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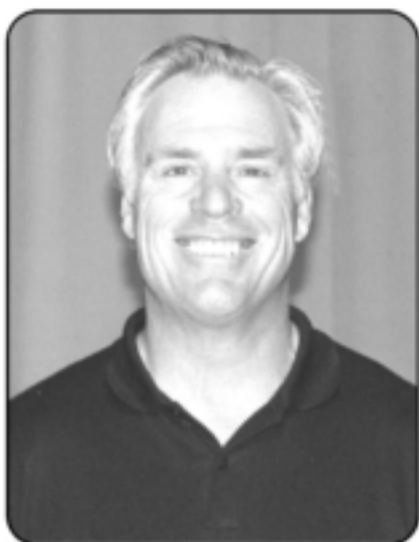
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For firefighters, this will be a year of drama and suspense and that is without fighting fires and medical emergencies.

During the last weeks of 2008, a supervisor proposed closing four engine companies - an absurd practice to save taxpayer dollars. The Chief tried this a couple of years ago and the citizens revolted; they voted for Prop F which kept their neighborhood firehouses open. To compound the ludicrous idea of neighborhood firehouse closures, a recent city-wide poll (conducted by the Labor Council) concluded that 77% of the citizens felt that the last cut they wanted to see was their neighborhood firehouse closed. It couldn't be more clear to me - must we write it on billboards all over town? **THE CITIZENS DON'T WANT FIREHOUSES CLOSED!**

In December, when the issue of neighborhood firehouse closures appeared, your union directors Buford, Rollins and Gracia were down at City Hall meeting with supervisors and securing votes to stop this ignorant maneuver. The Chief should realize or understand that when companies are closed and there are fires and medical emergencies, the citizens suffer and the firefighters who are employed by the SFFD and members of Local 798 are put in grave danger.

To the layperson, it is important to understand that we must attack the fire, which means a fast and aggressive attack with engines, trucks, squads, battalion and division chiefs. In San Francisco, we have wood framed buildings in close proximity to each other as well as

earthquake faults. Our success has always been aggressive interior attack. This may be difficult to understand for those unfamiliar in fire ground techniques in an urban area. We must respond en masse for our own safety and the safety of the citizens of San Francisco.

At least twice a day we are getting complaints at the union hall regarding the "Doctor/Return to Work Policy" and the Fire Department's "Big Brother" attitude towards those of us who are injured. I will quote from a letter Chief Hayes-White and Deputy Chief Massetani addressed to Physicians who are treating members of the San Francisco Fire Department ...

"...It is in the best interest of your patient and all concerned that he/she be released to "Return to Work" as soon as possible. In the event you feel your patient can perform less than full duty before convalescence is complete, we request that you notify us of this fact. You need only specify the limitations of the injured worker and we will attempt to find an appropriate assignment. This is a mutual effort that requires your cooperation".

I was not aware that the Chief and Deputy Chief had more than an EMT license and could properly digest the multiple scenarios where our people are injured. We have a Fire Department doctor who is now acting (in my perception) in the draconian theory of medieval medicine. They will do anything to have our injured and brave firefighters and medics return to light duty at whatever cost. In fact, firefighters have expressed to me that the doctor now advises firefighters to use the new concept of applying *frozen peas* to reduce swelling while driving in or working at HQ. I am not a medical professional, but I have yet to hear or see in medical books *frozen peas* used as a return to light duty practice. Maybe, just maybe, the Fire Department did not do their homework investigating our new doctor and his theories on firefighter injuries, or maybe they did and they got what they wanted. For a full page copy of a letter from our attorney regarding return to work policies, see page 12 of this issue and/or pick up an original copy of this letter at the union hall to give to your doctor.

You will also find the language in Prop F in this issue in the event a group wishes to endanger their neighbor-

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Two Good Men

Brendan Ward and Frank Kelly recently retired as Executive Board Members of Local 798. Brendan served as Director from 2003 to 2009; Frank served as a Vice-President for a few months in 1999 and then as Secretary from 1999 to 2009. Both of these men at all times had the best interests of the entire membership at heart when performing these duties.

Brendan's knowledge of the SFFD as well as the workings of City Hall and especially the Controller's Office was extremely helpful to all the members of the Board most specifically to Frank, John Hanley and myself. He could always be relied upon for accurate up to date information. During contract negotiations and annual budget hearings, Brendan was excellent resource whose advice and counsel was invaluable. I want to thank Brendan for the countless hours he worked on behalf of the membership.

Frank Kelly was passionate in his belief that our job at 1139 Mission was to advocate and represent the membership in a vigorous and impartial manner. Preserving the Civil Service system and not allowing the City to undermine the merit system was a cause that he championed for most of his ten years on the Board. Frank always spoke his mind and was an impressive advocate for the members during Executive Board Meetings, Contract Negotiations, Meet and Confers, as well as Labor Management Meetings. Frank put the membership first and self-interest never played a part in his decision making.

I will miss working with Brendan and Frank. Both are good and honorable men. I wish them all the best in their retirement years.

Workers' Compensation, Cancer, and Your Fire Department Physician

On January 20, I received a call

from a Workers' Compensation attorney asking me if I would testify for one of our members at a Workers' Compensation appeal trial. The City was fighting our member over a claim made that the cancer he had contracted and suffered from 3 years ago was job-related. Our member's cancer is in remission and has been back at work for the past two years.

The issue that I was going to speak to was whether a veteran firefighter with 15 years of service in the field had exposures to known carcinogens. At the time of our member's diagnosis, I had reviewed eight (8) years of daily journals at the specific firehouses he worked at. I documented each and every exposure and copied seven relevant journal pages. I then crafted a letter explaining what I had done and within the body of the letter what our job entails when responding to fires and other hazardous incidents. All the documentation was sent to Workers' Compensation.

It is well-established that we as firefighters are exposed to numerous known carcinogens during the course of fighting fires. In 1995, a comprehensive review of applicable studies was written and published by three eminent New York doctors. "Cancer among firefighters has been an area of intensive investigation in occupational medicine for the past two decades. This research has been prompted by the recognition that firefighters are exposed in their work to high doses of multiple chemical carcinogens." (The Risk of Cancer in Firefighters, Golden, Markowitz, Landreja. Occupational Medicine: State of the Art Reviews, Vol. 10, No 4, Oct-Dec 1995).

The City was fighting the fact that our member was exposed to known carcinogens during the course of his career. In my mind, for the City to take that position is unconscionable. But, let me continue. It gets worse.

