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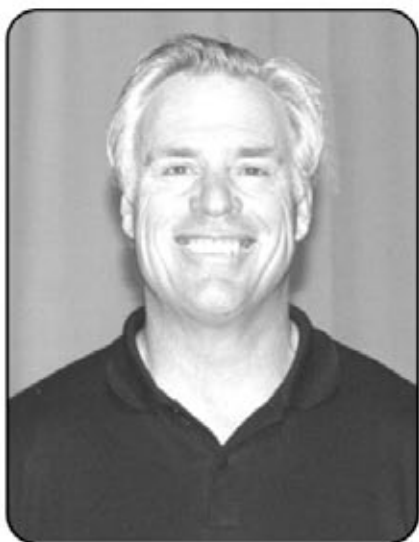
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIREHOUSES OPEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to members of Local 798 for their enthusiastic accomplishments at our Public Safety Rally on June 16th. The Membership showed in full force. The easiest way to determine that is to look at the overtime sign-ups for that day. Not one Firefighter, Medic, Lieutenant, Captain or Division Chief signed up for overtime. This is a reflection of the support, camaraderie and devotion Local 798 members have when it comes to keeping your neighborhood firehouse open.

The Rally was a huge success. Unfortunately we were not allowed into the Chamber of the Board of Supervisors, but they heard us. They heard loud and clear "Keep Our Neighborhood Firehouses Open! Make it a priority in the City and County of San Francisco!"

The recent Muni accident at the West Portal station reflects that as well. Ponder if engine companies were closed that day.

As you are all aware, it has been a very busy budget cycle. We as a union have been successful. Each firehouse is budgeted and is open. The Executive Board thanks the entire Membership for their productivity. We would not be in the position we are in without an active and aggressive membership. **THANK YOU.**

The 52-hour workweek that was proposed by a member of the Board of Supervisors is now off the ballot for this election cycle but it is something that we'll always monitor. This mystical form of budgeting where the City's financial problems fall on the shoulders of Local 798 is actually ridiculous and a poor form of government.

We have had serious injuries in the last 6 months at fires and we have asked the Administration for a formal investigation on each of those fires. Some of them have been investigated, while other requests have been completely ignored. We have taken an extra step and asked for outside transparent investigations into some of the most serious fires. For the life of me, I cannot understand why the Chief would not want to do an investigation. It just doesn't make sense; example: what has the Chief done with recommendations from Felton Street fire, where 6 firefighters were hospitalized?

We have recently presented to the Chief of Department, the idea of giving points for service on promotional tests. These points would reflect a firefighter's experience at fighting fires and medical emergencies, thus ultimately enhancing our profession. This was denied by the Administration, but why we are not sure. We are asking the Chief to walk a mile in our shoes here; to take a look at the big picture. Being that the mainstay of her experience in the SFFD has been administrative rather than active duty in fire suppression, we are simply asking her to get input from those with careers in fire suppression. Let's not be stubborn when lives are at risk. On a recent Battalion Chief's exam the majority of the test revolved around proper paperwork procedures. Each person that becomes chief of the SFFD attempts to put their stamp or agenda while in that job. Our current Chief's strengths are paperwork; thus the majority of the exam reflected on proper paperwork procedures.

If one were to look nationwide at large urban fire departments, one would discover that tests reflect fire scene and EMS components for scoring. I know the feeling of seeing that unwanted comma in Department paperwork drives me nuts. But I have yet to visit a firefighter in the hospital over grammar usage. Additionally, on a recent Lieutenant's exam, for some

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FROM THE DIRECTORS . . .



By Dan Gracia, Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write these words I am both impressed and concerned; Impressed that our organization (Local 798) and our members (active and retired) and family and friends were successful in our efforts to keep our firehouses open and fully staffed at current levels in this horrific economic climate. I do realize that Station 35 has been TEMPORARILY defunded and that we have Prop F, but sometimes everything doesn't go your way ... I am confident that Engine 35 will be back in quarters and fully staffed as soon as possible based on dialogue we have had with our administration during labor/management discussions. Concerned ... that some members of our Board of Supervisors have singled us out and are trying to make us bridge the gaps in the budget by bringing forth a Charter Amendment that would change our working conditions with total disregard for labor laws. These people know nothing about the importance of public safety in our city and would eliminate most of our fire, police and sheriffs departments if allowed. It is our job to educate, inform and even remove them from office if need be. I am also concerned that at the Union office we have received more phone calls about the softball season and the Bocce Tournament than we received for volunteers to walk precincts and show up at City Hall to fight for our jobs. Make no mistake, our benefits, wages, hours, firehouses, chiefs, operators and way of life in the San Francisco Fire Department will continually be under attack in the near future, and for years to come. We must stay pro-active and show a strong united front to push those who attack us back to where they belong!

The Chili Cook-Off is moving forward. Please call the Hall to sign up and get involved. Remember this event benefits our Toy Program which is by far our best PR!

The contract ratification will be voted on by the membership in August. This is a very good deal especially in the City's current fiscal status – we are very fortunate to have such a great job in these uncertain times!

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. Rest up, relax, and be ready to get back to fighting City Hall and possibly other special interest groups in the Fall. See you soon, DG

***** Common sense; Learn it, Know it, Use it*****

PS – Myself and a few of our brothers had breakfast with Mike Estrada and his fiancé while we were in Anaheim for the Firefighter Olympics. He is doing as well as can be expected after having a flaming wall fall on him.

PPS: He is still waiting for some type of report on how something like this will be prevented in the future... (and so are we!)

