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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As San Franciscans, we look in our history books and we remember that 1967 was the Summer of Love. By all indications, 2008 is shaping up into the Summer of Discipline for San Francisco firefighters. My feeling is that the Chief is expanding her role into that of "Sister Discipline" and using and expanding the Rules and Regulations to fit her ideal and reflect that in her philosophy for discipline. Current emphasis appears to be off-duty conduct. Many of the cases had no substantiation; whether it was no witness (es), or a rumor or an anonymous call to HQ. Yet with that minute bit of information, the Chief will start an internal investigation.

On April 16, 2008, we requested a Meet and Confer with the Administration to formulate a common sense policy for investigating off-duty complaints and to implement criteria for imposing discipline for off-duty conduct that actually does violate our Rules and Regulations. The Department has yet to respond to our request. We are doing all we can but it's difficult to change the philosophy of a regime with very strict, unbending, and apparently minimal faith in the men and women of Local 798. My opinion only.

The study packets were issued for the Lieutenant's exam. Many of the candidates are concerned that in its present format, the examination will not allow the candidates to express on paper their knowledge, skills, and abilities as firefighters and prospective officers. The experts who rate the exam will not be able to differentiate between superior, good and mediocre candidates. Local 798 is attempting to address the myriad concerns of our members regarding the exam immediately.

Good luck to all the candidates. Part of the test will be how one gets to the test site on the morning of the Bay to Breakers.

God Bless and Stay Safe
John Hanley

Attention!!!

Employee Health Premium Deductions

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, employee premium co-payments will be deducted twice monthly, for a total of 24 deductions per year. Currently, employee co-payments are made on a biweekly basis, for a total of 26 deductions per year.

The first paycheck received in a month will have a premium deduction covering the first half of that month. The second paycheck received in a month will cover the second half of that month. There are two months each year in which employees receive a third paycheck in a month; there will be no deduction on that third paycheck. While the individual deductions will be normally higher, the overall annual deduction will be the same as there will be two fewer deductions.

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April 16, 2008

Chief Hayes-White
San Francisco Fire Department
698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

re: Off-Duty Conduct - Departmental Discipline

Dear Chief:


Local 798 requests a meet and confer with the SFFD regarding Departmental Discipline based on members off-duty conduct. There have been a number of Departmental investigations centered around purely off-duty conduct with no seeming nexus to the job.

We request that a policy be established through the meet-and-confer process specifying the types of off-duty conduct which may be the basis for discipline, the criteria that will be used in determining when alleged off-duty conduct constitutes "acts detrimental to the Department" (Rules and Regulations §3922), and the criteria that will be used in determining when a complaint involving alleged off-duty conduct is sufficiently reliable to justify the Department investigating the alleged conduct.

Local 798 wants all members of the SFFD to be treated in a fair and consistent manner. Furthermore, we hope that this process will ensure that our members rights as private citizens are not violated by unnecessary and overly intrusive investigations.

Please respond as soon as possible in writing so we can schedule meetings to resolve this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,


John Hanley, President
San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798

cc: San Francisco Fire Commission

April 28, 2008

Chief Hayes-White
San Francisco Fire Department
698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107


Dear Chief:

General Order 97-A-80 has been in effect since its inception either as a stand alone General Order or incorporated in the Vehicle Operations Manual Section 3.4. Bullet Point # 3 of the General Order described guidelines that "... will be followed for disciplinary action," when an individual is involved in an accident while operating a Department vehicle.

A new Vehicle Operations Manual was issued on February 15, 2008. The guidelines set forth in General Order 97 A-80 were removed from the manual. The removal of those guidelines constituted a unilateral change in a working condition for the members of Local 798. The Department did not meet and confer with the Department regarding the removal of those guidelines.

Per the Meyers-Milian-Brown Act, Local 798 requests an immediate meet and confer over the change in an eleven year practice. We also request that the Department immediately re-institute the discipline guidelines set forth in General Order 97-A-80 pending the outcome of the requested meet and confer. Respond as soon as possible in writing so we can set up a mutually agreeable meeting schedule.

Sincerely,


John Hanley, President
San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798

cc: San Francisco Fire Commission
Ms. Micki Callahan

April 23, 2008

Chief Joanne Hayes-White
San Francisco Fire Department
698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

Re: Meet and Confer

Dear Chief,

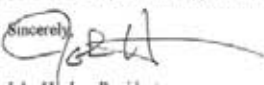
Twice over the past month Chief Massetani and Vice-President Joe Moriarty have met at your direction to come to an understanding regarding the Chief's rights and responsibilities under Charter § 8.343. The discussion was focused on the practical application of the following language "...provided however, that the Chief of each respective department for disciplinary purposes may suspend such member for a period not to exceed 10 days for violation of the rules and regulations of his department."

As you know, the issue is two-fold:

1. Suppression and non-suppression employees should be treated equally regarding time served for identical suspensions and
2. The meaning of the word "day" as it applies to the Charter language. At a March 20 meeting, Chief Massetani and Vice-President Moriarty came to an agreement over both issues, pending your approval. Subsequently, I was notified that the Department had changed its position. A suppression member then served a 10 day suspension which covered a span of 15 calendar days.