On January 23, I arrived at 455 Golden Gate Avenue prepared to substantiate my documentation on the exposures. I met with our member and his attorney to discuss my testimony. The attorney then entered the judge's chambers to discuss the case with the City attorney and judge.

He returned to inform me that I would not need to testify. That now, after three years, the City would stipulate to the fact that our member had been exposed to known carcinogens during the course of his duty. The attorney also informed me that one Ramon Terrazas was scheduled to be a witness for the City but now he wouldn't be testifying. Dr. Ramon Terrazas, the SFFD Physician, the man who is charged with looking out for our health and well-being was scheduled to testify for the City in opposition to a cancer claim.

I'll let you draw your own conclusion as to why he was willing to testify as a witness for the City. But now since the City had finally agreed to stipulate to the exposure issue Dr. Terrazas would not testify either.

Two questions:

1. How can the City dispute that a San Francisco Firefighter with 15 years in suppression has not been exposed to known carcinogens?
2. Why would the person that is being paid to look out for our health and welfare be willing to testify for the City against a member suffering from cancer?

The shame of it all.



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Dear Local 798,

My family and I would like to express our gratitude to the many active and retired members of the SFFD who have expressed their condolences on Dan's passing and offered us their support. Special thanks to Union President John Hanley, Deputy Chiefs Pat Gardner and Gary Massetani, the Honor Guard, Father John Greene and former Chief of Department Fred Postel. Your cards, letters, and special memories are a tribute to Dan and have given us great comfort at this terrible time.

Once again, thank you.

Barbara Barden

Children: Leslie Smith,

Tom & Stephanie Barden, Bill

Barden and Jay Barden

Grandchildren: Joe Barden, Emma,

Jack, Abby and Hannah Smith

Local 798 Staff,

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

Sincerely,
Bill Serafini

President

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hood by attempting to close their neighborhood firehouse.

A dynamic labor leader Frank Kelly has retired from the Executive Board. My friend, our friend, and a real deal union leader. Frank retired from the SFFD but stayed on the Executive Board to lead us through difficult times. He will be missed for his sound logic, his knowledge of the San Francisco Charter and his Irish wit. All members, including myself, wish Frank Kelly and his family a healthy and happy retirement.

And a great captain, union director, and credit union loan officer, Brendan Ward, has stepped down as a union director. Brendan has spent his entire career in the SFFD/Local 798 helping firefighters with loans when most needed at the Credit Union, as a campaign leader/director on ballot measures to upgrade our pension or to keep our firehouses open. Brendan has always been there for the men and women of this Local, and I mean ALWAYS. Brendan is spending his newfound time in life living the dream as Captain of one of the great firehouses in our country, Station 8. Thanks Brendan.

Dear John,

Enclosed is a check for the excellent Main Line.

Thanks,
Fred Kozy

Thanks. Use where needed.

William Healy

Enclosed check is donated in the memory of my best friend, Bill Downing.

Ben Muniz

Happy Holidays.

Bill Trant

Hi All Firefighters,

Thanks to all those who helped with the Toy Ab Dive in October.

A special thanks to Art Citron for engineering our camp and meals and Bob Anderson and his crew for the great fish fry.

Use the check for one of the many great the Union does, maybe the Toy Program.

Good diving,
Bill Bassett

11/7/2008

Local 798,

I'm enjoying a wonderful retirement due in a large part to the efforts of Local 798, both past and present.

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Enclosed are 2 checks, please use the 1st where needed and the 2nd to the Toy Program.

Thanks,
Brian Kearney

November 17, 2008

Dear John,

Thank you and the Executive Board for all you do and for the Main Line. We do enjoy reading it and keeping up with the news of Local 798 and the Fire Department.

Enclosed is a check to defray the cost of mailing the Main Line of Local 798. You may put it to use where needed.

Sincerely,
Al and Kate DaCunha
P.s. Also enclosing a check for the Toy Program. Thank you.

November 20, 2008

Local 798,

Please accept the enclosed donations in memory of Doug Robins, Jack Conway, and John Parent.

And extend my heartfelt sympathies to the members whose experience, seniority, and long tenures in Temporary Lieutenant roles, was completely discounted in the recent Lieutenant's exam. To have one's career suddenly ended or sent into reverse must be very difficult. Of course, transparency must be part of the process, and a return to the system of rewarding points for experience (seniority) should be re-instituted. Experience is hard to measure in an exam that gives little insight into what is actually being measured. All those years on the front lines has to be worth something.

Sincerely,
David Dryden

Dec. 2008

Frank,

Just received my settlement check. Thanks for looking after us "Old Timers"! Much appreciated.

Also, thank you and the rest of the executive board and members of 798

for your continued hard work on our behalf.

Please use the enclosed in memory of my dad, Jim Groshong and my grandfather, Alfred Galli.

Mark Groshong

12/11/2008

Thanks again for my Main Line magazine. Just a little donation in memory of my friends:

Roy Max, John Flaherty (Russian River), Al Gervesio and Joe McCune.

Happy Holidays.
Don DeMeyer

12/11/2008

Dear John and fellow Local 798 members,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent to our Dad's memorial services. Also, a special thanks to Brendan Ward for making it possible to have a SFFD fire engine, manned by Station 8 firefighters Chris Duggan and Dario Dito, at St. Peter's Church.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all the members from Station 8 who attended in uniform. It was a wonderful tribute to Dad.

To Willie Durkin, many thanks for providing the bagpiper and the bell for Dad's final alarm. Dad was always so proud of his career with SFFD, working at the airport, Station 12 and Old 16. He loved being "adopted" by the crew at Station 8 and he enjoyed each and every one of you.

Thanks again for all your support during this difficult time. Dad will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Please accept our donation in his memory.

Sincerely,
Bill Downing, Jr.
Ret. Lt. Sta. 8
and family

12/15/2008

Dear John,

Enclosed is a copy of the e-mail

(above) that we sent for publishing in the Main Line.

Also, please accept our donation in memory of Bill Sr.

Thank you,
Bill and Chris
Downing and Family

15 Dec. 2008

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all at the Union. Please accept this donation in memory of Marty Armenta, Gary Caulfield, Joe Fitzpatrick, John Ronnan and Bumper Smith.

Sincerely,
John G. Beckerley

December 17, 2008

Local 798,

Thanks for the great work in recovering the additional compensation for the lump sum retirement pay. The check arrived right on time. Enclosed is a portion of it to use for the betterment of wages, hours and working conditions.