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unknown reason, individuals with decades of service did not do well, yet individuals with one or two years of experience did fabulously well. Again, to me, something is wrong with the testing process when an experienced firefighter who has acted as a Lieutenant for say 10 or 15 years does not successfully complete the Lieutenant's test, but an individual with 1 or 2 years on the job is promoted. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that these people with 1 or 2 years are not qualified, but something happened with this recent Lieutenant's test where experienced firefighters did not receive a promotion. The SFFD Exam Unit promised that the test would be reflecting knowledge, skills, and ability!

Smile! You're on Candid Camera ... This is just the latest in what seems like an ongoing comedy of errors behind the hallowed walls of SFFD HQ. It is our understanding that members of the Arson Unit, unbeknownst to them, were captured on videotape while on duty and subsequent to that an investigation was initiated. At this juncture, we have been advised that all investigation has ceased and all members involved were exonerated by The Department of any wrongdoing. Local 798 is asking that letters be issued to each of the individuals involved, clearing them of any wrongdoing whatsoever. We are also requesting that the Administration develop a policy regarding the videotaping of Local 798 members by either The Department or by other employees of The Department.

See you at Bocce!

Station Stewards

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Station 4	CLOSED
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Station 18	Daniel Tauber
Station 19	Amy Swanson
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Station 24	Open
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AP 3	Open
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Members interested in becoming Station Stewards should contact the Union office at (415) 621 - 7103

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Local 798,

6/9/2009

Please accept the enclosed donation.

Thank you,
Karl Selchau
Retired

Local 798,

Enclosed is a donation to cover the cost of sending the Main Line.

Pete Sorensen
Retired 2/92

Local 798,

Please accept this donation in memory of my late husband, Andrew Clemenza, a wonderful husband, father, and man.

Use where needed!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Clemenza and Family

June 15, 2009

Dear John and Gang,

Enclosed is my contribution to "Save the Fire Stations" program that I know will turn out well. The support I hear is very favorable for the fine work done by the Union and its members. I would like a poster for my window to show my support for this fine program. Keep up the heroic efforts and you can count on my continued support in all of your endeavors. Again, thanks for the benefits the retirees have enjoyed for the many years.

Sincerely,
Chuck Lee

Local 798,

In memory of Brothers Joe & Vince & their close friends George Petty & Tony Sacco. Please use as needed.

Thanks,
Don Del Bene
Retired

June 15, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Local 798,

I recently received my first retirement check. Thank you for all the years of hard work making this Department better. Please use as needed.

Thank you,
John Piombo
Class of 68

In memory of Johnny Ford, Paul Vega, and others gone too soon. Use where needed.

Joe Scannell

In memory of Rex Ingram's goats.

John Perrick
Tr. 17 ret.

June 18, 2009

Local 798,

Please accept this check in memory of Ed McHugh and Fred "Fritz" Hartmann. Two fine gentlemen.

Yours,
Ralph J. Pujolar

This is a note of thanks to 798 for all the hard work they have done and continue to do for all the members. Keep up the good work.

The enclosed donation to be used as you see fit.

Rich Calkin

Hi Joe,

As per my voicemail here's a little something of thanks for what you are doing.

I hope all is well with you and your family. Hello to Steve, tell him somebody said "T.P.". We used to always say that to each other - think positive.

Best wishes,
Pat Cottall

June 21, 2009

Local 798,

Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of my late husband "Bumper" Smith, Jr. - 9/29/1993.

Thank you,
Kathy Smith

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June 22, 2009 use this donation where needed.

John Hanley,

Hey, I'm sure Supervisor Avalos considers retirees as "sacred cows" also. Please use check as needed, and continue the fight for active and retired firefighters.

Say "Hi" to Vannooch.

Bob Rand

July 6, 2009

Local 798,

Enclosed check in memory of Barney Viner. Thanks for sending the Main Line.

Sincerely,
Helen Viner

7/7/2009

Thanks 798 for all you do for the active and retired members. A big thank you to Frank Kelly on getting the lump sum for retirees. Please

Al Rizotto
Retired E-43

July 10, 2009

Editor of the Main Line,

The enclosed contribution for your publication is in memory of Tony Sacco and Harry Colen.

Sincerely,
Ray Connors

7/29/2009

Dear John, Joe, and the dedicated Executive Board members,

I figured I'd wait for a year after retiring to write this letter. I wanted to make sure that I wasn't taking a dirt nap. I think I'm still amongst the living, so here goes: Words cannot express my gratitude that all Local 798 has done for me. Over the years our working conditions and living standards have been

carefully watched and fought for by so many present and past members of the Local that I don't know where to begin. What I do know is that I can now enjoy my retirement without worrying about the future.

In these trying economic times, and with politics in San Francisco being what they are, I know you guys are doing double and triple duty for your active members. I can only hope that when the calls go out for bodies to hit the streets, whether it be signatures or door hangers, that all members in good standing respond. That's how this Local stays strong.

In closing, please use this check where needed, and please keep all of our departed brothers in your prayers. Thank you.

Kevin Callanan
2 Truck, BFP (Ret.)

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Via Fax and US Mail
June 2, 2009

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

re: Arson Unit

Dear Chief:

It is Local 798's understanding that the Department is planning on July 1 to materially change the staffing as well as working conditions of the Arson Unit. If that is the case, Local 798 requests an immediate meet and confer regarding the proposed changes and the effect of those changes on the safety, health, and well-being of our members; as well as the efficiency of the Unit. Please respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Hanley, President
San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798

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MAYOR

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

VIA FACSIMILE & US MAIL

June 3, 2009

John Hanley
President
San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Hanley,

In response to your letter dated June 2, 2009, requesting a meeting regarding possible changes to the staffing of the Arson Unit, the Department is available to meet and discuss this issue with you at our offices on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 0900 hours. Alternatively, I propose that this topic could be discussed at our monthly Labor Management meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 0930 hours.

