

JULY 20, 2005

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met at City Hall, Room 400, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, at 5:34 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renne, Chan, Keane, Marshall, Sparks,
Veronese

ABSENT: Commissioner Orr-Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Prantes discussed concerns regarding medical marijuana.
Shannon Altamirano discussed concerns regarding the case of Sheila Deto.

Lorraine Altamirano discussed concerns regarding the case of Sheila Deto.

Marylon Boyd, Campaign for Justice for Cammerin Boyd, discussed concerns regarding police brutality.

S.F. resident discussed concerns regarding actions by the police.

Dawn Edwards, Bay Area Police Watch, discussed concerns regarding officer-involved shootings.

Katy Sheehan, Bay Area Police Watch, discussed concerns regarding officer-involved shootings.

Lenore Anderson, Bay Area Police Watch, discussed concerns regarding officer-involved shootings.

Bill Carlin discussed concerns regarding leash law enforcement.

Barbara George, Concerned Parents of Murdered Children, thanked the Department for reduced gun violence in the City. She requested that the Commission make the stats public on all the unsolved murders in San Francisco. She asked what happens to cases that are unsolved and asked the Commission to create a Cold Case Unit.

Kathy & Randy Younhood, parents of murder victim, discussed concerns regarding unsolved murder cases.

Commissioner Renne stated that, for the record, in regards to the Deto matter, the Court has ruled that the Commission cannot proceed until such time as the Court allows the Commission to proceed.

HEARING ON THE DISCIPLINARY CHARGES FILED IN CASE NO. C04-018 EGF, FILED 03/09/04), DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DISPOSE OF THE CHARGES

(Resolution No. 51-05)

Sergeant Reilly announced that the officer has resigned from the Department effective close of business today.

Motion by Commissioner Sparks, second by Commissioner Keane to take the matter off calendar until such time that the officer falls within the Commission's jurisdiction again. Approved 6-0.

Commissioner Veronese asked that members resign before the actual hearing because the Commissioners and attorneys put a lot of time into the case and it is not appreciated that this happens.

Commissioner Renne commended Commissioner Sparks for doing a good job with hearing the case.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. **Update on significant policing efforts by Department members**
- b. **Investigations Bureau Update**

- c. **Status of the Department General Order System**
- d. **Recruitment Update**

Chief Fong introduced Deputy Chief Tabak to update the Commission in regards to homicides in the City.

Chief Tabak gave a six-month recap of homicides from January 1st to the end of June of this year. He stated that current homicides are at 41. The same time last year at 2004, it was 56.

Commissioner Keane asked if there is cooperation and discussion as there should be between the SFPD and the District Attorney's office in relation to Ramey warrants. Chief Tabak stated that the Department has an excellent working relationship with the DA's office. There is continued dialogue with the DA's office on specific cases.

Commissioner Marshall commended Chief Tabak for his presentation.

Commissioner Veronese commended Chief Tabak for his presentation. He asked about cases filed with the U.S. Attorney's office. Chief Tabak explained that majority of the trigger lock cases generally will get charged. The majority will get charged by the U.S. Attorney's office and the rest will get charged by the local D.A.

Commissioner Veronese asked about restructuring in the Investigations Bureau. Chief Tabak stated that one of the restructuring was not only to change the watch off schedule to cover more fully on a daily shift but also weekly shift and to maximize the amount of inspectors that were assigned both on Mondays and Fridays but it also did with the disbanding of the Night Investigations Unit and that was done because of staffing crunch.

Commissioner Veronese asked about choosing inspectors to work in the Investigations Bureau. Chief Tabak explained that every promotional rank in the Department is a Civil Service examination and promotional rank by classification so everyone has to take the test of assistant inspector in order to make the list and then they are hired off that list. But with respect to particular units within the bureau of Investigation, qualities are looked at but there is also a P-1 transfer process that allows the member to choose where he/she wants to transfer to based on the date of request. In several units, like Homicide, you have to be on the request list and when you're reached, you are interviewed and there is a criteria. Questions are asked about experience in doing investigations, search warrants, testimony, and training. Five members have been chosen under that process.

Commissioner Chan asked what was the number of inspectors at the time when the homicide rate was lower. Chief Tabak stated that there were probably 80 more inspectors than there is now.

Commissioner Chan asked about homicides in the Mission District. Chief Tabak explained that all gang violence in the Mission, Ingleside, and Tenderloin is a result of Sorenio/Nortenio factions fighting.

Commissioner Sparks asked about how many arrests were made and the number of indictments as compared to the number of arrests and number of convictions. Chief Tabak stated that there is a time lagged between the indictment, the prosecution, the outcome of that prosecution but when compared to the first six months of last year to the first six months of this year, the clearance rate meaning the closure of cases, last year at this time it was approximately 25 percent and this year it is already at 57 percent.

Commissioner Sparks asked about homicides not involving guns and

homicides that don't use the trigger lock strategy. Chief Tabak stated that 92 percent of homicides are caused by guns. The rest are blunt force, trauma, fist, and knife.

Commissioner Sparks asked about cases presented to the District Attorney's office relative to all homicides as opposed to the number of cases that the District Attorney's office actually charged. Chief Tabak stated that he will get those facts for the Commissioner at a later date.

Commissioner Marshall asked about witnesses coming forward. Chief Tabak stated that the Department has seen a change and it's been a positive change.

Commissioner Veronese announced that he has received information from Deputy Chief Parra in regards to the Department General Order System. He explained that the Department has identified 111 General Orders and a majority of those, 78, are the ones that should be reviewed annually. He stated that the Commission has seen only four of those. He also stated that he will be meeting with Chief Parra on Friday and invited OCC to come and the POA to be represented as well. He asked the Department, the OCC, and the POA to come up with a streamlined process by which the Commission can take a look at the General Orders and make changes on a more rapid basis as opposed to encountering the different conflict that it has today.

Deputy Parra gave a brief update on the Department's recruitment drive. He stated that 1,943 applications were received; 1,966 applicants were qualified. Out of 1,543 scheduled for the written exam, 1,007 participated. Chief Parra stated that the Department has established an electronic link on the SFPD website so that interested parties can be notified via email when applications are available.

Commissioner Chan asked about the waivers because of Post certification or lateral transfers. Chief Parra explained that Post certified candidates can waive only the written portion of the test.

Commissioner Sparks asked about the lieutenants list. Chief Parra stated that there was a meeting this morning but he has not been briefed as to what went on at the meeting. He stated that hopefully tomorrow he will be briefed.

Commissioner Sparks asked about an article in regards to a nationwide sweep of sexual predators. Chief Fong stated that she has not read the article and she is not aware of a sexual predator sweep involving the SFPD.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. **Review of Recent Activities**
- b. **Suggestions for revisions of Department General Order**

Director Allen thanked his staff for research done as far as the DGO matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Renne announced that the meeting for next week was to be held at the Bayview but the community room is not available and the

Southeast Community Center is not available on August 31st.

Commissioner Keane asked that the Bayview meeting be held in September.

Commissioner Renne asked that the Bayview meeting be moved to September and Ingleside in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Sparks asked that her resolution regarding policies be put on the agenda within the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Motion by Commissioner Keane, second by Commissioner Marshall to adjourn the meeting.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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