Yours,
Richard C. Quinn

19 Dec. 2008

Firefighters Local 798,

Thanks to the Union, Frank Kelly, and all who worked hard to get the lump sum issue corrected. We all received a check for the amount we were under paid and an interest check. Now that you received these checks and if you didn't contribute the initial \$100 to help the Union with the expense of this lawsuit, I hope you will do the right thing and send a check to the Union now that you have the money. As we all know, nothing in life is for free. Your Union paid the cost over and above members' contributions to get you this nice refund at Christmas.

Sincerely,
John G. Beckerley

12/21/2008

Local 798,

I just received my settlement check

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for the "Kelly" lawsuit. Thank you guys and gals for being there for us both on the job and retired!

Use the enclosed where needed. The check could not have come at a better time!

Bill O'Neil, Retired

December 22, 2008

Dear John,

This donation is to be used as needed by 798.

It is my way to say thank you to Frank Kelly for his work on the lawsuit concerning errors in payoff computation that resulted in a recent check for the correction. It is also my way to remember Tony Sacco who did so much for the Union and the membership for so many years.

May we never forget Tony, and thank you to Frank and I hope he can now enjoy his retirement.

Sincerely,
Jim Connors

12/28/2008

Local 798,

Please continue to send the Main Line.

Keep up the good work that you do for the active and retired members.

Many Thanks,
Dan O'Connell

Jan. 2, 2009

To all of the Executive Board members,

Thank you for all you do for active and retired firefighters. A special thanks to Francis Kelly and Dennis Kruger for the final "Lump Sum" settlement. Please use what's left where needed.

Sincerely,
Tony Hampton, Retired
P.s. Thanks for the Main Line.

January 5, 2009

President Hanley, Executive Board,
and Directors of Local 798,

Just a short note to say THANK YOU for everything that you have done for the working and retired members of the San Francisco Fire Department. Hope this letter finds everyone in good spirits and health for the New Year. Please use the donation where needed.

Steve Flaherty

1/5/2009

Local 798,

I would like to thank the board of directors and staff for all their hard work and dedication to both present and retired firefighters ensuring our wages and benefits are protected.

Please use the enclosed check as needed in memory of Charlie Passanisi (Ret. E-25)

Thanks again,
Rich Passanisi

January 8, 2009

Local 798,

Please accept enclosed check in memory of Louie Garibaldi.

We look forward to reading the Main Line. Thank you.

Frank J. O'Rourke

1/15/2009

Brother Frank Kelly,

I would like to express my thanks for your hard work in finding and pursuing payroll deficiencies. Every buck helps and after what it cost me I'm sure you'd understand. Life is good in the Palu house. My oldest son graduated from S.F. State and job searching. Anne and I have two sons at Sac State. I'm very proud. I'm sending a check to pay for the Main Line or whatever.

Be safe enjoy retirement.

Your Friends,
Bob and Anne Palu

12/3/2008

Dear Mike Walsh and Station 79,

I would like to thank all of you for the great opportunity you have

blessed me with. When my Step Father Michael Gonzales told me that I had received a four-year scholarship to the Academy of Art University, I was really excited because I didn't really have an idea of what I was going to do after graduating. Plus my family and I didn't have a lot of money to pay for my whole college education, so it was an opportunity that I wouldn't have been given without your help. It was real hard for me to believe that I had won the scholarship because things like that don't really work in my favor. Words can never express my gratitude for the compassion you all have shown me. I have a great amount of respect for all of you firefighters and the work you guys do, every day risking your lives and trying to save or change someone else's life for the better.

So once again I say thank you very much for all you have done for me.

Sincerely,
Jesse A. Naputi

ATTENTION!!

DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

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

Please forward to the
Union office:

1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
or contact

Stan Lee @ Station 7 or by email:
sffd.mainline@gmail.com

FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .



By Michael A. Walsh, Director

Congratulations to all of the recently appointed lieutenants who successfully completed the "Lieutenants Camp". Always remember the difference between an extraordinary fire company and a mediocre company is to make sure your daily journal has been lined.

There will be no apologies from ME for taking a test that was touted as the best and most fair that money could buy. You are the best and are the future of this once great fire department. Tap the knowledge that is around you whether it is veterans, family members, or retired heroes that survived this dangerous job. Over your career you will bury your brothers and sisters who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Following are some things you didn't learn at "Lieutenants Camp":

- (1) Make sure your crew members get to their families alive after their shift
- (2) Provide a service to the taxpayers
- (3) Fight for wages and working conditions

- (4) Give something back by mentoring the next generation of firefighters
- (5) Stand up to nay sayers that don't believe in tradition and honor
- (6) If you are learning pump operation now, for get about it.
- (7) Most of all have respect for the job

You and only you distinctfully will perform the rescue that will cost you your life. It's what firefighting is; one unique calling like no other. There are many things you may learn from your mother, or father, brothers, sisters, teachers etc. Firefighting, even if you have family in the business, will not prepare you for what you are about to embark on. When I came on board I did not know what I was getting into. In the tower I learned to depend on my brothers. That is the last "I" will use in this article.

We covered our own asses by working together knowing full well if we didn't we could die, no ***king around. Everything we learned was diligently passed on through discipline, knowledge, experience and experience by the guys that had been there. The guys lived it. There was no *Firehouse Magazine*, *Reading Smoke classes*, or *Fire Nuggets*. Learn from the heroes who did it, not the bean counters who will give up your wages and working conditions to feather their own political nest.

This is a calling that requires unity at all cost. When on one hand the Administration says this is a family - that's B.S. No family would send their own to the gallows knowing they are just doing a job. It's all political greed and we are the experiment - stand up and protect your jobs.

A T I M E T O G I V E T H A N K S

By Laura R. Kelly

I was at work the other day and saw my co-worker filling out one of those "Donor's Vacation/Sick Pay Transfer for Catastrophically Ill Employee" forms. I asked her if the person she was donating time to was a friend and she replied, "Well, not someone I spend time with outside of work, but I used to see this person from time to time here getting fuel."

I was impressed: Giving time to someone you don't really know and isn't a personal friend. Time is precious and, yes, time is money. But here

she was with a smile on her face because she knew she was helping someone in their time of need. I know that sounds corny, but it's true. The person she donated time to will never know she did it. "It's just a good thing to do," she told me. And I agree.

This article isn't a plea to ask people to donate their time. Rather, it's a public **THANK YOU** to those of you who have donated time and/or will donate in the future. Your generosity is truly appreciated by all.

PROPOSITION F LANGUAGE

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The City Attorney of San Francisco has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

NEIGHBORHOOD FIREHOUSES; ORDINANCE

San Francisco operates 42 firehouses. Each firehouse has at least one fire engine. In addition, some firehouses have other emergency and rescue vehicles and equipment.