In the 2009/2010 budget process, funding for the Bureau of Investigation was reduced. The Department is currently analyzing the operational impact and exploring staffing options, and has no intention of deviating from the current language contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Please contact my office with your preferred meeting date.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department

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June 4, 2009

Chief Joanne Hayes-White
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102


Dear Chief Hayes-White:

Thank you for opposing brownouts at the Board of Supervisors, and for working effectively with the Mayor's Office to avoid unwise cuts in the Mayor's proposed FY 2009-2010 budget.

As you are aware, a Supervisor recently proposed a Charter Amendment that would change the hours that San Francisco firefighters work each week. Currently, the Charter provides a maximum number of 48.7 hours. The proposal would instead establish a minimum of 52 hours.

The current standard, in place since 1978, has worked well for the Fire Department. As we prepare to hire a new class of firefighters, we are convinced that reopening the issue of hours by presenting that question to the voters is ill advised. We are fortunate that management and the union representing firefighters have been able to reach agreement on labor contracts year after year. This proposal could threaten that record of success.

The morale of the working men and women of the San Francisco Fire Department is based in part on departmental leadership. We trust that you are opposed to this Charter Amendment, and hope you will join State Senator Mark Leno, International Association of Fire Fighters, United Educators of San Francisco, Unite HERE Local 2, and other leading labor organizations in voicing your opposition to this measure. I have attached their letters for your review.

Sincerely,

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Via Fax and Mail
June 8, 2009

Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department
San Francisco Fire Department
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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San Francisco, CA 94107

RE: Arson Investigation - Discipline and Video Surveillance

Dear Chief,

Local 798 requests a meet and confer with The Administration in order to develop a policy regarding the videotaping of Local 798 members by either The Department or by other employees of The Department.

It is our understanding that the members of the Arson Unit who were, unbeknownst to them, captured on videotape were exonerated by The Department of any wrongdoing.

In order to put closure on this issue we would like (on behalf of our members) some sort of formal acknowledgment (in writing) that the members captured on the videotape have been exonerated of any wrongdoing. We also believe that it would be in the best interests of affected parties that all other pertinent issues are discussed so that the entire incident can be resolved in a fair manner.

Please call as soon as possible so we can schedule a mutually agreeable date to meet.

Sincerely,

John F. Hanley
President, Local 798

cc: Micki Callahan, Director of Human Resources, CCSF

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Via Fax and Mail
July 1, 2009

Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department
San Francisco Fire Department
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

Dear Chief,

Thank you for your time yesterday at the Labor Management meeting. At that meeting you said that you have not yet made a decision on the ballot measure increasing the firefighter work week to 52 hours.

As you are well aware, the 48.7 shift has been working well since 1978. Also in this ballot measure is language removing the time-honored right of working men and women to binding arbitration. Our position is that this ballot measure is clearly aimed at firefighters working in the field. No other occupation was named, no other City department is being asked to work a longer work week.

The question we have for you is, will you support the men and women of Local 798 and make a decision to speak out and forcefully fight this change in working conditions?

Sincerely,

John F. Hanley
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July 7, 2009

John Hanley
President
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Hanley:

In response to your letter dated July 1, 2009 regarding a monthly proposed Charter Amendment related to a change/increase in the work week, I am confident that the Department and Legislative Branch of the City Government will continue to work together in an effort to do what is best for the dedicated members of the San Francisco Fire Department and the community that we serve. As Chief of Department, my support for our members is unwavering.

I believe strongly in the collective bargaining process and feel that terms and conditions of employment gained through this process have served the City and our Department well. That being said, in a letter that you sent from Senator Mark Leno he stated that, "The economy is presenting us with unprecedented challenges and all options must be explored." These are definitely extraordinary economic times and requests have been made for all departments and the public to consider options that will assist with easing the ongoing budget deficit.

As you know, the Department has worked diligently to avoid operational impacts and will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hayes-White
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Chief of Department

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FROM THE DIRECTORS . . .

THE RAMBLINGS OF A UNION MEMBER



By Michael A. Walsh, Director

Save the Firehouses Campaign Round One

As I sit in the communications room at 4:00 am after the Truck went out the fourth time in so many hours I was wondering whether to pen something this month, due to be printed in August that may arrive in your mailbox by September. Yesterday three Local 798 Directors Danny Gracia, Floyd Rollins and I were down at the Airport Firehouse III on yet another disciplinary investigation. All the while John Hanley, Tom O'Connor, Steve Giacalone, Jim Vannucchi and Shon Buford were covering their shifts at the Firehouse. Joe Moriarty was handling union business as he has for over thirty years. Since December 2008 there has been a flurry of activity that I had never seen before a battle was brewing. Dedication, tradition, long hours and hard work were abounding. The negotiation road ride is calculating, tenuous, long and absurd at times. My colleagues your representa-

tives set up a plan for a no holds barred showdown. With a much discussed issue a line in the sand was drawn. This was our "Midway" if this is not successful it could affect the outcome of the plan.

