundraiser in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Robert Soberanis
Golf Classic Co-Chair
Charlie O'Connell
Golf Classic Co-Chair

October 16, 2007

Please use enclosed check for your 2007 holiday programs.

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund

October 17, 2007

Dear S.F. Firefighters and Local 798,

Please accept the enclosed check in memory of my late husband Justin "Bumper" Smith. Thank you for continuing to send the Main Line. I enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,
Kathy Smith

October 17, 2007

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please accept the following donation which is made in the memory of Chief of Department Emmet Condon and Battalion Chief "Big John" Flaherty. Two outstanding gentle-

Station Stewards

Station 1	Dan Gracia
Station 2	Carla Bisio Murphy
Station 3	Stephen Engler
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Station 11	Tom Oertli
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Station 13	Sherman Tillman
Station 14	Garreth Miller
Station 15	Brett Evert
Station 16	Patric Steele
Station 17	John Chung
Station 18	Daniel Tauber
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Station 23	O.J. Leonardo
Station 24	Thomas J. Carberry
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Station 26	Randy Hendricks
Station 27	CLOSED
Station 28	Steve Harper
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Station 30	CLOSED
Station 31	Brendan McGorin
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Station 33	Open
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Station 38	Eigil Qwist
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Station 40	Janice Hoaglin
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BOE	Al Harvey
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Members interested in becoming Station Stewards should contact the Union office at (415) 621 - 7103

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November 6, 2007

Sincerely,
Don Tennenbaum

10/21/2007

Please use enclosed check for the SFFD Toy Program in honor of 911 response team. Thank you from one of Station 38's clients.

Barbara Greenberg

October 30, 2007

Local 798,

Thanks for the Main Line. Enclosed is a donation in memory of Johnny V and Bob Jabs and all of my fallen brothers. Use it as needed.

George Langley
Capt. Ret. Engine 44

11/01/2007

Local 798,

Thanks for your on going Hard Work! Use as needed.

Happy Holidays!
John Pavloff,
Ret. T-17

November 1, 2007

Thanks again for all the hard work you do for all of us, both active and retired. Congratulations on your terrific negotiating with the new contract.

Please use where most needed.

Jim Ferry

November 1, 2007

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept the enclosed two checks as a donation to your Toy Program in memory of Patrick Moriarty.

Thank you,
The Aiello and Brosnan Families.

11/02/2007

Thanks for my Main Line magazine.

Just a little donation in memory of my friends John Flaherty (from the gang at Russian river), Al Gervesio, and Joe McCune.

Thanks Again and Happy Holidays,
Don DeMeyer

November 6, 2007

Enclosed check in memory of Al Lambrechts.

E. Phyllis Koen

Toys for Tots,

Enclosed please find a donation in memory of Albert Lambrechts from the Anders Family.

Thank you,
Dorothy Anders

November 6, 2007

To whom it may concern,

Please accept the enclosed donation in loving memory of retired San Francisco Firefighter, BC Al Lambrechts.

Thank you,
Douglas Goodin, BC
San Francisco Fire Department

11/08/2007

In memory of Al Lambrechts.

Thank you,
Al Gughemetti

11/10/2007

Brothers and Sisters,

Hello! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Life is good!! I would like to thank John and the Board for negotiating the new contract. Nice job!

Here's a check for Toys in memory of Little Chief Al, H, Bob K, and Johnny V.

God Bless,
John Walters,
Retired Fireman, T-18

November 13, 2007

Local 798,

Please accept the attached donation and use it as you may need.

I received my SFFD retirement badge from 798 recently, and just want to thank you for that. It is another example of the many services the Union provides.

Keep up the good work, thanks for the new contract and its benefits to retirees, and stay safe.

Jim Connors
Captain - Retired

November 15, 2007

Dear Mr. Moore,

Thank you for your donation to the San Francisco Firefighters Union Local 798 Toy Program with the two (2) tickets for the December 30, 2007 49er game on December 23, 2007. I'm

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sure that some lucky kid will enjoy the game. It's too bad that the San Francisco 49ers are not the leaders that they were in the past.

Sincerely,
John F. Hanley
President, Local 798

11/22/2007

Hi,

Enclosed please find a donation for the Toy Program. Thank you for making the holidays a little cheerier for the children of needy families. I still have not forgotten your kindness about 30 years ago.

Hai Tang

November 20, 2007

President John Hanley,

Please accept my donation to the Firefighters Toy Program in honor of a great firefighter and a good friend of mine, on and off the job for over 52-years. These are my thoughtful memories of retired and recently deceased, Al Lambrechts. Here are my feelings on the man that I knew for all the years. Sometimes known as "BC/LX"

A proud U.S. Navy man on armed-guard merchant ships in World War II; which was the toughest job in the Navy. I was on a destroyer. I met Al in 1955 at Engine 15, now (38). Even then he had the chief's handbook already studying it. In 1956, we both went to Engine 38, now (15). We worked there for two-years, then Al went to Truck 5 as a relief operator. I went to Truck 7. We both remembered the 1957 earthquake while at

the old firehouse at Ocean and San Jose Avenues.

Al and I played golf for many years and he was always great company with his humor and great golfing. He played for the SFFD softball team and for local softball teams for many years. Even in retirement, Al continued with his softball into the 80's. He was known as the "Satchel Page" of softball.

Al made lieutenant, captain and battalion chief in good order and gave the department more than 100% at all times. Al had always a smile and a little joke for all he met. The ladies, of course, got a real big "hug."

In his retirement, Al gave most of his time to the Toy Detail, the Mammal Center in Marin, the K.Q.E.D. pledge night programs, and other volunteer activities. Even in the 1989 earthquake, Al gave much time and effort to help those in the Marina where it hit the most. Al was in the first group, in 1992, to be honored by the San Francisco Phoenix Society, as retired firefighter of the year. He was in the great company of

another great man, honored that year, in Arthur McIntyre.