This ordinance would require the City to maintain and continue to operate all 42 firehouses and all emergency and rescue vehicles and equipment that it used on January 1, 2004.

Under the ordinance, the City would be required to do all of the following 24 hours a day:

- operate each firehouse,
- provide sufficient staff to respond to all fire, medical and other emergencies,
- operate an arson and investigation unit,
- maintain at least four ambulances, and
- maintain at least four medical supervisors.

The City could not close, abandon, or consolidate firehouses that were in operation on January 1, 2004, or reduce service levels below the service levels that existed on January 1, 2004. With the concurrence of the Fire Commission and approval of the Board of Supervisors, the City could close a firehouse that is unsafe, requires renovation, or has been replaced by a new firehouse in the same neighborhood.

With the concurrence of the Fire Commission and approval of the Board of Supervisors, the City could establish new firehouses and relocate vehicles and equipment from one firehouse to another, if the change is necessary to meet the safety needs of the community and would not interfere with the provision of service 24 hours a day.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of enacting the Neighborhood Firehouse Protection Act, an initiative ordinance. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

San Francisco's neighborhood firehouses are the first line of defense in the event of fires, medical emergencies or any major disaster.

When they are fully operational, our neighborhood firehouses keep public safety personnel within easy reach of every San Francisco neighborhood. That's why it is vital to the safety of every San Franciscan that we protect our neighborhood firehouse system.

In the past year, budget cuts have "brownd out" vital equipment within neighborhood firehouses throughout San Francisco. These firehouses may appear to be open, but they are not fully operational because vital equipment in those firehouses is not staffed. That means longer response times in the event of emergencies. In fact, during several serious fires this year fire crews were forced to respond from distant firehouses because vital equipment within the neighborhood firehouse was "brownd out."

The people of San Francisco know public safety must be a priority. And the people of San Francisco seek to make sure that every neighborhood is protected equally.

That's why the Neighborhood Firehouse Protection Act is necessary. This measure simply states that every neighborhood firehouse must be protected and that vital equipment like ambulances and fire trucks within those firehouses must be staffed at a level adequate to keep them fully operational.

Keeping every neighborhood safe must remain one of our highest priorities. That's why we must protect our neighborhood firehouses.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,

Joseph P. Moriarty Francis D. Kelly Kenneth D. Smith

NEIGHBORHOOD FIREHOUSE PROTECTION ACT

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

SECTION 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Neighborhood Firehouse Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Findings and Purpose.

- Fire safety, emergency assistance, and ambulances are essential services that should not be cut.
- Since 1985, the percentage of the city budget devoted to funding for fire safety and emergency services has declined significantly. Since 1970, the number of emergency calls the Fire Department responds to has tripled while the number of fire fighters on duty has dropped by over 25 percent.
- As a result of budget cuts, the Fire Department currently does not staff emergency fire apparatus such as fire engines, ladder trucks and ambulances at neighborhood firehouses on a rotating basis. These "browndouts" pose a serious threat to the health and safety of those neighborhoods, and to all city residents.
- If a major disaster were to strike the City and County of San Francisco, such as a terrorist attack or powerful earthquake, the Fire Department would not be able to respond properly. This initiative will guarantee that our neighborhood firehouses remain open and contain the necessary equipment to meet any such disaster.
- This initiative requires that all existing neighborhood firehouses remain open, that they be staffed at least at the minimum level required for safety, and that they have sufficient equipment to deal with all emergencies. A neighborhood firehouse could only be closed for unsafe structural conditions and only with the approval of the Fire Commission and the Board of Supervisors, and adequate services would have to be restored to that neighborhood as soon as possible.
- This initiative also requires that a minimum number of ambulances and medical supervisors be maintained 24 hours per day.

PROPOSITION F LANGUAGE

SECTION 1. New Administrative Code Section 2A.97. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Section 2A.97 is added to Article V of Chapter 2A of the San Francisco Administrative Code, to read as follows:

SECTION 2A.97. FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Fire Department shall maintain and operate neighborhood firehouses and emergency apparatus at the same location and to the same extent as existed on January 1, 2004, as is listed below.

Station	Location	Emergency Apparatus	Neighborhoods Served
Station 1	676 Howard	Engine/Truck/Rescue Squad	Downtown, Tenderloin, SoMa
Station 2	1340 Powell	Engine/Truck/Battalion	Chinatown, North Beach, Nob Hill
Station 3	1067 Post	Engine/Truck	Tenderloin, SoMa, Civic Center, Polk Gulch
Station 5	1301 Turk	Engine/Truck/Division	Fillmore, Western Addition, Japantown
Station 6	135 Sanchez	Engine/Truck	Castro, Lower Haight, Mission, Duboce Triangle
Station 7	2300 Folsom	Engine/Truck/Rescue Squad/Division	Mission District, Bernal Heights
Station 8	36 Divisadero	Engine/Truck/Battalion	SoMa, South Beach, Mission Bay
Station 9	2245 Jerald	Engine/Truck/Battalion	Potrero Hill, Bernal Heights
Station 10	655 Presidio	Engine/Truck	Presidio Heights, Laurel Heights, Western Addition
Station 11	3080 26th Street	Engine/Truck/Battalion	Nie Valley, Mission District, Castro
Station 12	1145 Stearns	Engine/Truck	Haight Ashbury, Cole Valley
Station 13	530 Sansome	Engine/Truck	Financial District, North Beach, Chinatown
Station 14	551 26th Avenue	Engine/Truck	Richmond, Presidio
Station 15	1000 Queen	Engine/Truck/Battalion	Ingleside
Station 16	2251 Greenwich	Engine/Truck	Marina, Cow Hollow, Presidio
Station 17	1285 Shafter	Engine/Truck	Bayview/Outer Point
Station 18	1232 32nd Avenue	Engine/Truck	Sunset
Station 19	390 Buckingham	Engine/Truck	Park Merced, Stonestown, Lake Merced
Station 20	285 Olympia	Engine/Mobile Air Unit	Forest Hill, Inner Sunset
Station 21	1443 Grove	Engine	Fillmore, Western Addition, Haight
Station 22	1290 16th Avenue	Engine	Inner Sunset
Station 23	1348 45th Avenue	Engine	Sunset
Station 24	100 Hottel	Engine	Nie Valley, Castro, Twin Peaks
Station 25	3305 3rd Street	Engine	Potrero Hill, Bayview/Outer Point
Station 26	80 Digby	Engine	Glen Park, Diamond Heights
Station 28	1814 Stockton	Engine	North Beach, Telegraph Hill
Station 29	209 Vermont	Engine	Potrero Hill, Mission District
Station 31	441 12th Avenue	Engine/Battalion	Richmond
Station 32	191 Park	Engine	Bernal Heights, Mission District
Station 33	8 Capitol	Engine	Outer View, Merced Heights
Station 34	499 41st Avenue	Engine	Outer Richmond
Station 35	Par 22 1/2	Engine/Fireboat	Embarcadero, Downtown, South Beach
Station 36	109 Oak Street	Engine/Battalion	Civic Center, Hayes Valley
Station 37	798 Wisconsin	Engine	Potrero Hill, Dog Patch
Station 38	2150 California	Engine/Battalion	Pacific Heights, Marina, Upper Fillmore
Station 39	1091 Potrero	Engine	Miraflores, St. Francis Wood, West Portal
Station 40	2155 18th Avenue	Engine/Battalion	Parkside, Forest Hill
Station 41	1325 Lawrence	Engine	Russian Hill, Nob Hill
Station 42	2430 San Bruno Avenue	Engine	Potrero, Silver Terrace
Station 43	720 Moscow	Engine	Excelsior, Outer Mission, Crocker Amazon
Station 44	1298 Girard	Engine	Victorian Valley, Sausalito
Station 48	Treasure Island	Engine/Truck/Boat Tender	Treasure Island