Therefore, Local 798 requests an immediate meet and confer over the meaning of Charter § 8.343, the Department's application of the section, and its effect on our members.

Sincerely,


John Hanley, President
Local 798

cc: Micki Callahan
San Francisco Fire Commission

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Local 798,
As always many thanks for all your hard work past and present. Please use enclosed where needed most.

Sincerely,
Roger Francesconi

memory of Emmet Condon and Al Lambrechts, two exceptional gentlemen who I had the pleasure of working with during my career.

Thank you,
Jim Lang
Retired

Local 798,

Please accept the check donation and use it as you see fit.

My special thanks to all of you who donated "time" towards my brother John O'Malley who battled the "Grim Reaper" for over six months. I told him what the firefighters of S.F. were doing and it brought a bright smile to his face at the time as it brings a smile to me right now. John passed away on 1/29/2008.

Thanks again for all you have done and keep up the good work!

In memory of John O'Malley,
Tom O'Malley
Retired

Thank you for all your hard work.

Jim & Sheila Cunnie

Dear Local 798,

Please use where needed. Thanks for all you do. I am loving the "R" shift in sunny Sonora.

Ted Corporandy

Feb. 26, 2008

Local 798 Officers and Staff,

Thank you for your continued hard work on our behalf. A day doesn't go by without reflecting how lucky I am to be a retired San Francisco Firefighter. I also realize the benefits I enjoy did not come about be luck, but by the diligent efforts of Local 798. Thank you again and continued success in the coming year.

Very truly yours,
Gary Musanto

3/3/2008

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for all your hard work on our behalf.

John P.
Retired Lt. E-3

Dear Sisters/Brothers,

Please use as needed.

It is given in memory of a gentleman, a friend, and a key man in the establishment of our San Francisco Fire Department Credit Union. - Arthur "Frank" McIntyre.

Thank you for all you have done for my family and many others.

Rest in peace.

Leo Mary Martinez

March 6, 2008

Dear Local 798,

Thank you for all your hard work. Use this contribution as you see fit.

Sincerely,
Stan Perriatt
St. 17

Thanks 798 for all you do for all of us working and retired members. Please use this check as needed.

By the way retirement is great. I highly recommend it when you get your 30 in. Remember 30 in 30 out.

Thanks,
Al Rizotto

Local 798,

Please accept the enclosed check in memory of Ken Hoover to be used where needed. My mom would enjoy reading the Main Line. Please put her on the mailing list.

Sincerely,
Janet Hoover

3/11/2008

Executive Board and Members of 798,

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication over the years. Keep up the good work. Please use the enclosed check as needed.

Sincerely,
Don Alexander
Ret. Engine 9

Local 798,

Please accept this donation in memory of Frank Denucci.

Thank you for the Main Line.

Irene Denucci

Local 798,

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for all Union members, active and retired. Please accept this in

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March 12, 2008

Local 798,
Attention: Gail Toki-Woo

So nice to receive the back copies of the Main Line. I read with interest the events of the members, especially those who were friends of Glenn and Kenny.

We have not forgotten all the assistance 798 gave our family.

Best regards,
June Hoover

March 13, 2008

Stan Lee – Editor,

Please accept this donation in memory of René Chavez; a fine firefighter, a wonderful family man and a loyal friend.

Yours,
Ralph J. Pujolar

3/22/2008

Local 798,

Thanks again for everything. Use enclosed check where needed.

Jim Harrington

3/25/2008

Please accept this donation in memory of my late husband Jim Pierce (3/19/2003).

Thank you,
Maureen Pierce

April 10, 2008

Enclosed check in loving memory of August Pierucci.

Sincerely,
Joan Pierucci

4/12/2008

Use enclosed check where needed.

Gordon Heiner

4/15/2008

Local 798,

Please accept this check as a donation in memory of Art McIntyre.

Words can't express what a great guy he was. They should build a bronze bust for him at the Credit Union.

Guy's like him are what made the Fire Department so great.

Thanks,
Jim Giorvas
Retired

April 21, 2008

Local 798,

Just recently my long-time friend, Joe Pardo died. While the memorial service was, of course, a saddened affair, yet it was with the celebrating of his life that so many wonderfully warm moments were shared by all who attended.

Joe and I met back in 1968 when a type of entrance exam "testing review" was open to the public for the upcoming Fire Department entrance test yet several months away. It was only in September of 1969, when we entered the Fire College that we really began to become fast friends.

How we came to work at several stations together in our earlier years in the Department was very interesting. Joe would say, "Bruce, come on over to 42 Engine next vacancy list. It's a great house!" So, my wanting to experience different houses and knowing Joe, I did "come on over" – and it was great! A few years later and Joe now at 43 Engine, he would say, "Bruce, come on over to 43 Engine next vacancy list. It's a great single engine." So, since change and something different can be O.K., and knowing Joe, I did again "come on over" – and it was great!

Now Joe eventually went to Radio for a few years and when finally he decided to leave, I said to him, "Joe, come on over to Station 12. It's the greatest!" So Joe did "come on over" and did agree it was the greatest! Joe really loved being on Truck 12.