I will miss Al and remember him as a devoted family man and a man who spent his whole life in love with the SFFD.

To cover this man's life, these thoughts come to mind:

sentimental ... he cried easily ... very touching

compassionate ... friendly ... loyal ... hardworking ... caring

conservative ... dependable ... loyal sports fan ... considerate

and most of all strong ... He came from a very difficult childhood.

As a final note, I extend my deepest sympathy to Al's two sons in Jim and Marty, and their families. Thanks for publishing this and keep up the good work on our behalf. The 1st of the month is great.

Sincerely,
Chuck Lee



Fred J. O'Donnell

March 29, 1932 to October 15, 2007



Fred was the beloved husband of Jean D Milton and father to Patricia Romo (Hector), Carolyn Marchman and Harry O'Donnell (Leslie Quiroz) Grandfather to Aaron Gromm (Patti), Anthony Romo and Adam Marchman. Cherished great-granddaughter Amara Gromm.

He will be missed by his brother Charles O'Donnell (Joan), sister-in-law Carol O'Donnell, many cousins, nieces and nephews and the entire Milton Family. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Hazel Weiss, brother John O'Donnell, sisters Anita Knight and Catherine Landini (Lou).

Fred entered into the San Francisco Fire Department in 1954 and retiring as Captain in 1982. Shortly after he joined Northrop Corporation in Saudi Arabia as fire chief at King Abdulaziz International Airport, City of Jeddah. Moving to Calaveras County in 1984 he volunteered his services to the Jenny Lind Fire Department for many years. He signed on with the California Department of Corrections and after 7 years retired as Fire Chief.

Fred stayed involved with the North Beach/Marina Athletes and Friends Club and was a contributing member of Salesian Boys and Girls Club.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation can be made to: Hospice of Amador, P.O. Box 595, Jackson, CA 95642; Ione City Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 398, Ione, CA 95640; or Salesian Boys and Girls Club, 680 Filbert Street, San Francisco, CA 94133.

THE VANNUCCHI PAPERS



By Jim Vannucchi, Director

"The fight is never about grapes or lettuce. It is about the people". - Cesar Chavez

There is nothing as heartwarming as that charming telephone call informing you that you are now the focus of an investigation, and that you have been invited down to SFFD Headquarters for a little chat. As your mind is racing a thousand miles a minute, that one vital question pops up; "... what are my rights?"

The Supreme Court of the State of California ruled in 1975 that all public employees, including firefighters, are entitled to protection by due process while on-duty. From this decision, a pre-disciplinary or "Skelly" hearing was mandated for all public employees, allowing them an opportunity to respond to the allegations and/or request a dismissal or reduction of any proposed discipline.

Beyond Skelly, very little else has been established to safeguard firefighters when they are subject to an investigation for alleged misconduct that may, or may not, result in a penal action. However, a remedy is now on the horizon.

On October 13, 2007 AB 220 (Firefighter Procedural Bill of Rights) was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) and will become the law of the land on January 01, 2008. This action sets into motion basic, common-sense procedural rights and safeguards that distinguish the role we perform as public safety officers.

The highlights of this bill are as follows:

DUE PROCESS MANDATE

- The employee is entitled to representation **prior** to be interviewed on any potential case involving charges and/or a criminal matter.
- During the course of the investigation, the employee can only be reassigned to other **typical** SFFD job assignments.
- If the investigation is not concluded within **one** year, the employee cannot be punished.
- The employee **shall** have access to any adverse comment in personnel records before it is submitted.

- Negative comments **shall** be signed by the employee before going into personnel records. In addition, any employee response **shall** also go into the personnel record of the employee.
- The appeals process must adhere to the protections allowed the employee as outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act.

RIGHTS TO PRIVACY

- **Forbids** the search of your locker or private area without your consent (with the exception of distinct circumstances).
- Safeguards your right to participate in off-duty political activity.
- Disallows the forced submission to a lie detector test, or punishment for refusing to acquiesce to same.
- Bans the disclosure of personal financial information unless mandated by a judicial order or existing law.

INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES

- All interviews must take place while the employee is on-duty. If the employee is off-duty, he/she must be compensated.
- The employee is entitled to advance notification of the investigation, the nature of the investigation and who will be conducting the investigation.
- If the interview is recorded, the employee is entitled to all recordings and copies of the transcripts.
- Forbids intimidation of a physical or psychological nature, threats, demeaning or offensive language or extortion during the course of the interview.
- If the interview takes a direction where the employee is subject to a criminal investigation, the employee must be immediately advised of his/her rights. Additionally, statements cannot be coerced without a written stipulation of immunity from criminal prosecution.

To encapsulate, pretty important stuff. The very moment you become aware, either by telephone or by document, that you are the focal point of an investigation, contact Joe Moriarty or myself at the Union Hall **IMMEDIATELY**. If we are not at the Hall, we can be found within minutes. Know your rights in order to protect yourself and your family.

In closing, Merry Christmas and may God bless each and every one of you. ✂



FROM THE DIRECTORS ...



By Brendan O'Leary, Director

John P. Redmond Symposium

The IAFF's 19th John P. Redmond Symposium on the Occupational Health and Safety Hazards of the Fire Service was held in Chicago, Illinois from October 21st through October 25th. Thousands of firefighters from around the country as well as Canada, New Zealand and Australia were in attendance. Representing San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 were John Hanley (ST 6), Tom O'Connor (ST 70), Mike Walsh (E44), Jim Vannucchi (B4), Shon Bufford (ST 7), Brendan O'Leary (BFP), Terry Fitzsimmons (E24) and Steve Strong (T17).