The battle cry was sounded "CARPE DIEM" and you came from every Station, Battalion and Division answering the call. The door hangers, phone banks, speaking events, dinners and yes loud speakers from trucks circling chosen city blocks were repeated over and over. The pinnacle was what is now dubbed the "HOORAH" at City Hall put the anti-labor forces wondering what just hit them. In the weeks following the rally at City Hall Local 798 joined forces with other union Locals in San Francisco and the Politicos learned what organized labor solidarity is all about. The morning following the "HOORAH" a local reporter that covered the rally was on the radio and was quoted "In San Francisco you can mess with the Police and the Sheriff but don't mess with the Fire Department cause their coming to your door". All who participated did a stand up job.

Remember this is just a moment there will be another attack on our wages and working conditions. We will be ready. Special thanks to Captain Jeremiah Keohane a good "Union Man" for his help in the campaign and the retirees who showed their support in many generous ways. The offices staff at 798 Gail and Barbara whose' hard work is sometimes overshadowed.

Remember The Surviving Families Fund.

Closing in memory: John Welch and Slim Ballard

SUBMISSIONS:

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR THE MAIN LINE IS:

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2009 / SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

DECEMBER 2009 - JANUARY 2010 / NOVEMBER 20, 2009

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2010 / JANUARY 20, 2010

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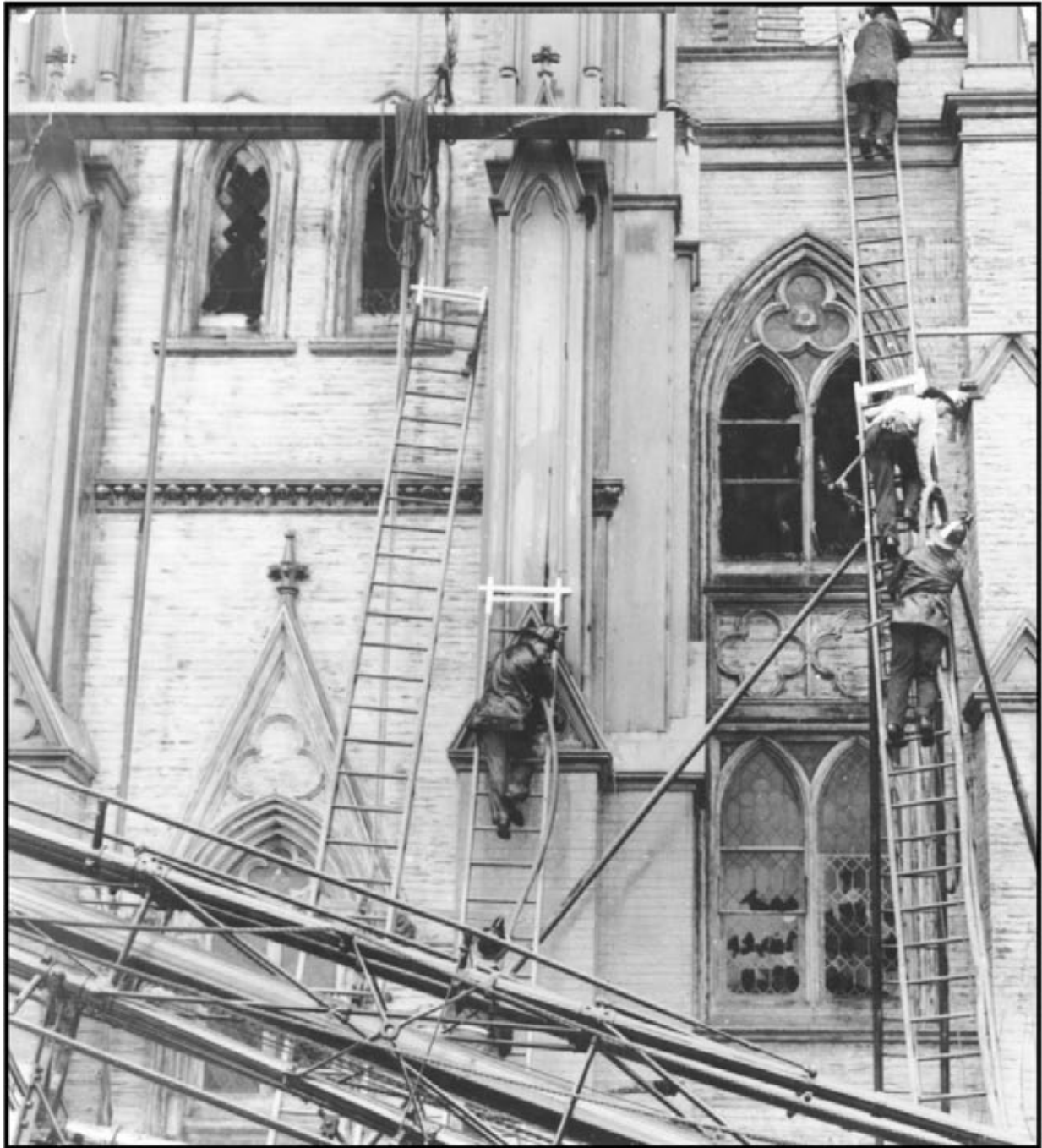


4TH ALARM - PIER 48 - NAVY SUPPLY PIER MAY 13, 1943

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4TH ALARM - 999 EDDY ST. - MAY 28, 1940
ST. PAULUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5TH ALARM - 14TH STREET & MARKET SEPTEMBER 20, 1940

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4TH ALARM - TREASURE ISLAND APRIL 11, 1947

LOCAL FIRE NEWS

ARSONS SPREAD: 4 MORE CARS TORCHED IN S.F.

Henry K. Lee, Chronicle Staff Writer
Thursday, July 30, 2009

SAN FRANCISCO — Four more cars were set ablaze overnight in San Francisco, bringing the number of arson attacks since this weekend to a dozen, authorities said Wednesday.