Down thru the years, our families so much enjoyed moving on thru our lives together. We were there for each other for the births of our children, with their marriages, with our grandchildren. We congratulated each other in good times. We consoled each other in not so good times. It's so very interesting, when one looks back, how special those moments and so many other moments together as close friends can really bond us in friendship, respect and love.

I always felt that Joe was very clear in what he had to say – he really didn't mince too many words. At the same time, Joe always spoke from his heart – very honestly, very truthfully.

At his Memorial service, Joe was donned in his Fire Department dress uniform. Dare I say that even in rest, he graced the uniform? How proud he was of that uniform and how so very, very

proud he was of being a San Francisco Fireman.

For the gentleman who Joe was and for all of us who had the pleasure and honor to work with and certainly to know him through much of his lifetime, a feeling of pride and respect was felt, even tangibly in having him touch our lives.

As Joe would want our Local 798 to do and in his memory, please use the enclosed donation as you deem proper.

I miss you, Joe! We miss you, Joe! My Great Friend, my Love be with you!

Always and Fraternally,
Bruce Wagner

April 26, 2008

To the members of Local 798,

On the morning of February 18, 2008, my husband, Joe Pardo, lost his valiant 2-year battle with cancer.

At this time, I wish to publicly acknowledge my gratefulness to those of you who in one way or another showed how much you cared for Joe.

From Leo and Mary Martinez; Jim and Lori Mancuso; and Bruce and Juana Wagner to "Doc" Lavelle at the S.F. Fire Credit Union; and of course to the "assemblage" of his "brothers" from his last house – Truck 12. Myself and my family can't begin to thank you enough.

If it hadn't been for each and every one of you, I truly would not have been able to get through this terrible and difficult time in my life.

Thank you, thank you, and may the Good Lord bless each and every one of you and your families.

Sincerely,
Theresa Pardo & Family
P.s. Use enclosed check where needed.



FROM THE SECRETARY . . .



By Frank Kelly

WARNING

Rules and Regulations for Sainthood Shall Be Restricted To and Administered Exclusively by the Vatican

I believe reasonably educated individuals would consider "the Firefighters Bill of Rights" (adopted

state-wide January 1, 2008) to be a victory for unionism. Meanwhile, gray-haired Southern politicians who salivate while subordinating working conditions would seize at the mere mention of employees rights.

Well hold on Nellie!! We just crossed the Mason Dixon line again. Article 39, Section 3922 of the San Francisco Fire Department Rules and Regulations ACTS DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELFARE OF THE DEPARTMENT; The Department's version of the Patriot Act and its favorite tool for discipline regarding off-duty conduct is out of control. I doubt a more blatant anachronism of jurisprudence ever existed.

When we charge a firefighter with harm and acts detrimental (Section 3922) and then, attempt to lixiviate justice from the ashes it is contemptible to do so guided by personal morality. What are the guidelines

and to what degree are the charges influenced by hear-say, media coverage, or worse yet, personal indignation? Would a chief officer be held to a higher standard and therefore more accountable than a firefighter? Do we inflict more harm for the Department by making public the private lives of employees?

Whenever the San Francisco Fire Department Rules and Regulations are revised, a number of archaic and arbitrary rules avoid pruning. It is time we abolish Rule 3922; it's an invasion of personal privacy and we should not be in the business of condemning firefighters for conduct in their private lives when it does not interfere directly with their performance in the sworn duties of a San Francisco firefighter.

Mistakes; sure, we're not saints. Let's move on. "...For all the harm that ere I've done. Alas! It was to none but me."

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Frank Kelly

Last month at the April 10, 2008 Regular Membership meeting, we, the Union, elected to become a major sponsor of The San Francisco Junior Golf Tournament.

With a rich history that dates back to 1927, it remains today as the second oldest junior golf tournament in the United States. In 2007, there were 170 participants ranging in ages from children as young as 7 to juniors up to 17 years old.

Unfortunately, in 2005, due to budget constraints, the City and County of San Francisco no longer offered financial support to San Francisco's Annual Junior Golf Tournament. San Francisco

Firefighters Local 798 is proud to become a part of this historic tradition.

The Tournament will be held July 15, 16 and 17 2008 at Lincoln Park Golf Course. Anyone interested in volunteering for the continued success of this event please contact Frank Kelly or Joe Moriarty at the Union office for more information (415) 621-7103.

H20 LIEUTENANTS EXAM

Good luck to everyone!

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FROM THE SECRETARY . . .

L U M P S U M

By Frank Kelly

By now members included in the lawsuit *Francis Kelly and Dennis Kruger et al vs. the City and County of San Francisco* should have received your settlement package on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

I would like to thank those who called the Union office regarding the settlement.

Yes, you are correct. The City has acknowledged their error with nearly all settlement packets.