Some of the workshops that our members attended were: Behavioral Health, The New CPAT, Presumptive Disability Laws, Fire Apparatus Safety, Data Collection and Cancer Registry, Fire Service Communications, Building Codes and Consequences to Firefighters.

WOMAN KILLED IN BAYVIEW BLAZE

By Rachel Gordon

November 25, 2007 - San Francisco Chronicle

A 56-year-old woman died Saturday in a one-alarm fire in the Bayview district.

The fire, in the 1300 block of Revere Avenue, was first reported around 2 p.m. and quickly extinguished, authorities said. A resident of the multi-unit residence, identified by the San Francisco medical examiner as Ruby Smith, died. The cause of her death has not been determined.

The source of the fire is being investigated, said San Francisco Fire Department Lt. Ken Smith. ✂



The IAFF has made available on their web site www.iaff.org video coverage of the workshops and the general sessions. All are encouraged to visit the site.

Recent Retirees

Local 798 has received information from the Fire Commission that the following members have retired. If there are any corrections or additions, particularly if the retirement was at a higher rank due to Like Work Like Pay or Acting assignment please contact Director Brendan O'Leary at the Union Office. Congratulations and best of luck to all the retirees. Enjoy your well deserved retirement.

NAME	RANK	TYPE	RETIRE DATE
Teresa Juergens	H2 Firefighter	Disability	06/01/02
Christopher Curto	H2 Firefighter	Disability	03/01/06
Robert Cuff	H2 Firefighter	Service	06/16/07
Barbara Rooney	1426 Senior Clerk Typist	Service	07/01/07
Mortimer J. Joyce	H2 Firefighter	Service	07/01/07
Walter R. Smith	H2 Firefighter	Service	07/21/07
Ed H. O'Donnell	H40 Battalion Chief	Service	08/07/07
Ricahrd V. Stark	H2 Firefighter	Service	08/08/07
John J. Barden	H20 Lieutenant	Service	08/09/07
Thomas R. Gorman	H2 Firefighter (Acting H4)	Service	08/11/07
Richard Pasquinelli	H2 Firefighter (Acting H20)	Service	08/19/07
Mark Donnelly	H20 Lieutenant	Service	09/11/07
Darryl J. Scobie	H2 Firefighter	Service	10/01/07

ATTENTION!!

DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

*Whether old or new,
the Main Line is interested
in publishing them in future issues.*

Please forward to the Union office:
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

or contact

Stan Lee @ BFI - (415) 920-2933
or by email: sffd.mainline@gmail.com

FROM THE DIRECTORS ...



By Brendan O'Leary, Director

2007 A Good Year?

Looking back over 2007 I have seen many positives to be thankful for. It was an interesting and a very eye opening experience. Completing my first year representing you as a Director is a work in progress. Going forward, observing the countless hours my colleagues spent on negotiating one of the best contracts ever put to paper. The experience of John Hanley, Joe Moriarty, Frank Kelly and Tom O'Connor was really evident with the outcome. With the full support of the Executive Board they forged ahead with the best interest of the membership and gained a fair and sound contract. The new MOU has already established a solid group of Committees such as Health and Safety and Fitness that we are actively participating in. Additional portable radios have already been distributed to the field. Promises of exercise equipment for all Firehouses, so we stay at the top of our game are forthcoming. Respirators, turn outs and safety equipment are becoming available. Firehouse emergency repairs are being tested constantly. The MOU added Union participation on apparatus introductions and purchases, due to the recent debacle with the new Pumpers and Chiefs Buggies. The wording that protects Union Officers involving Union activity and speaking the truth about working conditions without the fear of retaliation was added. Compensation for Members for Committee time spent, which prior to this MOU was only given to Administration or Special people. Time lines on alleged disciplinary violations. These are just to name a few. Another positive was the formulation of the Cancer Prevention Foundation. Special thanks to Tony Stefani, Keith Onishi, Tom O'Connor, Jeff Malone, Joe Moriarty, Karen Heald, Sherman Tillman and John Hanley for their foresight and dedication to this most important issue. The first Captains exam in over ten years was given and appointments made. These are all positive outstanding accomplishments of 2007.

Now the flip side.

Speaking the truth is considered suicide, but be not afraid. Firehouse repairs are again being deferred. A study was done and contractors were sent to worksite locations to bid repairs only to have those estimates sit on a desk downtown while

these taxpayer buildings are rapidly falling into disrepair. The cupboard at Evans Supply is bare. No spanners, hose, house supplies and yes even toilet paper. Specialized equipment is being acquired but the SFFD hasn't purchased an Aerial Ladder truck since 2005. The Pumper fleet is aging and the purple Pumpers that were purchased continue to be plagued with problems. The new Buggies were not speced with Code 3 light packages so the SFFD had to use over \$100,000.00 of the maintenance budget to get the trucks on the road, (whoops) major mismanagement of funds. Reports from the field are very disappointing with comments such as, no command center, the SCBA's not safely accessible, poor visibility, no control module for the lights and sirens and no labeling that differentiates the Chiefs cars from hydrant gatemens. Did anyone do research on vehicles? PS., the California Hiway Patrol just ordered 2008 GM Hybrid Tahoe's. The Police are using Dodge Magnum station wagons. Some of the Chiefs trucks won't fit in some Firehouses. There is move to purchase Ford F-250's with utility bodies for the Rescue Captains. Let's watch while these big heavy trucks climb halfway to the stars on City streets, is anybody thinking downtown? What ever happened to inexpensive Sedans? The safety clothing is finally moving in the right direction but much more work is needed. Decontamination dispensers are still not on the Engines and Medic units. Discipline issues are rising at a rapid rate with still no meritorious awards.

