

San Francisco Police Department

To: Assistant Chief Lazar Operations



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From: Acting Commander A. Pera

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Subject: Blue and Blue Debriefing Training Grant Request

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, thirty-three members of the San Francisco Police Department both sworn and non-sworn of all ranks participated in the Blue and Blue.

Blue and Blue is a program in which sworn and non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies come together with prisoners at San Quentin State Prison to have an open-minded conversation on criminal justice, with the goal of improving police practices and facilitating the rehabilitation of the incarcerated. Furthermore, our personnel are afforded an opportunity to have a guided tour of the San Quentin Prison.

This has been an enlightening experience for both the incarcerated and the members of the San Francisco Police Department to understand our differing perspectives and humanity.

After this visit our 30 members participated in a debrief training on their experience over a meal at Fog Harbor Fish House for a cost of \$1180.00. The San Francisco Police Foundation granted these funds. We are requesting that the San Francisco Police Commission approve this grant.

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SFPD Attn: David Lazar

Date 05/31/2024	Invoice Number 6574		Terms
Item	Description	Price	Total
5/29/2024	SFPD Luncheon 30 Guests	1180.00	1180.00
		Invoice Total	1180.00

## San Quentin News Forums

## Law Enforcement Forums

The purpose of these meetings is to promote public safety by building a bridge between law enforcement agencies and the incarcerated in order to develop strategies to improve the criminal justice system, prevent crime, and strengthen our communities.

Specifically, this includes strategies to: 1) Address the social, environmental, and economic conditions that foster criminal behavior. 2) Improve the post-conviction rehabilitation of the incarcerated, including addressing the environment and culture in prisons. 3) Facilitate mutual understanding of the challenges and successes of both law enforcement and incarcerated people who are seeking to better themselves and their communities.

Our forums are a step toward building a working relationship with community officials in charge of maintaining peace and order. Our immediate goal is to provide a platform for an honest dialogue between incarcerated people who are putting in the effort to reform themselves and law enforcement personnel.

Improving public safety is a community effort. However, this is all too often held back by the widespread assumption that the onus falls entirely on law enforcement agencies, as they are the primary ones who are paid to do that job. We contend that incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people are valuable assets who can help with this effort because of their lived experience and unique perspectives.

In the interest of public safety, it is vital to discuss the uncomfortable topics that we typically side step, such as race relations, poverty, unemployment, and substance abuse, in order to find solutions.

Personal testimonies can often give us a better understanding of the underlying circumstances that foster criminal behavior so that we can begin to provide support and empowerment for historically neglected communities and populations, thereby preventing crime and reducing harm before it occurs.

These forums are consistent with the directive of community oriented policing to work with community organizers and leaders to identify areas of public concern and develop solutions. When there is transparency about community concerns as well as the factors that lead to crime, officers and prosecutors are more likely to address those issues before they become precursors to crime.

In addition, society would benefit from overcoming the labels that stigmatize both offenders and officers. People have an opinion and perspective about the police and those who have committed crimes, for better and worse. In order to address those biased labels and stigmas in a constructive way that is conducive to public safety, we are dedicated to candid dialogues and cooperation with law enforcement.

## Forum Format

Our invitation-only forums are typically comprised of approximately equal numbers of law enforcement personnel and a diversity of incarcerated residents, who have been selected by a SQNews incarcerated staff person who is the designated lead facilitator for the event. San Quentin administrators, such as the Public Information Officer, along with SQNews outside community advisers who help coordinate the visit and necessary clearances of law enforcement participants.

Held in the prison's chapel, forums begin with introductions and instructions while participants sit in a large circle together. After this, participants move to assigned small circles for direct discussions. A designated small-group facilitator helps lead the discussions using several prompts or questions customized for both the incarcerated participants as well as law enforcement guests. This is followed another large circle to have a debriefing session with closing impressions and hopes.

The forums usually include a standard tour of San Quentin hosted by the Public Information Officer. As a testament to power of these forums, they main feedback from participants is that they wish there was more time for the discussions.

Ultimately, our law enforcement forums are designed to facilitate productive discussions along with the implementation of strategies that could vastly improve the efficiency and synergy between law enforcement and the incarcerated to improve conditions in our communities. Some of the discussions will center around the accountability of incarcerated people and their desire to give back to their communities to help offset the harm that they have caused through their crimes.

The central objective of these forums is to provide ideas on how to better the relationships between the law enforcement agencies and the community. In addition, these forums help equip the incarcerated with valuable tools to become thriving citizens upon their release who can continue to work toward building safer, better communities. It is also an opportunity to share with law enforcement the value and the processes of rehabilitation after a person's arrest and conviction.