The fires have cut through a wide swath of the city, and vehicles of all types have been targeted, from a Volvo to a Ford F-150 pickup. No arrests have been made in the fires, which have all occurred late at night or before dawn. Authorities don't even know if the same person is responsible for all 12.

The most recent fire happened about 3:25 a.m. Wednesday when a Honda was burned at La Playa and Balboa streets near Ocean Beach. The blaze charred a vehicle parked behind it.

A Porsche and an Infiniti were found on fire at Francisco and Powell streets in North Beach at 2 a.m. Another blaze happened at Newcomb Avenue and Selby Street in the Bayview about 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday's fires came a day after someone burned three cars and tried to torch a fourth on streets off of Geary Boulevard. Over the weekend and early Monday, there were four additional fires.

"It's very upsetting. We just hope it stops," Jamie Tapia, 38, said Wednesday, a day after her husband, who works with the state Employment Development Department, found his state-owned Chevrolet on fire near 48th Avenue and Geary Boulevard.

"It's not fair," Tapia said. "Hopefully, the police can do something, catch the people responsible for doing this."

The attacks are being investigated by an arson task force that includes San Francisco police and fire officials. Police say there is no direct evidence linking all the incidents, despite a number of similarities.

The arsons come as authorities continue to investigate a series of portable-toilet fires that began late last year. In some cases, the arsonist ignited outhouses with newspaper, authorities said.

In one of the car-related incidents early Tuesday, someone saw a burning newspaper under a Ford truck, kicked it away and doused the fire with a water bottle.

The use of newspapers as kindling is a clue, said Candice DeLong, a former FBI profiler and psychiatric nurse.

"If I had a series of arsons only being started by a newspaper, that would be something I would consider in developing a personality and lifestyle sketch - i.e., a profile," DeLong said.

Both the car and toilet fires are considered "nuisance arsons," crimes that are typically committed by young people, DeLong said.

"They're not a nuisance to the owners, but compared to seeing a forest fire or an apartment building on fire, the nuisance-fire offenders tend to be those who are more on the youthful side, say their late teens or early 20s," DeLong said.

Arsonists typically strike in areas close to where they live or work, DeLong said.

It's possible, but not likely, that the arsonist has something against cars, she said. In 2005, Caltech graduate physics student William Cottrell, then 24, was convicted of a series of Los Angeles-area firebomb attacks of sportutility vehicles and car dealerships in the name of the Earth Liberation Front.

Investigators in the San Francisco fires will probably cast a wide net, she said.

"Could it be a homeless person? Yes," DeLong said. "Could it be an ecoterrorist? I suppose. But I rather doubt it's a hardened, middle-aged criminal."

Catalina Perez, 54, whose Volvo was one of two cars destroyed early Tuesday on Bertie Minor Lane in Japantown, figures "it's either someone who's a little crazy or kids that are out of control."

"School's out and they don't have much to do," Perez said. "They're completely unsupervised, if in fact it's kids."

Reprinted from the S.F. Chronicle

INSTANT HELP WAS ON THE WAY

Leah Garchik

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Walking on Vallejo near Van Ness on Friday, Lauren Hall spotted a fire in the equipment trailer for workers repairing a water main. Their extinguisher fizzled out, so Hall ran to Starbucks to call the Fire Department. But at Vallejo and Polk, where she saw several firefighters picketing - their signs protested closing of neighborhood stations - she told them about the fire. They dropped their signs, ran to the site and put out the blaze, prompting Hall's plea: "Keep our neighborhood fire stations open."

Reprinted from the S.F. Chronicle

TOY PROGRAM

SKIN-DIVER ALERT! ANNUAL ABALONE DIVE TO BENEFIT FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #798 TOY PROGRAM

By Arthur R. Citron

July 20, 2009

Get your pocket calendars out and turn to the month of October. Bill Bassett has fine-tuned his Bassett-dive mobile and is ready to roll to the north coast. As most know the purpose of this abalone dive to the Sonoma County Coast is to support the Firefighters' Local #798s Toy Program luncheon. Everyone knows the huge importance of this program.

Now that you have your calendars out and pen in hand, circle Wednesday, October 28th. The Stillwater Cove campground is once again the meeting place for the dive. Our sterling leader once more guarantees perfect diving conditions

and a gourmet ocean front dinner. Along with the diving and a great day at the ocean, there will be entertainment. You'll enjoy listening to many old and new timers reminisce telling tales you'll hear nowhere else. Bill guarantees that you will hear enough campfire stories (and tell plenty of your own tales) to last another lifetime.

And as an added bonus, you will also enjoy the companionship and campfire blarney of several 'older diver's' who were in the water before many of you were born! This event is one you don't want to miss. Give Bill a call right away. He needs a head count. Bill's home phone number is 650-359-3196. (Cut this article out and staple it to your calendar).

SPORTS - OLYMPIC SHOOTING TEAM

By Terry Smerdel

All at the Summer Olympics had a great time. The first day for the Shooting Team started off with a bang. We were 10 men strong and ended up doing well, considering we were shooting against Mr. Incredible. The team ended up with a Bronze medal in Trap. Mike Quinn got a Bronze in Skeet and Jay Veach got a Bronze in the Sporting Clays. Nice job by all who participated.

A special thanks to Chief Tom Abbot for taking care

of the crew every morning with refreshments and snacks, and to Mike Quinn and Dan Gracia for all their work in getting us together and taking care of the essentials.

I would be remissed not to mention the unsanctioned boxing team who in my opinion took home the Gold.