Plaintiffs will receive a follow-up letter beginning with the week of April 28, 2008. Please read carefully and contact Frank Kelly at the Union office (415) 621-7103 for questions regarding the settlement. PLEASE DO NOT CALL OUR ATTORNEY, Diane Sidd Champion

Here are a few bullet points which

hopefully will belay your concerns:

- *When will you receive your NEW packet?* Sorry, we don't know as yet.
- *Will the deadline of May 29 be extended?* Yes
- Check carefully your lump sum calculations to ensure that they are correct. Remember, the City has already acknowledged that they have made mistakes.
- If you have not opted into the Comp Time portion of the lawsuit, you must do so NOW. FILL OUT the form and send it to Local 798's attorney Diane Sidd-Champion or City Attorney Dennis Herrera. Keep copies to protect yourself.
- Any monies that you gave to Deferred Comp is not included in the settlement. The settlement is based

solely on what was paid in lump sum payouts that did not include T&E, retention pay and/or terrorism response training pay.

- Repeat the process when receive your new packet which will contain a self addressed return envelope.
- When you receive your new packet there will be a release form included. Sign this form releasing the City of any further litigation. You must do so to receive your settlement portion of the lawsuit.
- DO NOT opt out of any part of the lawsuit. The City has offered all plaintiffs the option to opt out of your portion of Vacation Pay. Please ARE THEY KIDDING? They owe you money – COLLECT IT!! OPT IN FOR EVERYTHING!

FROM THE DIRECTORS . . .



By Brendan O'Leary, Director

Local 798 has received information from the Fire Commission that the following members have

retired. If there are any corrections or additions, particularly LWLP or Acting Assignment retirements, 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
Robert W. Payne	H3 FF/Paramedic	Disability	11/01/06
Kristen Duazo	H2 Firefighter	Disability	03/01/07
Thomas Cordes	H22 Lt. (Acting H32)	Service	01/02/08
Fred Calonico	H2 FF (Acting H20)	Service	01/03/08
Frank G. Martin	H2 FF (Acting H20)	Service	01/10/08
Alphonso Howard	H20 Lieutenant	Service	03/03/08
Uwe Blesching	H3 FF/Paramedic	Service	03/07/08

KEVIN J. DEVINE & JAMES T. FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM THE DIRECTORS . . .

By: *Brendan O'Leary*

Kevin J. Devine was a twenty year veteran of the San Francisco Fire Department and pilot of the Fireboat. He attended Sacred Heart High School and City College where he played football. He also coached at Balboa and Riordan High School. In his memory a scholarship was funded by Joe McCormick, a Relief Pilot

of the Fireboat. The scholarship was to be awarded to the children of San Francisco Firefighters that are enrolled in a sports program. This year's recipients are:

Joshua Montero is a graduating senior from Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep. He has been on the wrestling team for several years. He is the son

of Rueben Montero and will be attending Sonoma State in the fall. Jessica Cuffe is the daughter of Frank Cuffe. She is graduating from Vintage High School in Napa where she was a member of the swim team. She plans to attend the Art Institute.

Sheila Brady is graduating from Sonoma Valley High School where



Joshua Montero
Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep
Class of 2008

Why My Father Is In A Union.

My father is a member of the Local 798, The Firefighter's Union. His safety and the safety of his coworkers is the primary concern of the Union. Together they strive to keep our firefighters well equipped, adequately insured, and compensated for the dangerous work they do. Unions support firefighters during their careers and also in retirement through a pension plan. Together, Firefighters and Unions help the community through different programs like Toys for Tots and charitable contributions. Unions support political candidates who's views reflects the interests of the Unions' membership. Unions bring together the voices of many to be heard loudly to make sure all of their necessities are met.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joshua Montero



Sheila Brady
James T. Ferguson Scholarship

A Union

To be in a union means to be a part of a force working to protect, strengthen, and represent the common hard working person. My father is a part of a union because he knows that the voice of many is far stronger than the voice of one. When many people are working together to fight the same battle, there are bound to be positive results. Unions also help to establish relationships between other unions in the United States of the same line of work, creating both a bond but a way of communication to share their knowledge.

April 20, 2008

Dear Local 798,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the James T. Ferguson Scholarship, as well as the "Memorial Pilot of Fireboats, Kevin Joseph Devine Scholarship." I am extremely grateful for the contribution towards my future, and paying for my college education. It is nice to receive the Kevin Devine Scholarship because I had the honor of meeting him, and even got to drive the fireboat with him. As young as I was, that memory is very distinct in my mind and made receiving his scholarship that much more meaningful. Thank you again for awarding me with both of these scholarships and I am greatly appreciative.

Sincerely,
Sheila Brady



Jessica Conrad

James T. Ferguson Scholarship 2008

A wise American philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, once said that "No member of a crew is praised for the rugged individuality of his rowing." In a union, members work together in order to achieve greatness as a whole. My father has been a member of the Firefighter's Union for eighteen years, and our family has benefited immensely from the support that it yields. I feel fortunate that my father has been safe in the hands of the union, for firefighting is a dangerous profession. I know that he will always be protected in case of injury, and the union will make sure that the working environments are safe and healthy. I am confident that my father will stay dedicated to the union for the duration of his career as a proud San Francisco firefighter.

Dear Local 798,

Thank you so much for awarding me the James T. Ferguson Scholarship and the Kevin Joseph Devine Scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen, and appreciate the financial support for my college expenses.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Jessica Conrad

KEVIN J. DEVINE & JAMES T. FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIPS

she was on the varsity basketball team for three years. She was the team captain and was All Sonoma County. Sheila is the daughter of Brian Brady and will be attending the University of Oregon.