Odds and Ends

A special note goes out to Michael Walsh, RS2 and more recently E35/Fireboat1 who recently retired. Mike is one of those special unsung heroes. He is quiet and unassuming and had a productive career. My hat is off to you. Good Luck to you and your family in your retirement.

You truly are a Hero and thanks for the votes.

On a closing note: To all my brothers and sisters in the SFFD happy holidays to you and your families.

In memory of John Flaherty, Al Lambrechts and Dick Richardson. ✕



Local 798 Director Michael Walsh at the recent reorganization of the Millbrae City Council ceremony. Local 798 was in support of San Mateo County Firefighters Local 2400 who helped the Candidates that best represented Firefighters interest in Millbrae.

OPEN FORUM

The MAIN LINE is the official publication of the San Francisco Fire Fighter's Local 798. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of Local 798 or the San Francisco Fire Department. Members are welcome to submit Letters or Articles for publication; however, the Editorial Board reserves the right to review/edit any submitted materials.

IT'S ONLY MY OPINION ... THAT'S ALL..!

By Perry Saxton

We serve a city whose taxpayers are growing older and more discerning of government spending. We cannot afford to lack resources to transport elderly patients to the hospital with their mobility devices.

But that is presently the case.

Last watch, I was "Special Called" to the scene where E43 and M43 had been going back and forth with Radio trying to figure out how to accommodate an elderly citizen's reasonable request: If she were going to the hospital, she wanted her motorized wheelchair device on hand for when she got out. Otherwise, she would face the choice of being immobile after treatment or not going to the hospital at all.

This was not a choice that a citizen should have to make, particularly as this citizen was 70 years old, had arthritis, weighed about 400 pounds and had a chief complaint of pain in the left upper arm.

However, this is what did happen:

Radio was unable to reach either of the two wheelchair com-

panies that contract with the City to provide such services. Dispatchers advised us that one contractor was "not available on weekends." They were forced to leave a voicemail message on the other contractor's answering machine. SFFD itself lacks a gurney capable of handling patients weighing more than 300 pounds. When Radio was asked to contact AMR, K&A, and Bayshore for such equipment, it was discovered that the closest such gurney was in San Jose. Brainstorming "outside the box," we asked Radio if they would contact MAP, who has a wheelchair lift and could at least transport the patient with a paramedic on board. We never got an actual response from Radio on that one.

By this time, the patient had had enough and declined transport. Had she chosen otherwise, there is a significant likelihood that we would not have been able to transport her anyway.

As illustrated, being forced to rely on patchwork, on-the-fly solutions is dangerously close to having no solution at all. Having insufficient resources to help those we are sworn to assist puts an increasingly older populace as well as the City and County itself at significant risk. ✕

LOCAL FIRE NEWS

FIRE KILLS 2 MEN IN RUSSIAN HILL RESTAURANT LOFT

By Steve Rubenstein, Marisa Lagos, Chronicle Staff Writers
November 30, 2007 - San Francisco Chronicle

(11-29) 22:19 PST San Francisco — Two men who apparently died in an early morning blaze that raced through a Russian Hill restaurant Thursday were employees who had permission to be in a loft above the kitchen, San Francisco fire officials said.

The fire, which caused substantial damage to the Star of India restaurant at Polk and Broadway streets, was reported a little before 6 a.m., Fire Department Lt. Mindy Talmadge said. Responding firefighters found the one-story building engulfed in flames, with heavy damage concentrated in the kitchen area.

"The men were identified by the owner as employees," said fire Lt. Ken Smith, a department spokesman. "It seems they were given permission to be there last night."

The San Francisco medical examiner's office said they have identified the two men but were not releasing the information until their relatives, who live outside the United States, are notified.

The bodies were found inside the building, in a loft area above the kitchen that partially collapsed during the blaze. Firefighters had to quickly get out of the loft when the floor began to give way. They had to shore up the area before the bodies could be pulled from the charred ruins of the restaurant.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Art Kenney told reporters that the two victims appeared to be sleeping in the loft, although that has not been confirmed.

"It's a big building split up into different businesses, and some have very similar loft areas that are used as offices and that sort of

thing," Talmadge said. "There were two people in the loft area. Whether they were sleeping or not, I don't know."

The causes of death will not be known until the medical examiner completes his investigation, said Smith, who told reporters that the bodies did not appear to be burned.

The fire also caused substantial smoke damage to some neighboring businesses, including Pasha, a Moroccan restaurant on Broadway. Smith said that restaurant will have to remain closed until it has been cleaned. Co-owner Hickham Senhaji said he hoped to stay shuttered for only about four days.

Senhaji said smoke poured into the restaurant through a skylight, dumping black soot all over the kitchen and dining room.

The blaze was brought under control very quickly once firefighters arrived on the scene, Smith said. "It was nothing dramatic for us - we knocked it down in 20 minutes," he said.

Curt Schmelzel, a barista at the Peet's Coffee Shop a few doors down, said he was unaware of the full extent of the blaze until firefighters arrived.

"There was lots of black smoke coming from the top of the restaurant," he said. "It honestly didn't look like that big of a deal. I didn't know there was anything wrong until the first fire engine arrived."

Schmelzel said he went outside and watched fire crews use axes and a chain saw to chop through the front of the restaurant.

The Fire Department's Talmadge said the city Arson Task Force, made up of fire and police investigators, is handling the investigation. ✕

SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS CANCER PREVENTION FOUNDATION

A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation, I would like to thank each and every one of you who contributed to the Foundation during the Combined Charities Campaign. With your help the Foundation received \$21,421.00, of which 100% will be used for our cancer screening program in 2008. We are hoping to screen for both colorectal cancer as well as cancers of the genitourinary system. We hope all active and retired firefighters will take advantage of the screening being offered. In fact, if we can involve a large percentage of both active and retired firefighters, our odds of getting grants from the National Institute of Health will greatly increase. So please take advantage of what will be offered.