Also, a special thank you to the Bowling Team for providing the Hospitality Suite each night.



Photos provided by Terry Smerdel





2nd Annual
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
Bocce Tournament
To Benefit
San Francisco Firefighters
Cancer Prevention Foundation

When: Friday, October 9, 2009 9:00 am
Where: Marin Bocce Federation
550 "B" Street, San Rafael
Entry Info: \$100 per 4-person team
32 Teams Max/First Come/First Served
Non Players \$20
Eligibility: Open to all Local 798 Members and
Retirees in good standing. No Whining.
Refreshments: 8:30 am Coffee, Juice, Pastries
12:00 Noon - Lunch, Beverages

****Prizes ** Awards ** Gifts****

CONTACT: Jim vannucchi (415) 621-7103
Tony Rivera (415) 576-1838

Governed by World Bocce League Rules

ENTRY FORM

2nd Annual
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798

Bocce Tournament

Friday, October 9, 2009
To Benefit
San Francisco Firefighters
Cancer Prevention Foundation

ENTRY FORM
Please print clearly

Team Name _____
Station/Club _____
Contact Phone #: _____

Team Members: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Mail completed *Entry Form* and your check* payable to:

San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation

Mail or Drop Off Checks to:
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
Attn: Bocce Master

All Entry Forms Must be Received by 3pm on October 1, 2009
First Come/First Served - No Exceptions

*Portion of tax deduction pursuant to IRS Regulations

ENTRY FORM

Cut-Off Date for Entry Forms is September 1, 2009



3rd Annual "Johnny V" Chili Cook-Off
To Benefit San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program

"Bring Your Best Booth, and Chili"
Celebrity Judges and Prizes

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2009 - 11 am to 5pm; Set Up Time at 9am
WHERE: 395 Divisadero Street 2nd
FEE: Entry Fee \$150; Price includes:
• Arms 10' x 10' for Booth Set
• Four (4) Entry wrist bands

ORGANIZATION: _____
STATION: _____
NAME, STATION
or BOOTH THEME: _____
HEAD COOK: _____
ASSISTANT #1 _____
ASSISTANT #2 _____
ASSISTANT #3 _____

Completed Entry Forms and Entry Fee sent to:
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program
P.O. Box 411287
San Francisco, CA 94141-1287
For Questions, please contact:
Danny Gracia at Station 1 (415) 608-7921
Toy Program (415) 777-0440

GUIDELINES FOR CHILI COOK-OFF

TABLE AND CHAIRS ARE NOT PROVIDED

Set up Starts 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2009

**** WE NEED TO APPROVE ALL STOVES****

1. No preparing Chili on site. Must be done prior to event.
2. You must use paper products for serving; spoons, cups, bowls (recycling requirement).
3. 5-gallon Propane Cylinders must be placed in a milk crate for safety purposes
4. A UL-approved Regulator shall be installed on approved labeled gas supply hose. Additionally, a UL-approved Black Hose is required and must 5 feet or longer.
5. A LEAK TEST will be performed on all gas connections (soap bottle).

PLEASE MAKE AT LEAST 5 GALLONS OF CHILI

**10' X 10' SPACE PROVIDED
FOR YOUR BOOTHS
AND OR TABLES**

For more information, please contact Danny Gracia at Station 1
Telephone (415) 608-7921
OR
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program
Telephone (415) 777-0440

SAVE THE DATE



3rd Annual “Johnny V” Chili Cook-Off*

To Benefit San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program

“Bring Your Best Booth, and Chili”

Saturday, September 19, 2009

11am to 5pm

345 Brannan – Cross Street 2nd

There are still space available

For More Information:

Danny Gracia, (415) 608-7921

SF Firefighters Toy Program (415) 777-0440

LIVE MUSIC, DJ, RAFFLE & PRIZES

Annual
Memorial Mass
Sponsored By
San Francisco Fire Department
and
San Francisco Police Department
on the
Anniversary of September 11, 2001
Sunday, September 13, 2009
10:30 A.M.

St. Monica's Church
Geary Blvd. at 23rd Avenue
San Francisco



All are Welcome
Parking in the lot on 23rd Avenue



Date: September 18, 2009
TIME: 11 am - 3 pm
PLACE: Pacific Rod & Gun Club
520 John Muir Drive

Station One
Annual Luncheon
415-495-9473

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
25th ANNUAL!
- SILVER JUBILEE -
AIRPORT DIVISION
LUNCHEON

- HONORING ALL NEW & PAST RETIREES -

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
Watch #19

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 10/15/09
Jayn Feyling @ 650/821-4600

ATTENTION

CAR ENTHUSIASTS

All Local 798 Members (Active & Retired)



We are looking to start a Car Club for gatherings and events and to meet people who are interested in:

Muscle Cars
Hot Rods
Classics
Etc.

If interested, please contact:

Danny Gracia
Geoff Quesada

Station 1 or Cell (415) 608-7921
Station 1 or Cell (415) 860-6197

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

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SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY
PRESENT THE **FIFTY-FOURTH** SEMI ANNUAL LUNCHEON FOR
RETIRED AND ACTIVE SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS AND FRIENDS

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

LOCATION: ELKS LODGE IN PETALUMA – 2105 SO. McDOWELL BLVD.
(FROM HWY. 101 – EAST ON LAKEVILLE HWY (116) –
SOUTH ON SO. McDOWELL BLVD.