Jessica Conrad was a member of the Terra Nova High School swim team for two years. She is the daughter of Larry Conrad and plans to attend San

Francisco State University in the fall.

Jacquelyn Hanley is graduating from San Andreas High School where she was a member of the basketball team. She plans to attend the College of Marin and is the daughter of John Hanley.

Sheehan Mitchell qualified for the state meet in the high jump during her junior year. She is the current

Marin County leader in the long jump, triple jump and high jump. After graduating from Sir Francis Drake High School she plans to attend San Diego State University. Sheehan is the daughter of Bill Mitchell.

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients and thank you to Joe McCormick for his generosity.

Why My Father Joined the Union

By Jacquelyn Hanley
March 31, 2008

A union is made up of a group of people, states, etc., joined or associated together for a common purpose; a labor union, a student union, a credit union.

My dad joined the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 shortly after entering the Fire Department in 1980. The feeling then and now is that when a union works together it can accomplish many issues which ultimately improve the members' standard of living. It was the union that got our family medical and dental benefits; it was the union that won pension benefits for all its members. It was the union that mandated that the Chief could not close the engine companies which put firefighters' lives in jeopardy. It is the union who still fights the Administration when they suspend firefighters over false allegations. It's the men and women of Local 798 who earned many victories to improve the lives of firefighters' families.

By bringing people together in a union, everyone becomes family and they get to know one another and they all work for the same goals to improve working conditions for the members.

I am very proud of my dad for his long hours because I know he goes in to work each day because he knows he's providing for the family he loves.



Sheehan Mitchell

Why My Dad Belongs to a Union

My dad, Captain Bill Mitchell, has been a member of the union representing the firefighters of San Francisco since joining the fire department in 1980. He is a firm believer that the solidarity of numbers has benefited the union members over the years. These benefits include fair wages, good health care, and a reasonable retirement plan. This has allowed us to live comfortably as a middle class family. All this, plus the friends Dad has made through the Fire Department, makes Dad believe he has the greatest job on earth!

April 17, 2008

Dear Mr. Hanley,

I would like to thank the San Francisco Fire Local 798 for awarding me the James T. Ferguson Scholarship for Excellence, as well as getting the opportunity to be one of 6 winners to receive the "Memorial Pilot of Fireboats, Kevin Joseph Devine Scholarship". I am quite honored to have both of these scholarships as they will help me through my studies at San Diego State University. Once again, thank you and I appreciate everything you have done.

Sincerely,
Sheehan Mitchell



Essay - Takeshi Kaji

My mother is a member of a union because unions represent workers coming together to demand fair labor conditions and salaries. Before my mother became a firefighter, she worked as an independent daycare provider. No one was there to guarantee job security; her income was determined entirely by the free market. When she became a firefighter, she joined the union because she wanted to do her part to help the workers. Unions prevent the exploitation of workers by their employers, and are symbolic of the power of people when they come together. One person can work to determine his or her own life, but unions guarantee that a society works for the people - my mother and I are dedicated to the establishment of an equitable society.

4/19/2008

Dear Firefighters' Union,

Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship! It will help my mother a great deal in paying for my college expenses. Here's the photo you asked for, I hope it'll do. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Takeshi Kaji

KEVIN J. DEVINE & JAMES T. FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIPS



Casey Fewell

My father is a proud member of the Local 798 Union, which supports the firefighters of San Francisco. I have learned from my father many reasons a union is a good thing for firefighters. My father never has to worry that his job may be taken away from him. He always has job security, so our family can make plans every day knowing today, and in our future, that our family's income will not be jeopardized or at risk. Having a secure income lessens our family's financial burdens and makes my parents happier parents. Belonging to a union also insures that my dad is getting the best wage for his skills at his job. He has the union to fight for his wages to insure that he is getting as much money as he is worth. When my dad decides to retire, being a union member will have insured that he will receive a better pension to insure a more financially secure retirement. Also, being a member of a union insures that my dad has the safest working conditions possible and that he has medical and dental so he is well cared for. By keeping him healthy he can better take care of others, which is very important for a fireman. Also, by keeping my dad healthy he is able to have a more fulfilling life outside of his job. My dad is very active with our family and in our community. He is always at everything we do in our lives, he coaches all our sports we are on, he is a board member to both little league and pop warner. He volunteers to help at all three schools we are in and every event we are involved in, if he were not well cared for and healthy he could not do all those things to help our family and our community. And, I know that if anything were to be of a concern to my dad concerning his work he would not be alone, he would have the support of his union to represent him and allow his concerns to be heard. Being a union member allows my dad to be the best and safest fireman possible because he can

concentrate on saving lives and helping others and not worry about his job security.

I would like to thank Local 798 for giving me this opportunity to be considered for this scholarship to help with my continued education.



Christopher Tong

My Dad FF Terry Woo is involved in the Union because they are always trying to get the Fire Department the best possible wages, protective gear, health benefits, FH living conditions, cancer presumption, better apparatus and the protection of our retirement system. The Union will also be there to represent us in disciplinary actions. He (My Dad) always has believed in the saying "Strength in Numbers".