A special thanks goes to Lt. Mindy Talmadge for making us aware that we could be part of the Combined Charities Campaign. She did an excellent job.

Our Foundation has no paid employees. All of us volunteer our time so every cent that is donated directly benefits all of you through our cancer screening. You can donate to the Foundation at any time during the year by writing a check to the SFFCPF and mailing it to 1139 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit foundation so your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Upon receiving your donation, a receipt from the Foundation will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, you can contact us at SFFCPF@sbcglobal.net.

My best,
Tony Stefani
Board Chairman

November 19, 2007

Dear President Hanley,

Earlier this year, Local 798 sent a letter to active and retired firefighters informing them of a medical research program concerning bladder cancer in the fire service. Participation was to be strictly on a volunteer basis. The program under Dr. Stroller, Retired Firefighter Tony Stafani, and Deputy Chief Masatoni was funded by the Fire Dept. and the City & County of San Francisco. Local 798, a strong supporter organized a demonstration in front of City Hall to inform the public of this hazard to firefighters. The



demonstration was well attended by active fire fighters, retired fire fighters, their widows and other city officials. Dr. Kristen Greene from UCSF Cancer Center was the keynote speaker.

Like many others, I participated in the testing process. A few weeks after the test I was called in for further testing. During this process, it was discovered that while I did not have bladder cancer, I did have cancer of one kidney and it must be removed as soon as possible. To make a long story short, I had the kidney removed, and am now on the way to full

recovery. My doctors informed me that, were it not for the testing process, by the time the cancer would have been discovered, it would have been too late to do anything. I am very grateful to **LOCAL 798**, the Fire Dept., and all my friends who wished me well throughout the ordeal. The moral to this story is that it pays to pay attention when someone is trying to help you.

Anthony G. Sacco,
Retired Firefighter,
and former Ex. Bd. Member

THE INSIDE BOX

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3rd Alarm - July 24, 1936 - 19-21 Bernice St.

FIRE SCIENCE ACADEMY TO START IN SPRING

The City College of San Francisco Fire Science Technology program has received its accreditation from the State Fire Marshal's Training and Educational Advisory Committee, and will offer its first Basic Fire Academy this January. Located at the College's Airport Campus, the Academy will admit up to 32 students in spring 2008. Four fire engines and donated protective equipment will enable the program to provide hands-on training experience to students. In addition, City College has partnered with the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) and the South San Francisco Fire Department (SSFFD) for use of equipment and facilities. This partnering is part of the accreditation requirement. After completing the Academy, students will earn the Educational Firefighter I Certificate, which meets the NFPA Standard #1001. Then the graduates will be able to test with departments and agencies that require a Firefighter I Certificate as part of the application process. A State Fire Training Firefighter I certificate

will be awarded after meeting additional requirements.

City College also provides a Fire Officer Certificate program for current career firefighters desiring to become fire officers, a Certificate in Fire Protection consisting of five core courses for those with college degrees in other disciplines who are looking at career changes, and a two-year A.S. in Fire Science Technology program for those studying to become firefighters and meet the educational requirements required of fire departments.

To start training in the Fire Academy program, students need to have completed Fire Science 50 (Introduction to Fire Science Technology), Public Safety 1st Responder or EMT, and Incident Command System 200 (which can be taken online).

Jim Connors, retired Captain, SFFD, is the Fire Academy Coordinator. For additional information and details, telephone the Fire Science office at (415) 239-3359. ✂

STATION SEVEN RETIREMENT BANQUET



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P/LT. RICHARD VEAL A/LT. BARRY COMERFORD MICKEY WINSLOW
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MAY 14, 2008 6:00PM

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

\$70.00

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL STATION 7 (415) 550-9074

TOY PROGRAM

2007 HOLIDAY SEASON

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, we are looking forward to helping put smiles on the faces of many many children this year.

A reminder to come down and lend a hand if you have time at the Toys. There is a job for everyone, and the old saying, "Many Hands Make Light Work" is really true.

I want to thank all who participated in one way or another with our Golf Tournament, we made a profit this year because of all of you, we hope to do it again and fine tune it for next year.

We had some great raffle prizes, the Top 3 Winners were:

Jim Novello	32 Inch Flat Screen TV
Danny Gracia	5 Bedroom House in Hawaii for a Week
Jack Creman	TV in a Firetruck

Thanks to all who helped!!

Also we had Opening Day, Thanks Again to Station 11, and Father Greene for stopping by, and John Hanley!!

Also a Big Thanks to the Wind & Fire group, led by their president Phil Leanio. Pat Gardner for stepping up to be Santa on more than one occasion. And 798 Directors and Staff, and President Hanley, and the Ladies at the Toys who do Barrels, and Events. To those I forgot, sorry, and Thanks.

We appreciate it.
Sally

2007 SKIN DIVERS

By Art Citron

In late October, skin divers and others were assembled by our dive master Bill Bassett at the Stillwater Cove Campground on the Sonoma County Coast to gather abalone for the benefit of the SFFD Union Local 798's Toy Program Luncheon. Divers were successful in bagging several limits for the luncheon that was held two days later at the Toy Program headquarters at "Old 30 Engine". 70+ degree sunshine greeted the divers on a day when the ocean was not nearly as cooperative as the sun god. Upon returning to the campground, Bob Anderson fired up his cooking oil and prepared a fish fry to remember. Bob and Dave Rege provided the fish and Bill Ferguson provided several bottles of his outstanding wine. Duly fortified, the campfire oratory provided many stories (and harmless lies) that entertained all. Upon returning to Old 30 Engine several volunteers sliced, trimmed, and pounded abalone for lunch. Everyone attending the lunch was treated to a gourmet meal.