MENU: LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30 pm GOURMET DELIGHT ALA COLLINS
CHEFS: JOE COLLINS AND CREW

COCKTAILS: NO HOST BAR OPENS AT 11:00 am

PRICE: **\$20.00** PER PERSON – RESERVATIONS STONGLY REQUESTED –
----- **\$25.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR** -----

-----MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: S.F.R.F.S.C.-----

MAIL TO: CHAIRMAN – 2160 VALDES DR. – SANTA ROSA, CA. – 95403

******* DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 *******

NOTE: A BUS FROM S.F. LEAVES LAKE MERCED AT 10 A.M.

Call Jim Dowd at: 1-415-265-5010 – FIRST 55 ONLY ! Please Reply A.S.A.P.

.....
PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES FOR NAME TAGS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

GUEST: _____ GUEST: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVE ONE) _____

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

-1973-



PALM SPRINGS – 2009

SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S OF SONOMA COUNTY

WELCOME YOU AND YOURS TO OUR 4TH TRIP TO THE BEAUTIFUL COACHELLA VALLEY

DATES: NOVEMBER 8-9-10-11-12

STAY: EMBASSY SUITES IN PALM DESERT

COST: \$550 PER PERSON-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH KING BED.

\$580 PER PERSON-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH TWO DOUBLE BEDS.

PRICE INCLUDES:

**5 nights lodging in a two room suite.

**Daily cooked to order breakfast.

**Daily two hour complimentary cocktail party.

**Welcome dinner at the hotel on Sunday night.

Final night awards banquet at **LG's PRIME Steakhouse. 100% Prime cuts.

**Pool, spa, fitness center, six tennis courts.

**Good cheer and camaraderie with old and new friends.

**It's more than golf. Get off the couch and give it a whirl.

GOLF: \$415 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 and shotgun fee.

Optional daily skins tournament. \$60. Pay Ed Tatarian there.

NOV. 9 WESTIN MISSION HILL-PETE DYE COURSE 8:30 shotgun.

Rated in top 100 resort courses in US. Gold tees - 69.6/126 6158 yds.

NOV. 10 INDIAN WELLS – CELEBRITY COURSE 8:00 shotgun - 2008 Skins game.

Beautiful course with flowers, waterfalls and mountain views. White tees 69.9/124-6029 yds.

NOV. 12 SILVERROCK-8:00 shotgun. Home of PGA Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. Golf

Magazine rates it one of top 10 new courses. Gold tees-68.8/123 5984 yds.

DEPOSIT: Group room rates need to be reserved by APRIL 1st. \$300 per person. After this date, room availability determined on receipt of deposit.

BALANCE DUE, by September 25th. \$250 or \$280 **ADD** \$415 for golf.

WEDNESDAY ADVENTURE: WINDMILL TOUR. Interesting and educational. Learn about this ancient source of power, the weather and geology of the area along with the different features of the windmills themselves. A last stop at a power plant where you will learn about the economics and politics of wind energy. Air conditioned bus. If you're interested, we must know by Sunday night's dinner.

GOOGLE: palmdesert.embassysuites.com – lgsprimesteakhouse.com – desert hills outlet mall missionhillsgolf-indianwellsgolf-silverrock golf.

INFO: Bob Quattrin 823-8243, Joe Collins 542-7797, Woody Paynter 579-0325, John Logue 577-8850, Gary Montague 576-1891. All 707 area code.

MAIL CHECKS TO: CHAIRMAN SFRFSC, 7980 MITCHELL CT. SEBASTOPOL, CA 95472.

Why is Getting Your FICO Score Important

Your FICO is not only used by financial institutions but can also be used to determine if you get a job, whether or not you can rent an apartment or qualify for insurance. The score itself is calculated from different types of data found in your credit report and is grouped into five different categories, with some categories having more impact on your score than others. Keep these factors in mind when trying to determine why your score is what it is:

PAYMENT HISTORY

Paying bills on time matters. It is one of the biggest measures used in scoring and the easiest to control. A "clean" payment history (no delinquencies) and lack of adverse public records (bankruptcy, wage garnishment, liens, etc.) will have a positive impact on your score.

AMOUNTS OWED

A ratio of overall debt to available credit is one of the main factors in determining a score. Keeping that ratio lower than 75% is satisfactory but below 30% is better. Fewer accounts with balances, a lower proportion of credit lines used (not maxing out credit cards) and having paid down installment loans (auto loans, etc.) can keep the ratio in your favor.

LENGTH OF CREDIT HISTORY

Accounts that have been open for long periods of time and in good standing (paid on time, a low debt-to-credit ratio) will have a positive impact on your

score. Keep in mind that closing an unused credit card may work against you by increasing your debt-to-credit ratio.

NEW CREDIT

Opening new credit accounts all at once, to lower a debt-to-credit ratio, or increase your overall available credit can work against your score -- lenders will submit inquiries to the credit reporting agencies and that activity will be noticed. The exception would be for those with payment history problems who need to re-establish credit history.

TYPES OF CREDIT USED

The number of accounts and the various types of accounts (credit cards, retail credit, auto loans, mortgages, etc.) will impact your credit score. While it is considered generally positive to have established accounts (as in credit history), too many accounts or frequent loans from some finance companies can have a negative effect.

FREE Quarterly FICO Credit Scores

SF Fire Credit Union offers members the option of viewing their FICO Credit Scores on a quarterly basis free of charge. Scores help determine rates, which are used to gauge what loan rate or credit limits could apply. Scores are included on quarterly statements and displayed within Online Banking.

FICO Score	Credit Tier*
720 - 850	A
660 - 719	B
630 - 659	C
0 - 629	D

*Tier is according to SF Fire Credit Union's guidelines. Credit tiers may vary from institution to institution.