It is our Union and the people who represent us, are appointed by us to protect our rights, Fire fighting positions, staffing and the involvement in the Toy Program.



Jack Casey

My dad believes in the union because of the hard battles its leaders have fought and won over the years to provide fair wages, comprehensive benefits and a secure retirement for him and his colleagues. Just as important is the unity it promotes among its members. This

brother and sisterhood is even stronger in times of crisis. When my dad was seriously injured almost ten years ago, it was the individual members and leaders of the union who stepped up to the plate to support our family spiritually and materially. We will never forget the support of our union family.



Jessica Cuffe

My dad is a part of a union. A union is an organization of wage earners that is set up to serve and advance its members' interests in terms of wages, benefits, and working hours and conditions. Unions have been a part of the US's economic history since the Great Depression and continue to support the working class citizens who participate in them. My dad is a part of the San Francisco Fireman's Union because he is assured to be treated fairly in the work place and is guaranteed equal wages. He loves his job and is glad to serve and protect the city with his superb skills. In exchange, he is provided with compensation and appreciation worthy of a person of his status. The union provides my dad with a secured job and he is very grateful for it.

Thank you for supporting my educational pursuits.

Jess Cuffe



Robert Rustia

KEVIN J. DEVINE & JAMES T. FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIPS



Joey Castagnola

Why My Dad is in a Union

Unions were created for the common worker who deserved their own rights; as humans and employees. Many people get the idea that a Union is something big, powerful and should be feared. Well they're quite the opposite from what Hollywood and Jimmy Hoffa make them out to be. Unions have provided generations of families with security and income from their jobs that could have only been made possible by the unions. Before there were unions people weren't allowed to campaign for safer, cleaner or better working conditions or even higher wages. The employees were coerced into accepting unsafe environments and ultra-low pay. As unions came and workers got organized things got better for their lives and families. My dad knows the importance of unions because he grew up in a union family. His dad was a union member all his life and that reflected on my dad. He knew that if he joined a union he could expect his jobs to be a lot better for him and his family. So he started working as a bag boy in grocery store in their union, then went on as a carpenter and was part of the carpenters union and finally ended up as a firefighter in the firefighter's union. Being part of unions of his life has helped him attain his success and has given him a great life with many opportunities. He makes a point of telling me the sacrifice that the union officials make to get us what we have. Their endless efforts in protecting the rights of the common worker have lead to increased life expectancies and a higher quality and standard of living. So when I am asked why my dad joined a union, I have to think it's because he saw the benefits and opportunities that could open up from being part of one of these great institutions.



Michael Murphy

James T. Ferguson Scholarship Essay

My father, Battalion Chief John Murphy, has been a proud member of the Union Local 798 for almost thirty years. Some of the primary functions they provide for its members of the union are: skillful contract negotiations of the work contract, the negotiations for higher wages and also for great medical and dental benefits. The union oversees that members have safe working conditions, safe equipment, and great work schedules. He has been fortunate to have such a strong union looking out for his (and the members) interests for many years.

Dear Mr. Hanley,

Thank you and the other officers of the San Francisco Fire Fighters Union 798 for the James T. Ferguson Scholarship. I appreciate that you and your committee awarded the scholarship to me. I enjoyed writing the essay and I know that my parents are thrilled that I received this generous accolade as well. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Mike Murphy



Nick Ebert

My father always said that Local 798 does an excellent job representing the

membership. They did not stop working, even after the dues stopped. He told me that those who work for the membership do the job nearly thanklessly, and they do an outstanding job. My father believes that we have the best retirement system going and I know that he is very thankful for this.



Robby White

My father is in a union for multiple reasons. Each of these reasons allows him to have guaranteed better working conditions. The union allows him to have paid health care. Having paid healthcare is a very important thing for a man who is married and has three children. The union also allows my dad to have a much better retirement. They negotiate the pension that my father will receive from the fire department and the result of this is a substantially better retirement than someone not in a union. The union also allows for paid vacations and paid sick leave. These are all incredible benefits that are available to my father because he is in a union.



Tyler Tuiasosopo

Why do our parents belong to a union?

By joining the San Francisco Firefighters' Union, my father is protect-

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ed from being treated unfairly and is also protected from being wrongfully terminated. In terms of pay, healthcare, and retirement issues, the union makes sure that my father is given what he deserves for his work. Employers are only concerned with one thing. In the private industry it is to make a profit; for a city/government agency, it is managing budgets. Unions make sure that workers are not detrimentally affected by the decisions made by these employers. If it were not for unions, individuals would be harassed or fired for speaking out against working conditions. As a united group of workers, unions have the ability to stop business as usual and affect change. The San Francisco Firefighters' Union gives firefighters a loud and strong voice.

S P O R T S

STATION 13 WINS BATTLE OF BATTALION 1

BIG 4TH INNING GIVES 13 THE VICTORY AND PRIME RIB

By Willa Ortega

It was a bone-chilling day, but the heat was on in the Battle of Battalion 1. Station 13 vs. Station 2. A Prime Rib on the line and more importantly, bragging rights (not to mention avoiding another article from Dave "Herb Caen" Thompson). The winners, more pep to their step during building alarms. While the loser, trying to avoid the other while shopping at Safeway. Mounting anticipation was met with an impressive turnout. Trades were made, standbys acquired and some miraculously back on duty from S/P. When the dust settled, and after all the trash-talking, Station 13 came away with a surprisingly easy win 15-2.