Each such firehouse shall remain open 24 hours a day, and the emergency apparatus located at each firehouse shall be adequately staffed to as to be able to respond to a fire, medical or other emergency 24 hours a day. The Fire Department shall not close, abandon or consolidate any existing firehouse, or provide a level of service at that firehouse or for the apparatus within that firehouse, lower than that existing as of January 1, 2004, except as specified below.

In addition to the apparatus housed within each neighborhood firehouse as of January 1, 2004, as listed above, the Fire Department shall maintain and operate 24 hours per day the following: an arson/fire investigation unit; no fewer than four ambulances; and four Rescue Captains (medical supervisors). The Chief of the Department shall determine which station will house those units.

The Fire Department, with the concurrence of the Fire Commission and subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, may establish such additional firehouses as it deems necessary to meet the safety needs of the residents of the City and County of San Francisco. The Fire Department may relocate apparatus from one neighborhood firehouse to another only if the Chief, with the concurrence of the Fire Commission and approval by the Board of Supervisors, declares doing so is necessary to meet the safety needs of the citizenry and will not prevent servicing that neighborhood 24 hours a day. In no event may the Fire Department remove apparatus from a neighborhood firehouse if doing so prevents that firehouse from responding to fires and medical emergency calls from that location 24 hours a day.

A neighborhood firehouse listed above may be closed only for unsafe structural conditions, or if necessary to retrofit or renovate the building, or if it has been replaced by a new firehouse in that same neighborhood. Such closure must be recommended by the Fire Department, concurred in by the Fire Commission, and approved by the Board of Supervisors, and must be accompanied by a detailed plan for restoring adequate services to the neighborhood served by that firehouse as soon as possible.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the Fire Department from temporarily closing a firehouse and moving the apparatus within it if that firehouse poses an immediate danger to public safety, provided that the Department shall seek the concurrence of the Fire Commission and the approval of the Board of Supervisors as soon as is reasonably possible.

Nothing in this provision shall diminish, interfere with or otherwise alter the Mayor's authority under Article III, section 3.100(11) of the Charter.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this charter amendment that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision of application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 6. Amendments.

The provisions of this initiative, once enacted, may not be amended except by another initiative measure.

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P. H. MCCARTHY, JR.
(1906-1983)
HERBERT S. JOHNSON
(1911-1989)
JAMES E. MILLER
(RETIRED 2007)

December 1, 2008

Re: Communication from the Fire Department about Your Patient

Dear Dr. _____:

Recently, a physician employed by the San Francisco Fire Department has contacted the treating physicians of injured firefighters, who suffered work-related disabilities, without the firefighters' knowledge. In each of these cases, the Fire Department's physician telephoned the firefighter's treating physician and attempted to persuade the firefighter's physician to modify, or even recant, his or her medical opinion regarding the firefighter's fitness for duty. We are providing this information to alert you to the possibility that the Fire Department's physician will contact you regarding the treatment of your patients who are injured firefighters, and to describe the type of communication you might expect.

Several treating physicians who released their firefighter patients to return to duty were asked by the Fire Department's physician whether the treating physician's opinion was, in fact, erroneous because the physician did not fully comprehend the duties of a firefighter. In these cases, the Fire Department's physician may have exaggerated the essential functions of the firefighter's job in order to bolster his contention that the treating physician's opinion was wrong. In other cases, the Fire Department's physician disputed the treating physician's opinion that an injured firefighter was not ready to return to work, and pressured the physician to release the firefighter for "light duty," regardless of the treating physician's advice that the firefighter remain off-duty until his or her condition improved.

The Fire Department's physician did not examine any of these firefighters, and had no first-hand knowledge regarding their medical condition. Thus, the Fire Department's physician has been second-guessing the treating physicians of injured firefighters based on little more than speculation. Furthermore, the surreptitious nature of this physician's communications with physicians who have treated injured firefighters is inappropriate and contravenes the process by which the medical condition of injured firefighters is evaluated with respect to their fitness for duty. That process is intended to be transparent, and injured firefighters should be notified when the Fire Department's physician disagrees with their treating physician's medical opinion.

We hope this information will help to prevent any interference with the treatment of your patients who are injured firefighters. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please call our office at the number listed above.

Very truly yours,


DIANE SIDD-CHAMPION

Attorney


JOHN F. HANLEY
President of San Francisco Firefighters Local 798


INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF FIREFIGHTERS

Note: If you would like a copy of this letter to send to your doctor, please call the Union Hall or your Station Steward.

THE INSIDE BOX

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**3RD ALARM - 17TH STREET & TREAT STREET
APRIL 1, 1938**

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**5TH ALARM - 8TH STREET AND HOOPER STREET
STANDARD OIL COMPANY - SEPTEMBER 22, 1937**

T O Y P R O G R A M

3RD ANNUAL JOHNNY "V" TOY RUN

The Barbary Coast Chapter of the Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club held its 3rd Annual Johnny "V" Toy Run on November 22, 2008. What a spectacular day to have this event. The San Francisco's weather was perfect and what a great day to showcase this wonderful city to our out of town participants. We had over 300+ participate in our event this year. We had many firefighters from different departments as well as riders coming from as far as Fresno, Mendocino, Auburn, Monterey, Lathrop and all corners of the Bay Area. They all came to contribute to the kids of San Francisco and especially to honor our brother Fireman John Voelker (Johnny V).