SF Fire Credit Union

3201 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118 | (888) 499-FIRE(3473) | www.sffirecu.org

Station 12

3rd Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon



The Class of 2009 Inductees:

John Clifford, Dennis Fauss,
Gordon Gagliasso, & Art Giovana
In Memoriam: Tony Pulvirenti

DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2009 Watch 29

PLACE: Forest Hills Lodge

254 Laguna Honda Blvd, San Francisco

TIME: Open Bar: 11:30am - 2:30pm Lunch 12:30pm

PRICE: \$35



Call Station 12 at 564-4847 to sign up. Payment must be received by October 15th to guarantee a seat. Please send checks to Station 12 at 1145 Stanyan St, 94117.

BFI Retirement Banquet



Just the facts ma'am:

- Who:** SCANNELL, Joe, CARR, Elmer CALLAGHAN, Kevin KING, Dennis, PISTOIA, Chuck, SELCHAU, Karl.
- What:** Drinks, Dinner, Laughs.
- Where:** The San Francisco Italian American Athletic Club
1630 Stockton St. S.F. 94133.
- When:** Thursday, October 22, 2009,
Liquids 18:30hrs. Solids 19:30hrs. Gases?
- Why:** Because it's about time.
- How:** \$65 call: BFI 415-920-2933, send check to
BFI Fund, 1415 Evans Ave., San Francisco, CA. 94124
Beef or Chicken. **Pay early, pay often...**

Menu

Salad

Hearts of Romaine, Croutons, Shaved Parmesan, House Dressing
Assorted Italian Antipasto

Pasta

Penne Bolognese

Main Course

(served with roasted potatoes & sautéed vegetables)

New York Strip Au Jus

Roast of New York Strip, Natural Juices

Or

Rosemary Chicken

Roasted Rosemary Flavored Half Chicken, House Specialty

dolce

Spumoni

Coffee or Tea Service

Carafe of Wine for Every Four Guests, No Host bar \$5-\$8

Two memberships available for the upcoming 2009-2010 waterfowl season

In the exclusive "Clip Clop Club"

More than just a hunting experience

Tony Smerdel

415-672-6970

City College of San Francisco

California State Marshal Course Offerings for fall 2009

(classes begin August 19, 2009)

SFM Course	Dates	Day of Week	CCSF course #	Course CRN	Course Location	Instructors
Fire Management 1	8/19, 26/2009 & 9/2, 9/9, 16/2009	Wednesdays	FSC 84	78343	SFO	Hennigan
Investigation 1A	9/14, 21, 28/2009 & 10/5 & 13/2009	Mondays	FSC 72	77806	SFO	O'Leary
Prevention 1B (bridge)	10/16, 23, 30/2009 & 11/6 & 12/2009	Fridays	FSC 688	77337	SFO	Ybala
Command 1A	11/18 & 19/2009 & 12/3, 10, 17/2009	(1) Wednesday (4) Thursdays	FSC 88A	73109	SFO	Jalbert

All courses are one-day per-week. "Student Material Fees" are \$85 - pays for cert & book (These are not registration fees which are paid directly to CCSF - no checks for both, paid separately. Material Fees are paid 1st day of class-checks to: CCSF)

MOVED?

Change of Address/Telephone
Change of Beneficiary

If you have just moved or are about to move, have a new telephone number or change in beneficiary:

FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO:

LOCAL 798
1139 MISSION STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103
ATTN: GAIL (415) 621-7103
or

E-mail: Gail@sffdlocal798.org
with Subject: Change of Address

NAME: _____
FORMER ADDRESS: _____
NEW ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
BENEFICIARY: _____

ULTIMATELY THIS HELPS YOU!

Local 798 SHOOTING CLUB



When 1st Wednesday of every month (rain or shine)
Where Pacific Rod & Gun/ Lake Merced
Time: 11am to 3pm

INSTRUCTION & GUNS PROVIDED

Contacts: Mike Quinn - Station 1
Danny Gracia - Station 1
Tony Smerdel - Battalion 6

LOCAL 798 SHOOTING CLUB



"End of Summer" Shoot

Location: Pacific Rod & Gun Club/ Lake Merced
Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009
Time: Shoot 10:30 to 5pm
Refreshments (After Shoot)
BBQ (Following Refreshments)

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by September 23, 2009

\$50 At The Door (Includes 2 Rounds of Shooting)

INSTRUCTION & GUNS PROVIDED

Contacts: Danny Gracia (Station 1) or Cell 608-7921
Mike Quinn (Station 1) or Cell 298-8874
Terry Smerdel Cell 650-537-0096

ALL LOCAL 798 MEMBERS WELCOME
Active AND Retired

ENGINE **3** TRUCK 2009 ANNUAL RETIRED MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
520 JOHN MUIR DRIVE

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00

GET THERE EARLY FOR THE SOCIAL HOUR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

CALL STATION 3 TO SIGN-UP

**AT
441-9368**

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT STRESS UNIT



A COUNSELING SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES

A part of being human is to experience problems and conflicts. In most cases we are able to resolve them ourselves. Occasionally, however, we are confronted with problems that require professional assistance. Through the Employee Assistance Program we have immediate access to professionals who can help us.

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- KEN JONES • DOYLE MILLER

The EAP/Stress Unit 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

At all times it is the choice of the employee to use the Employee Assistance Program. Use of the program is not recorded in the personnel file and does not affect the employee's standing on the job.

ATTENTION RETIRED MEMBERS:

**San Francisco Employees' Retirement
System 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

Annual

James T. Ferguson Scholarship



Applications must be received by April 2010

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: _____

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