Station 13, risking the chance of getting assigned "sh*tty details", Hi-Rise 2 1/2-inch hose drills and "cover-ins" (is it possible to get more?), took it to their neighbors from up the block. Defense and timely hitting was the key for the boys from the Financial District.

The first inning was a good indication that this was going to be 13's day. Sherman "The Sniper Got Me" Tillman at 3B set the tone for 13 when he robbed 2's leadoff batter Dave Crespin with a backhand grab down the line and throw to 1st leading to a 1-2-3 inning. Andre Brown started the bottom half for 13 with a sharp single up the middle. With one out the UNTHINKABLE happened, the proud member from Station 2, dressed in their matching red uniforms and pretty hats, decided they weren't going to pitch to 13's next batter, giving

an intentional walk. The crowd could hear a lady believed to be from Engine 13, (name rhymes with "Milla", Driver "B" Watch) saying, "P*ssy-Ass Mother F****rs." This was totally out of character for her.

Station 2 would walk this batter two more times. It was understandable, the batter was Dave "Mr. Full Ride, I'm not on the charts, I want my own parking spot if you want me to play" Smiley. This strategy backfired. Hitting behind Smiley, Sean "Do I Really Need My Paramedic License?" Bonetti made them pay with a solid single up the middle scoring a run to give 13 a 1-0 lead. "Bones" Bonetti would end up going 3x3 for the day with 7 RBI's.

The second inning saw more excellent defense and solid pitching from both sides. But more importantly, for Station 2, it was the arrival of the BULLHORN. It sounded like Dave Thompson but looked like "Uncle Fester" on Slim Fast. The game just got louder. Kevin Walsh started the inning for 2 off with a single, but 13's defense came up big with a double play on the next batter. After an infield single by Julio Delucci, Chad Law came to bat. With the count of two balls and two strikes, Chad "I'm no Smiley" Law watches the next pitch. As the pitched ball sails ever-so-slowly toward Chad; you can hear the ball saying "hit me you dumb-ass, it's only softball." With the bat still on his shoulder, the ball lands on the plate for STRIKE THREE!! Inning over.

If anyone's looking for Chad he's still at Jackson staring at where the pitch landed.

Station 2 made things interesting in the third inning, tying the game 1-1. Mike "how did I get on that 'Top City Earners' list" Morris got things going for 2 with a blast to deep left center for a stand-up single. With two outs, in typical caveman fashion, a svelte Bob "Betty Rubble" Arzave came to the plate. Carrying a tree stump resembling a bat, Arzave showed his experience legging out a precisely hit ball for an infield hit. Next batter Crespin made 13 pay with a hit up the middle to tie the score. Station 13 would answer back in the bottom of the inning scoring two runs for a 3-1 lead. Larry "Where The Hell Are Those Cigarettes" Deen got his second hit of the day to start things off. The big blow came after an intentional walk to you-know-who and a double by Bonetti.

Station 13 blew the game open in the fourth inning. After a quiet top half for the Men in Red, Station 2 decided to give some of their younger players a chance to take the field. Most notably, sitting "Rubble" at catcher and replacing him with Roger "The Turnstile" Ng. 13's bat came to life with the help of some miscues by 2 and some close plays at the plate. By the end of the inning, 13 had scored nine runs for a 12-1 lead. All that could be heard from the stands as run after run crossed home plate was, "It's only Roger."

To stop the bleeding in the fourth inning, Station 2 sunk to

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2ND ANNUAL CLIMB CALIFORNIA CHALLENGE

By Alan Reynaud

A great time was had by all at the 2nd Annual Climb California Challenge on March 29, 2008. Over 40 members of the SFFD team and their families and friends were there on a brisk Saturday morning to celebrate this event.

This year, close to 1,000 people made the climb up the 52 stories of granite, 1,197 steps to plant our flag at the Carnelian Room. Many teams were represented with Genentech being the largest group again. It was also nice to see another Fire Dept. involved with Menlo Park bringing a contingent this year. Shon Buford was busy making some behind the scene wagering with the Menlo Park group. We hope to see some more participation next year with other Fire Depts. Being the host Fire Dept. team, we were allowed to be in the first wave of teams, and would start climbing at 9:15. The single elite runners would go first. After a little bit of warming up and bathroom stops, we were led by the event staff in single file through the underbelly of the Bank of America Bldg, a 52 story, type 1 commercial high rise. Finally arriving at the launching point, we



Photo provided by Alan Reynaud

put our ship into the wind and began climbing at 15 second intervals. I think the organizers decided to evaluate your mental proficiency by writing cute little poems on the walls at about the 30th floor and upward. If you were too short of breath to read the stuff, maybe you better slow down. Shon Buford decided to climb with his turnouts on and that might be an idea for next year, or maybe not.

Once again, the beautiful Carnelian Room was an oasis after the dry and stuffy stairwell. Plenty of food and drink, massages, calypso

band and what a view! We were all enjoying this while waves of teams continued climbing until mid-afternoon.