It was a quiet morning until the sound of 300 Harley's started showing up at the Toy Program, Ole' Station 30. Registration started at 10:00 but participants started arriving early, this was a good indication that our 3rd was going to be the biggest yet.

Thirteen toy barrels were filled to capacity. Good cheer and old memories were shared from old friendships that were renewed and new friends were welcomed to experience the "Spirit of Johnny V". It was great to see members of our department there to help out as volunteers at the event as well as riding in the toy run.

Registration closed at 11:30. Anticipation for the ride was at all time high. A feeling of good will was being shared; I tell you Johnny V's spirit was being felt by all.

Before the ride was to begin, several active firefighters have volunteered to pay a tribute to Johnny V. To the amazement of the crowd the 65' ladder was raised, extended and Firefighter Larry McDonald (T16) climbed the church raised ladder, gave a salute to Johnny V then climbed over the top of the ladder. The cheers from the crowd were louder than our bikes. From us retired guys in Barbary Coast, we couldn't be more proud of the department and to these guys that raised the ladder in

honor of Johnny V. Us old farts believe in tradition where leather helmets, wooden ladders and in your face firefighting instills the pride we share for our department. The W&FMC is an international Harley based motorcycle club of firefighters of which the Barbary Coast Chapter is comprised of active and retired SFFD and you guys made us very proud. Thank you, Larry McDonald, David Saitz, Mike Teupol, Tony Malloy, Mario Lopez, Pat Moran, Dave Thompson, Kevin Walsh, Doug Manguait and the three volunteers from the crowd that helped with the guy ropes, Mike Charlton, Steve Giancalone and Scott.

The parade style procession started at 12:00 noon with a high ranking Santa leading the way. Barbary Coast in front in a missing rider formation with a spot left open for Johnny V, he always rides by our side. We were even honored to have John Robbins (JR) riding in front with us, the International President for W&FMC. The SFPD escorted ride took us down the Embarcadero into Fisherman's Wharf where the tourists went into frenzy trying to capture a photo of this thunderous display of shiny American Iron. Restaurants and stores emptied all along the route enjoying the procession. A warm feeling inside was felt by the riders knowing that they were bringing attention to the onlookers not to forget the unfortunate this holiday season. From the wharf the route brought us by Ghirardelli Square to Bay Street and up Fillmore Street towards the Broadway Tunnel. Now, imagining the sound of 300+ echoing through the tunnel, magnificent is the sound. Passing through Chinatown into the Financial District towards Union Square where we were cheered by the holiday shoppers. All the while the SFPD were manning the intersections keeping the traffic at bay. The route continued by the Moscone Center to the after ride party at the Bayview Boat Club.

Once again, caterer Dean Graffenreid treated the riders to a fantastic meal of tri tip and all the fixens. Music by DJ "Hindsight" entertained the crowd, thank you for your last minute commitment. Over 150 raffle prizes were awarded and a 50/50 raffle pot of \$247.00 was won by our own CD2, Pat Gardner of which he donated back to the Toy Program.

To each and every firehouse that donated towards our raffle and your support, your station shirts and memorabilia were once again a big hit to the raffle winners. To Ben Canedo for acquiring the Bayview Boat Club and to the staff at the boat club for your hospitality, thank you.

The W&FMC, Barbary Coast Chapter would like to thank all that participated in our toy run. To all the volunteers that helped us put on the event. To the crew that raised the 65' ladder in honor of Johnny "V". To the SFPD for your help in traffic control we could not have done it without you. To Local 798 for your unselfish support and to Sally Casazza for your commitment and trusting our event. Also a special thanks to our raffle contributors and sponsors. Your generosity will help insure a good Christmas for the less fortunate children and families of our community. Your good deed has not gone unnoticed. You have earned our respect and gratitude.

The toy run is our small way to help the kids and to honor and never forget Johnny "V". Toy King, Fireman, Brother.

Thank you to all who came and helped kick off a great Holiday Season for the SF Firefighters Toy Program. Merry Christmas! We hope to see you all back again next season.

Respectfully,
Phil Leanio, SFFD Retired
President, W&FMC/Barbary
Coast Chapter

www.barbarycoastwindandfire.com

TOY PROGRAM

"DECK THE BALLS" DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

By Thomas Johannessen

To all the Firefighters who donated to the "Deck the Balls" holiday sports equipment drive, **THANK YOU!** Your gift bought quality basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs and footballs for San Francisco's disadvantaged children. You not only gave a great gift but you also helped our city's youth to remain healthy and strong. No one can deny the importance and positive influence that playing a sport will have on a young person's life.

Your generosity speaks volumes about the personal qualities of a San Francisco Firefighter. Many reached into their own pockets, even in these tough economic times, to help those less fortunate. Way to give!

Special thanks to Station 36 for being the first house to have all of its members donate. Station 5 was a close second. A big thank you to Station 7 for writing such a large check, it was the most received from one firehouse. Thank you to all the house collectors who helped take this on in the midst of a busy holiday season, especially Tom Carberry at Station 24 who helped set up the account at the Credit Union.

It's not too late to donate. The fund will remain open as some stations are still collecting from their members. Any leftovers will be given to our Toy Program or used as seed money for next year. To those "Ball Droppers" who did not get the opportunity to give, now's your chance: SFFCU "Deck the Balls" Account #: Dec 117133. Now the ball is in your court. Once again, thank you to all who gave.



TOY PROGRAM DIVE TRIP

By Art Citron

In late October, skin divers and others were assembled once more by our dive master Bill Bassett at the Stillwater Cove Campground on the Sonoma County Coast to gather abalone for the benefit of the SFFD Union Local #798's Toy Program Luncheon. Divers were successful in bagging several limits for the luncheon that was held two days later at the Toy Program headquarters at "Old Engine 30". Cloudy bright skies and mid sixty degree temperatures greeted the divers on a day when the ocean was calmer than Lake Merced along with 20 foot plus visibility. This more than compensated for all the crummy dive conditions last year. Upon returning to the campground, Bob Anderson once more fired up his camp stove and cooking oil and prepared a fish fry to remember. Bob, Gary Montague, and Dave Rege provided the fish (spear fishing the previous day) and Bill Ferguson provided several bottles of his outstanding wine. Duly fortified, the campfire oratory provided many humorous tales that entertained until the campfire burned itself out. Upon returning to Old Engine 30 the next day, several volunteers sliced, trimmed, and pounded abalone for lunch under the expert eyes of Doc Stonum and Bob Moore. Everyone attending the lunch enjoyed a gourmet meal.