The dive day is very long but also enormously satisfying. If you are a skin diver, why don't you contact Bill Bassett (650-359-3196) if you are interested in participating in the future. The last Wednesday of October is the annual date of the dive and camp out. And most importantly, a special thanks to Firefighters Local 798 for its continuing support of the Toy Program. Also, thank you to the skin divers (and non divers) who took their personal time to participate in the event.

Bill Bassett	Don Alexander	Pete Batanadies
Kevin Callanan	Art Citron	Dan Dente
Bill Ferguson	Dan Gregori	Dave Haberlin
Alex King	Jimmy Labioda	Bob Moore
Bill Norton	Jim Novello	Dave Rege
Karl Selchau	Doc Stonum	Jack Walker

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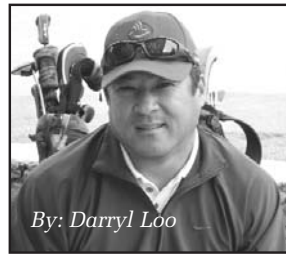
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S P O R T S



Silverado Country Club North Course October 10, 2007

Silverado is one of our premier sites that we have an opportunity to play yearly and we usually draw a good crowd. This year we were blessed by nice weather and a perfect golf course. Several of our members took advantage of the ideal conditions and shot very nice scores. Charlie Crane is a perfect example of how the handicap system works. He played a great round for his handicap and shot 106 net 64 to beat Ray Guzman's great round for his handicap 75 net 65 by one stroke.

It is hard to explain to some people the way that clubs like ours work, but this is the perfect way for people to see it is not the score you shoot compared to your playing partner it is how you shoot compared to your handicap. Never the less I am sure both players were proud of their rounds that day and they were both great rounds. Personally I would prefer the 75, but I am 10 handicap so I would have come in with the net 65 and... second place. Al Hom and Bill Knies also shot excellent rounds for net 66s for a tie for third place, they also shot different scores, but ... tied.

Lake Merced Country Club November 12, 2007

Many years have gone past since the Golf Club last had a chance to play Lake Merced and we were very fortunate to get this added to our schedule this year. When I joined the Golf Club we had four courses that I would play at every year and try to get a trade if I was working. The Silverado courses, Sonoma National and Lake Merced were those courses. This is the first time we had this course in over ten years.

On arrival, I noticed the changes to the course immediately, they had done a vigorous tree trimming program and it was a very welcome change. It gave the course the appearance of being much more open and bright. The course that I remember always seemed really tight and ... it still was. Back to the bright part, it was very bright because we had a super day with it warm enough to wear short sleeves in Daly City during the month of November.

After not playing at this course for so long I had for-

gotten how great this layout was and how tough the greens were if you were not in the right position. So I was surprised that some of the players shot good rounds seeing the course for the first time. Jack Walker has been around so maybe he has played here before, his 93 net 67 was a very good round and he finished in first place. One shot behind in second place was Station 17's Joe Naldo. Joe had a great round and seemed to fix his normally wicked slice to shot a 109 net 68. Nice round Joe and once again a high handicapper finishes in the money. Chris Spear and Paul McDermott shot net 70s to tie for third, again two different handicaps tie with the same net scores. Thanks to all the players who made it out to the course to play we had a nice turnout and we may have a chance to get the course again next year.

Before the start of this tournament the Club Championship was already determined. Tom Kiernan was single-minded and unstoppable this year. He played in every event and built on his lead until he was clear of the field. Congratulations Tom you got your name on the cup and played great all year.

San Francisco Fire Golf Club 2008

If you read the first part of my article the handicap references are for the golfers in the Fire Department who are worried that they don't play well enough for our club. The Golf Committee is doing a lot of changes this year to make it easier to join and to participate in our club. We are putting together a Web site and with a big helping hand from the SFFD CREDIT UNION we are hoping to have it up and running in the near future. There will be a link on the Credit Unions web site and there will be a lot of information and the ability to do most of the signing up for the tournaments and paying via money transfers into our account. We are hoping to have your handicap information available on our site as well as foursomes and other tournament info.

We are hoping this will make it easier for potential members to see what we have to offer and the ability to contact us and join the club. We welcome all the members of the SFFD to join our club and DO NOT let the scores you shoot prevent you from contacting us. We are working on our schedule and are near completion. Also we have decided to continue The Reno Golf Trip so please support this trip so it can continue down the road. If there are any questions call 415-822-9500 and leave a message. ✂

S P O R T S

2008

SEVENTH ANNUAL GUNS AND HOSES CHARITY TENNIS CHALLENGE

To benefit Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund
&
S.F. Firefighters' Toy Program

Saturday April 26, 2008

At

The San Francisco Tennis Club

It's time for our **Seventh Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge**. This year it will be held on April 26th, 2008. As last year, this endeavor should prove to be a fun-filled day of tennis, food, drinks, friends, and lots of silent auction and raffle prizes. Last year prizes included hotel stays, dinner certificates, Giant and 49er's tickets, wine, events, and much, much more. \$100.00 donation includes the entry fee, dinner and drinks. For just \$30.00 you can have dinner, watch the tennis and have all of the wine and beer you can drink. All players compete at their own level in a fun and friendly manner.

This tournament will benefit two very worthwhile charities: The Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SFPD) and Fire Fighters Toy Program (SFFD).

The Tournament will be hosted by the San Francisco Tennis Club, San Francisco Police Officers Association (SFPOA) and The San Francisco Firefighters Union 798. (SFFD) A special thanks to all of them for their continued contribution to these worthy causes.

So join us for a good time of tennis and friendship, as we continue this fun tradition between the SFFD and the SFPD.

All players compete at their own level.

For an application or information contact:

Bob Lopez	650-315-8268
Inspector Robin Matthews	415-553-1093

Tennis : 4:00 P.M.