What did we accomplish? We collected over \$12,185.00 for the American Lung Association and our Cancer Prevention Foundation will receive about 40% of that. I would like to thank Barbara at the Union office for all her help. Also I would like to congratulate all our climbers, including our youngest participant, 10 year old Max Talmadge. Set your calendars for next years event which will be held on March 28, 2009.

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an all-time low, reaching into their dirty bag of tricks. The usually speedy "Sherm Bo" Tillman, was on his way to beating out an infield hit, when he caught some sniper fire. This was evidenced only by his high-pitched shriek while grabbing the back of his leg. We suspect the shot came from the grassy knoll.

There was no sign of letdown on the 13 side. The play of Joe "Yeah Yeah I Got It" Chan kept his team fired up. We later found out Chan's inspired play was due to the attendance of his newly found grandfather, JR Chan. The

long lost JR, made it a point to come to the game ... shrugging off a WDO. JR was inserted at 3B by veteran coach, Julio "I make the decisions around here" Escobar. The older Chan showed his skills, scooping up a hard smash for an out. Now if he can only teach the younger Chan to keep his EYE on the ball. More importantly, grandson Joe came away without any stitches.

The game ended innocently for both teams with the final score 15-2 for the "good guys." Many unsung heroes for both teams. Station 2's Ramon Chea and Mike Patt were solid in the infield and

Pete "Secret Asian Man" Lee providing the scouting report on 13. Andre "Purple Rain" Williams, Chuck "Player To Be Named Later" Faciani and Marc Evans provided big hits for 13.

The boys from Station 2 didn't bring their "A" game to the field on this day. But they had it after with a "finger lickin," who cares who won" BBQ. All in attendance ate ribs, links and all the fixins. Now that's how to end a softball game.

Special thanks to Jack Walker & Jay Jurado for their support and warm legs on which my dog could hump.

S P O R T S

THE 3RD ANNUAL FIRECRACKER SHOOTOUT

By: Mike Quinn

The 3rd Annual Firecracker Shootout was once again a huge success. John Ashbrook (St. 17) took home the 1st place trophy.

The newly formed SFFD Shooting Club is looking for more shooters. No experience necessary. Guns and instruction will be provided. We will meet at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club the 1st Wednesday of each month.

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Phone Number Has Changed!

The location has remained the same:

30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3000
San Francisco, CA 94102

The General Information
telephone number at this
location has changed:

(415) 487-7050
(415) 487-7058

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT 24TH ANNUAL!

AIRPORT DIVISION LUNCHEON

• HONORING ALL NEW & PAST RETIREES •

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008
Watch #27

PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO
♫ PLEASE NOTE LOCATION ♫

11am -- 3:30PM Lunch @ 1:30PM

PRICE -- \$25 per person
ADVANCE PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED
Please make checks payable to -- DENNIS KRUGER

**** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ****
Before 10/17/08
Jayn Feyling @ 650/821-4600

Attention:

All Members Thinking of
Retiring...

Contact Secretary Frank Kelly
at the Union Office
415-621-7103

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

INVESTING FOR RETIREMENT...
SOUND OVERWHELMING?

DEFERRED COMPENSATION
HELPS MAKE IT EASIER!!

The City and County of San Francisco and ING make retirement planning easier under the **City and County of San Francisco 457 Deferred Compensation Plan**. By contributing to the Plan, you can supplement your retirement and enjoy these benefits:

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- ✓ diverse investment options that provide you with flexibility in managing your account
- ✓ distributions permitted upon retirement, separation from service, accounts under \$5,000 if certain conditions are met, death or incurring an unforeseen emergency
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For more information, or to schedule an individual appointment, call your **ING Representative** at 415.364.2017 or 1-888-822-1211. Our local San Francisco Office is located at 1 Front Street (at Market Street) Suite 1425.

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DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

Whether old or new,
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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



Annual

James T. Ferguson Scholarship

Applications must be received by April 6, 2009
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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

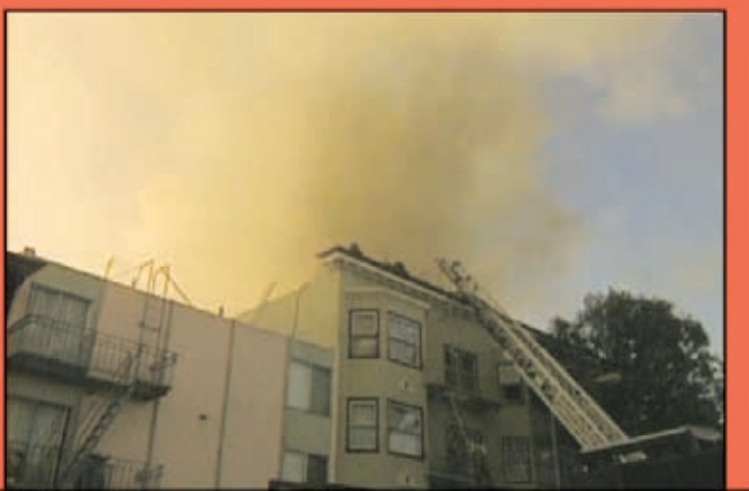
PHONE: _____ AGE: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

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