The dive day is very long but also enormously satisfying. If you are a skin diver, seriously consider coming in the future. Contact Bill Bassett (650-359-3196) if you are interested in participating in the next outing. The last Wednesday of October is the annual date of the dive and camp out. And finally, special thanks to Firefighters Local #798 for its continuing support of the Toy Program. Also, we extend a major thank you to the skin divers (and non divers) who took their personal time to participate in the event.

Bill Bassett
Don Alexander
Bob Anderson
Gary Montague
Pete Batanadies
Kevin Callanan
Art Citron
Bill Ferguson
Harry Vogl
Mel Patsel

Alex King
Rudy Erler
Jimmy Labioda
Doc Stonum
Bob Moore
Bill Norton
Dave Rege
Jack Norton
Dan Gregori
Bob Kosta

H V A C / A I R D U C T C L E A N I N G

By Sherman Tillman, SFFD Cancer Board - Director

My last days at Station Thirteen were memorable. I will remember the great people, food, and the best area in the City. During my last days something happened that I would like to share with the rest of the membership. The HVAC system had been spewing out some form of irritating dust in the dorm for some time. Frequently, in the morning after working your throat would be sore and scratchy. One day a city worker showed up to inspect the problem. I don't know what he did but the system is still not fixed. At that time a light bulb went off (which apparently according to my Lt. ranking does not happen to often) in my head. This was the first time in my 8-year tour at Thirteen that anyone had even come to inspect the HVAC system. So, I asked around at various stations about HVAC cleaning. It seems that there is not a program in place to clean the

HVAC systems in the fire stations in the SFFD. Now, you are suppose to clean your homes HVAC/air duct every two to three years. A firehouse occupied by multiple individuals 365 days of the year with cooking fumes, vermin, diesel and car fumes, outside area pollutants, and cleaning solvent off gassing, an HVAC system might need cleaning a little more frequently.

Air quality is important to a firefighter. We wear SCBA's in smoked filled hazardous atmospheres. Around the firehouse we walk around without any equipment except the clothes on our backs. The ventilation system is often the biggest culprit in poor indoor air quality. All over the city, firehouses have been operating for some time without much attention. Dirty ducts can circulate odors, contaminants like mold, mildew, dust mites, and irritating dust (like at Thirteen), throughout the building. Air duct cleaning done

correctly will remove the majority of these contaminants, giving members the clean working environment that they deserve. Years of unclean HVAC/Air Ducts can be the source of headaches, allergies, sinus and breathing problems just for starters.

A routine maintenance system should be implemented in the San Francisco Fire Department. We clean the apparatus that we respond to calls in, the kitchen we eat in, and the firehouse we live in. How about cleaning and maintaining the equipment that circulates the air we breathe into our lungs. At minimum the following routine procedures should be implemented annually: inspection and maintenance of HVAC components, calibration of HVAC systems controls, and testing and balancing of the HVAC system. The air we breathe inside the firehouse is just as important as the air we breathe outside of it.

S P O R T S

2009 SHARKS POLICE FIRE TOURNAMENT

Members of the SFFD Hockey Team joined the Contra Costa Hockey Team to participate in this years Sharks Police Fire Tournament in San Jose. The SFFD Hockey Team have been participating in this event for 4 years now. Teams as far away as Phoenix, Arizona came to this years event.

The SFFD and the OFD Hockey Teams have practices at the Oakland Ice Rink every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 to 10:00am. SFFD has league games on Sunday nights as well as Roller Hockey games on Thursday nights. Anyone interested in coming out to practice or to join the team, please contact:

Stan Lee - Station 7 - 415-558-3207
Paul Gallegos - Sta, 1 - 415-558-3201
Dan Lui - Station 2 - 415-558-3202



S P O R T S

2009 EIGHTH ANNUAL GUNS AND HOSES CHARITY TENNIS CHALLENGE

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

Saturday April 25, 2009 At The San Francisco Tennis Club

It's time for our **Eighth Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge**. This year it will be held on April 25th, 2009. As last year, this endeavor should prove to be a fun-filled day of tennis, food, drinks, friends, and lots of silent auction and raffle prizes. Last year prizes included hotel stays, dinner certificates, Giant and 49er's tickets, wine, events, and much, much more. \$100.00 donation includes the entry fee, dinner and drinks. For just \$30.00 you can have dinner, watch the tennis and have all of the wine and beer you can drink. All players compete at their own level in a fun and friendly manner. This tournament will benefit two very worthwhile charities: The Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SFPD) and Fire Fighters Toy Program (SFFD).

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

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

All players compete at their own level.

For an application or information contact: Bob Lopez 650-315-8268 or Inspector Robin Matthews 415-553-1093

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS **GUNS & HOSES** EIGHTH ANNUAL CHARITY TENNIS CHALLENGE

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



Hosted by:
SAN FRANCISCO
Tennis Club
(Fifth and Burrevan)

Saturday, April 25, 2009

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

Tennis • Dinner • Raffle • Silent Auction

Player Admission/Donation: \$100 (includes tennis, food, beverages, and t-shirt)
Non-Player Admission/Donation: \$30 (includes viewing tennis, food, and beverages)

For more information or to donate contact Bob Lopez at 650-315-8268 (SFPD), Geoff Gonsdale at 415-558-3201 (SFPD), or Inspector Robin Matthews at 415-553-1093 (SFFD).

PLAYER/NON-PLAYER APPLICATION FORM

GUNS & HOSES CHARITY TENNIS CHALLENGE
To Benefit the S.F. Firefighters Toy Program and the
Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF)
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

Hosted by the San Francisco Tennis Club
645 5th Street, San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 777-9000

Player Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tennis Rating: ____ OR Level: Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____

Tax Deductible Entry Fee: \$100.00 (Includes tennis, food & beverages)

Payment Method: Check*: _____ Cash: _____

NON-PLAYER/GUEST REGISTRATION:

Non-Player Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I will attend the Tournament and will have dinner: Yes: _____ No: _____

Tax Deductible Donation: \$30.00 each Number of Non-Players: _____

Payment Method: Check: # _____ Cash: _____

DONATION INFORMATION:

I will not attend the Tournament or Dinner. Please accept the following tax deductible donation in the amount of \$_____, Check: # _____ Cash: _____

- * Please make checks payable to "Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge".
 - * SFTC members may fax their application to (415) 777-2353 or submit to Weston Reese with payment. Non-SFTC members may mail their application and check to Bob Lopez, 828 Maple Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010.
 - * For more information contact Weston Reese (SFTC) at 415-777-9000, Bob Lopez (SFPD) at 650-315-8268, or Robin Matthews (SFFD) 415-553-1093
- DEADLINE IS APRIL 26, 2009

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

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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 – lgspimesteakhouse.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.