Dinner : 7:00 P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS
GUNS & HOSES
SEVENTH ANNUAL CHARITY TENNIS CHALLENGE

To benefit Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund
and S.F. Firefighters' Toy Program



Hosted by:

SAN FRANCISCO
Tennis Club
(Fifth and Brannan)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

Tennis: 4:00 - 7:00pm Dinner: 7:00 - 10:00pm

Tennis • Dinner • Raffle • Silent Auction

Player Admission/Donation: \$100 (includes tennis, food, beverages, and t-shirt)

Non-Player Admission/Donation: \$30 (includes viewing tennis, food, and beverages)

For more information or to donate contact Bob Lopez at 650-315-8268 (SFFD), Geoff Quesada at 415-800-6197 (SFFD),
or Inspector Robin Matthews at 415-553-1093 (SFPD).

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**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
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MAY - JUNE 2008 / APRIL 20, 2008

California State Fire Marshal Classes Level 1

New Location:

SFO – CCSF Aeronautics Campus
North Access Road & Clearwater Road
<http://www.ccsf.edu/Info/Map/airport.shtml>

Cost: \$136 per course

Class	Dates	Location
Fire Prevention 1B	11/13*, 19, 26 & 12/3, 10/2007 (Mondays)	SFO Classroom #8
ICS 300	1/7, 8, 9/2008 - Cost: \$60	SFFD – 19 th Street
Fire Command 1C	1/17, 24, 31/2008 & 2/7, 14/2008 (Thursdays)	SFO Classroom #8
Fire Instructor 1B	2/14, 21, 28/2008 & 3/6, 13/2008 (Thursdays)	SFO Classroom #8
Fire Investigation 1B	3/10, 18*/2008 & 4/1*, 7, 14/2008 (3-Mondays & 2-Tuesday* on 3/18 & 4/1)	SFO Classroom #8
Fire Command 1B	4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30/2008 (Wednesdays)	SFO Classroom #8
Fire Prevention 1A	4/21, 28/2008 & 5/5, 12, 19/2008 (Mondays)	SFO Classroom #8

*meets Tuesday

Online Registration Required at:

<https://www.ccsf.edu/Forms/cgi-bin/application.cgi>

For Further Information:

Fire Science Technology
50 Phelan Avenue
San Francisco, Ca 94112
(415) 239-3359
wlong@ccsf.edu
<http://fog.ccsf.edu/~wlong>

City College of San Francisco Fire Science Technology Spring 2008

Classes begin January 15, 2008

- **FSC 50* - Introduction to Fire Science** (Batmale 222)
CRN: 33621 Sec: 001 - Units: 3 (Tuesday/Thursday) 09:30 am - 11:00 am - Nicol Juratovac
CRN: 38096 Sec: 501 - Units: 3 (Mondays) 6:00 pm - 09:30 pm - Jim Skinner
- **FSC 53* - Bldg. Construction and Fire** (Batmale 222)
CRN: 33501 Sec: 001 - Units: 3 (Tuesday/Thursdays) 08:00 am - 9:30 am - Jim Connors
- **FSC 62 – Rescue Practices** (Batmale 222)
CRN: 37972 Sec: 001 - Units: 3 (Tuesday/Thursdays) 11:00 am - 12:30 pm – Staff
- **FSC 64* – Fire Behavior and Combustion** (Batmale 222)
CRN: 33620 Sec: 501 - Units: 3 (Thursdays) 06:30 pm - 09:30 pm – Greg Owyang
CRN: 38596 Sec: 501 - Units: 3 (Wednesdays) 06:30 pm - 09:30 pm – Greg Owyang
Location: Mission Campus 1125 Valencia Street Room 271
- **FSC 70 – Fire Investigation** (Batmale 222)
CRN: 37170 Sec: 501 - Units: 3 (Tuesdays) 6:00 pm - 09:00 pm – Jim Skinner
- **FSC 105B, D, F - Fire Protect Work Exp** (PREREQ: FSC 50)
CRN: 34747, 48, 49 Sec: 001 - Units: 1-3 (Days & Hours TBA) - Bill Long
(All sections will initially meet Tuesdays 1/15, 3/11 & 5/13/2008 from 1 – 3 pm in Cloud 334)
- **FSC 111 – Firefighter I Academy** (SF Airport)
PREREQ: F SC 50, F SC 115 and HLTH 17; and clearance from licensed physician
ADVISORY: F SC 52A or 53 or 55 or 61A or 64
CRN: 38597 001 L.L.T.R 06:00-10:00PM SF Airport Staff
SAT 08:00-12:00PM SF Airport Staff
SAT 01:00-06:00PM SF Airport Staff
- **Health 17* Public Safety – First Responder** (Mission Campus 271)
38595 551 Lec Thursdays 6:30-09:30PM 1125 Valencia St. Room: 271 - Long, W

*Core Course

FIRE INSTRUCTOR 1B

(FSC 71B) CRN # 33535 SEC: 001 UNITS: 2

Dates: 02/14/08 to 3/13/2008

Thursdays

Course web site: www.ccsf.edu/~wlong

This course is taught by a California State Fire Marshal certified Master Instructor, Bill Long. The student will learn the fundamentals of lesson planning, the latest instructional techniques, how to present lessons for technical lessons that are interesting and informative.

(meets partial certification requirements for "Fire Officer" & "Fire Instructor")

Class Location: SFO – CCSF Aeronautics off "North Access Road"

Building 928 at Clearwater Road - Phone: (415) 239-3902 San Francisco, International Airport, CA94128

DIRECTIONS: TAKE 101 OR 280 OR 380 TO SFO "NORTH ACCESS ROAD" FOLLOW THE SIGNS "CCSF AERONAUTICS" GO PASS "FED EX" TAKE CLEARWATER ROAD (RIGHT) AND GO THROUGH GATE NEAR THE JET AIRPLANE

Cost: \$136 or \$121 (for second course)
\$80(cart + book) + \$40 (registration fees) + \$16 (Admin fee)

Further Info: wlong@ccsf.edu
Course web site: <http://fog.ccsf.edu/~wlong>

Enroll online at www.ccsf.edu before coming to class

Register Now!