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

DATE: APRIL 6, 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 – 245 GROVE ST. – WINDSOR, CA. – 95492-7905

******* DEADLINE: MARCH 25, 2009 *******

NOTE: A BUS FROM S.F. LEAVES LAKE MERCED AT 10 A.M.
Anyone interested Call Jim Dowd at: 1-415-265-5010 – FIRST 55 ONLY!
PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES FOR NAME TAGS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

GUEST: _____ GUEST: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVE ONE) _____

STATION 28 MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

FF. HENRY HEFFERNAN - 1902
 LT. CHARLES MCCARTHY - 1942
 LT. PATRICK BRANNIGAN - 1963
 FF. GARY NISIDIO - 1969

AND

96TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATION 28
 AT 1814 STOCKTON ST.

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009
 AT STATION 28

OPEN HOUSE FROM 3PM TO 5PM
 4PM PLAQUE DEDICATION AND REMEM-
 BRANCE

For more info
 Contact Captain Fred Walsh
 Station 28: 415-558-3228
 email: fwalshe2@sbcglobal.net

This dedication is for all active and retired SFFD
 and for our neighbors we serve.

STATION 7 OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON

APRIL 28, 2009

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB
 AT LAKE MERCED

LIQUIDS 11:00AM
 SOLIDS 12:00PM

ACTIVE MEMBERS: \$35
 RETIREES: NO CHARGE

RSVP TO STATION 7
 415-550-9074
 415-558-3207

SPACE IS LIMITED SO RESERVE EARLY

City College of San Francisco

California State Marshal Course Offerings for spring 2009

(classes begin January 14, 2009)

SFM Course	Dates	Day of Week	CCSF course #	Course CRN	Units	Course Location	Instructors
ICS 200	1/6, 7/2009	Tues/Wed	FSC 115*		1.0	SFO	Connors/Long
ICS 300	1/12, 13, 15/2009	Mon, Tues, Thurs	FSC 120**		1.5	SFO	Cardinale
Instructor 1B*	1/14, 21, 28* & 2/4, 11/2009	Wednesdays	FSC 71B		2.0	SFO	Long
Investigation 1A	4/20, 27, & 5/4, 11, 18/2009	Mondays	FSC 72		2.0	SFO	O'Leary
Prevention 1A	3/27 & 4/3, 17, 24, & 5/1/2009	Fridays	FSC 68A		2.0	SFO	Yballa
Command 1C	2/12, 19, 26 & 3/12, 19/2009	Thursdays	FSC 88C		2.0	SFO	Jalbert

*ICS 200 - FSC 115 cost: \$12 + registration fees includes CCSF certificate

**ICS 300 - FSC 120 cost: \$36 + registration fees includes SFM certificate

All SFM (2) unit courses are one-day per-week unless noted otherwise and material fees are \$85 + registrations = \$144
 (Pays for student manual, certificate, and taxes, handling and shipping charged by the SFM Training)

Registration fees are paid directly to Admissions & Records
 (we do not accept checks for both material & registration fees)

*Fire Instructor 1A meets Course meets online or for individual meetings on 1/28/2009 - Fire Service Emergency Services Instructor, IFSTA 7th Edition, 2006, required for this class. Bookstore will sell copies the first day of class - bring two checks (one for book & one for material fee)

STATION STEWARDS' LUNCHEON



The 30th Annual Station Stewards' Luncheon
will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Watch 18
Refreshments 12 Noon; Lunch 1:00 p.m.

S I N B A D's
Pier Two on the Embarcadero
Parking Free with Validation
ALL STATION STEWARDS,
PAST and PRESENT,
ARE INVITED

If you plan to attend
RSVP BEFORE APRIL 13, 2009
TO
Barbara @ the Union office 415-621-7103
or email barbara@sffdlocal798.org

Shon Buford, Station Steward Chair

ATTENTION!! DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

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

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

or contact

Stan Lee @ Station 7: 415-558-3207
or by email: sffd.mainline@gmail.com

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 are included on quarterly statements and displayed within Online Banking.

Find Out if Your Score Makes the Grade:

FICO Score	Credit Tier*
720 - 850	A
660 - 719	B
600 - 659	C
0 - 599	D

*Tiers are according to SF Fire Credit Union's guidelines. Credit Tiers may vary from institution to institution.

FREE and Confidential Financial Counseling

Credit Union members have free access to financial counseling and education through the BALANCE Financial Fitness Program.

- Money Management
- Debt Management
- Toll-free Financial Information Line



FREE Identity Theft Victim Resolution Services

Members are offered free resolution services that assist with recovery from every aspect of identity theft and help protect from recurring fraud.

Victim Resolution Services provides:

- Two Case Specialists that Work on Your Case From Beginning to End
- Actions to Stop Fraud - Contact Creditors and Credit Bureaus, Close Affected Accounts and Help Open New Replacement Accounts
- Assistance establishing fraud alerts with the 3 major credit reporting agencies
- Web-Based Access to Monitor the Progress of Your Case
- Preparation of Supplemental Police Reports
- Two-Year Follow Up on Your Case to Ensure Complete Case Resolution and That No Further Fraud Has Taken Place



SF Fire Credit Union
3201 California Street, (888) 499-FIRE
San Francisco, CA 94118 | www.sffirecu.org

For more information on any of the programs listed above, contact the Credit Union at (888) 499-FIRE (3473) or www.sffirecu.org

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!

SUBMISSIONS:

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

APRIL 2009 / MARCH 20, 2009

MAY - JUNE 2009 / APRIL 20, 2009

JULY - AUGUST 2009 / JUNE 20, 2009

S. F. F. D. SHOOTING CLUB



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

INSTRUCTION & GUNS PROVIDED

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

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 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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SAN FRANCISCO

157TH ANNIVERSARY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
MARCHING UNIT



*Saturday, March 14, 2009
2nd & Market Street
Assemble @ 11:15 AM
Class A Uniforms
Station Shirt w/tie, cap & coat*

*Parade Facilitators:
Michael Walsh - Station 17
Jerry Keohane - BOE
Con Lucey - Station 11
John Shanley - Station 1*



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EXPLOSION

108 CONGO STREET - NOVEMBER 17, 2008



Photos by Ken Smith



WORKING FIRE

2ND ALARM - BOX 5672 - 1655 YORK STREET

OCTOBER 26, 2008



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