Fire ICS-300

Description: Intermediate ICS expands on Basic ICS, but does not repeat Basic ICS. It provides more description and detail of the organization and operation of the ICS, management of resources, describes the duties of all positions including the Air Operations organization, and provides examples of how the essential principles are used in incident and event planning. One will construct an Incident Action Plan in a group setting related to an incident or event.

Date: January 7, 8, 9, 2008 (Mon, Tues, Wed)
TIME: 8:30am to 4:00pm UNITS: 1.5

Course Specifics: F SC COURSE: 120 (ccsf listing under Fire Science Technology)

INSTRUCTORS: Assistant Chief Frank Cardinale, SFFD

Location: SFFD Division of Training
2310 Folsom Street (at 19th Street), San Francisco, Ca 94110

Enrollment: Go online <http://www.ccsf.edu> and fill-out application
(Admission to CCSF is required before course begins)

Directions: Highway 101/280 to San Francisco & take Vermont Exit (East)
immediate left to 17th Street - to Folsom Street (left)
(parking – enter through 19th St. park at rear wall)

Contact Info: Phone: (415) 239-3359
Fax: (415) 239-3810
Email: Frank.Cardinale@sfgov.org or wlong@ccsf.edu

Course Fees:
Registration Fees for CCSF
\$45+Material fee of \$15=\$60
(Go online to apply to be admitted to
www.ccsf.edu before class starts)

PALM SPRINGS – 2008

SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S OF SONOMA COUNTY

WELCOME YOU AND YOURS TO FUN, SUN, SHOPPING AND GAMES.

DATES: NOVEMBER 9-10-11-12-13

STAY: EMBASSY SUITES IN PALM DESERT

COST: \$540 PER PERSON-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH KING BED.
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- **Good cheer and camaraderie with old and new friends.
- **Look MOM! No cooking or dishes.

GOLF: \$375 PER PLAYER – Men's tournament a 3 day low net with 3 to 5 flights, depending on number of players. Women's tournaments WWG (women with ghin) and WWO (women without ghin). Price includes prize money.

Optional daily skins tournament. \$30. Pay there.

- NOV. 10 PGA WEST 8:30 shotgun – Nicklaus Course. One of 100 best in US. Accuracy rewarded-errant shots penalized. Sounds familiar? 69.0/124 – 6037 yds.
- NOV. 11 La QUINTA RESORT 8:30 shotgun – Dunes Course. Pete Dye designed. One of The top 75 resort courses. Was a PGA Qualifying site. 70.1/124 – 6230 yds.
- NOV. 13 DESERT DUNES 8:30 shotgun – Host to PGA, Open qualifying events. 70.2/124-6205 yds.

SPORTS: Bicycle, tennis, racquetball, bowling, running, etc. Get an organizer and come along.

DEPOSIT: Group room rates need to be reserved by March 28th. \$300 per person. After this date, room availability determined on receipt of deposit.

BALANCE DUE, by September 20th. \$240 or \$270. **ADD** \$375 for golf.

WEDNESDAY ADVENTURE: 360 degrees of WOW! A ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tram to the top of 8500 ft Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Pass 5 life zones from Sonoran desert to Alpine wilderness. Cocktails and lunch on the mountain. If interested in going, there will be a sign-up list at Sunday night's dinner.

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desertdunesgolf.com – desert hills outlet mall – pstramwy.com

INFO: Bob Quattrin 823-8243, Joe Collins 542-7797, Woody Paynter 579-0325,
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A COUNSELING SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES

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WHOM DOES IT SERVE?

The San Francisco Fire Department Stress Unit/EAP serves all employees of the San Francisco Fire Department and their families.

PEER COUNSELORS- TOM POSEY • DOYLE MILLER

The EAP/Stress Union new location is 501 Cesar Chavez, San Francisco.
Peer Counselors are available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Phone (415) 206-1419

Leave your phone numbers and the counselors will be paged.

CONFIDENTIAL

Personal requests for information or assistance are a matter solely between you and the counselor.

WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS?

The Employee Assistance program offers confidential and professional counseling on problems of concern such as:
Marital / Family / Alcohol Abuse / Drug Abuse / Stress / Persistent Anxiety Financial or Legal / Other Psychological / Emotional Problems

VOLUNTARY

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The location has remained the same:

30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3000
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Applications must be received by April 6, 2008

3 Scholarship of \$500.00 will be

Awarded to a Son or Daughter of an Active Local 798 Member

Eligibility: Graduating senior high school student who will be attending an accredited College or University in the U.S.
Selection: By "Lottery", held at the annual May membership meeting.
Application: Application forms may be obtained at the Union Office at 1139 Mission Street, San Francisco (415-621-7103), or below.

In addition to the application form, applicants must submit a brief essay (no more than 100 words) on why their parent belongs to a Union.

James T. Ferguson Scholarship Application

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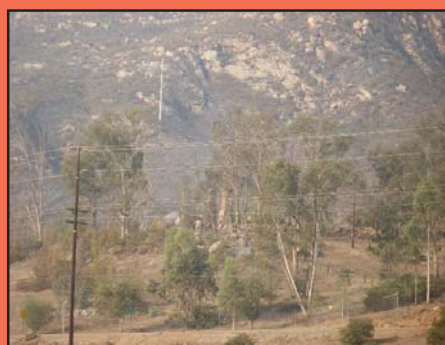
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