

OCTOBER 9, 2024

REGULAR MEETING, CITY HALL

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee and Walker
EXCUSED: Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Malenka Moyer: Addressed DPA Director directly, provided personal incident stories.

Chris Ward Kline: Discussed technology systems being used illegally.

Paulette Brown: Spoke about son, Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr.'s murder. Wants to bring awareness to cold cases and unsolved homicides. Would like department and DPA to assist with researching this.

Anyone with information regarding the murder of Aubrey Abrakasa, please call the SFPD 24/7 anonymous tip line at 415-575-4444

2. Consent Calendar (RECEIVE & FILE; ACTION)

- 2023 SFPD Department Awards Certification (September 30, 2024, Panel)
- Police Commission Report of Disciplinary Actions, 3rd Quarter 2024
- SFPD and DPA SB 1421 and SB 16 Monthly Report

Pursuant to the request of the Police Commission, the Department provides this monthly update on the status of Public Record Act Requests received relating to Senate Bill 1421, Peace Officers: release of records. This report is a cumulative record of all requests and the production of documents since SB 1421 became effective on January 1, 2019 and is calculated for a month-over-month comparison

Motion: Commissioner Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Clay. Vote: 5-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee and Walker
EXCUSED: Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chief's Report

- **Weekly crime trends**
- **Major/Significant Incidents**

Chief Scott reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crime down 14 percent; homicide down 40 percent; rape down 13 percent; robbery down 23 percent; assault down 4 percent; human trafficking down 41 percent. Property Crimes down 34 percent; burglary down 12 percent; motor vehicle theft down 19 percent; arson down 7 percent; larceny theft down 41 percent. Gun violence is down 23 percent compared to 2023; One non-fatal shooting incident this week; total 109 fire-arm related incidents resulting in 123. victims YTD. No homicides for the week; there are a total of 24 homicides YTD with 18 resulting from a firearm; 88% overall clearance.

Significant Incident: Acknowledged the October 7th, one year anniversary of the Hamas attacks. SFPD release a statement. Significant demonstration over the weekend on Sunday, peaceful for the most part, there were reports of vandalism, including graffiti on a building in the Mission District, investigating that case, have good evidence to follow up on. There were a rash of vandalism to Waymo vehicles, on October 5th four subjects dressed in dark clothing began vandalizing Waymo

vehicles or a Waymo vehicle, which was occupied by passengers, damage included slashed tires, broken windows and spray paint to the body of the car, one passenger sustained minor injuries from the glass shattering, appears that this was a targeted attack, on October 4th, a Waymo employee reported six low speed hit and run crashes that damaged Waymo vehicles involving the same suspect, passengers in the vehicles in some incidents, it's unclear how many passengers at this time., no injuries were reported, incidents occurred- four in the Bayview, one in the Mission and one in the Central district, an employee from Zoox also reported that a person described as that same suspect has struck one of their vehicles as well, Officers responded to the scene, no arrest has been made at that time, investigations are ongoing. Traffic collisions- There was a fatal on October 6th on Treasure Island, the vehicle went over the hillside and became submerged in the water, passenger was able to escape and was transported and reported in stable condition, the driver had to be extracted and unfortunately did not survive this incident, investigation is ongoing as to the cause. Sunday night about 70 plus motorcycles and ten vehicles congregated at the Chevron gas station 6th and Harrison, officers from Southern station began patrolling the area to deter any attempt to set up a sideshow/ stunt driving activity, within 20 minutes, they had dispersed in all directions, no sideshow took place.

Significant arrest: Significant retail theft grant department has been working from, and that's really helped put some strategies in place, including blitz operations, a series of blitz operations this past week that resulted in 17 arrests of retail theft suspects, some organized, this was conducted by Ingleside Officers on Mission Street, a lot of stolen property was recovered and returned to those particular retail stores, this strategy will continue, the grant was \$15.3 million and it's really made a big difference to combat this issue. Traffic- On October 6th, a victim was struck by a vehicle while crossing the street against a red light, officers located the vehicle and the suspected driver, and they were taken into custody, that victim was transported in critical condition and remains hospitalized.

Strategies: SFPD will be on alert for any potential threats of suspicious behavior and Officers will be making passing calls at places of worship and that passing call strategy will continue through this week and until further notice as tensions are very high due to what's going on in the middle east. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass festival was over the weekend, one arrest, aggravated assault with an object, narcotics recovered and officers did a really good job on that particular arrest, no other major issues reported. Fleet Week begins this week, a lot of festivities, ships, members of the armed forces. Thanked all the members of the department and all the departments that have been working together to get things turned around in terms of a clean city and a safe city. Plan to be fully deployed this weekend for fleet week.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paulette Brown: Addressed crimes still occurring in the city. Believes that solving cold/unsolved cases may help reduce crime. Continued to discuss families that are advocating for their own cases.

DPA Director's Report

- **Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement**

Executive Director Henderson reported the following: In the year 2024: 554 cases opened; 666 closed; 120 pending; 40 cases sustained; 17 cases past 270-day; 14 cases mediated. SFPD Cases received in the past **weeks (since the last Commission Meeting)**: 14. Central, 5. Southern, 1. Bayview, 1. Mission, 1. Northern, 0. Park, 0. Richmond, 1. Ingleside, 2. Taraval, 0. Tenderloin, 2. Airport, 0. Not Applicable, 1. Out of Jurisdiction, 0. Pending, 0. Allegation Summary: Conduct Unbecoming- The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately.-17%. Unwarranted Action-The officer engaged in unwarranted action-13%. Neglect of Duty-The officer failed to take required action-13%.

Neglect of Duty-Fail to properly investigate-13%. Use of Force-The officer used unnecessary or excessive force-9%.

Audits: The Audit Division is finalizing the draft of the stop data audit. DPA's goal is to have an exit conference with SFPD this month.

Outstanding Issues: DPA's IT Team met with Department to coordinate information with Benchmark.

Outreach: DPA sent Chief of Investigations, Director of Mediation, and a Senior Investigator to conduct outreach with the 283rd Recruit Class at the academy.
Can contact DPA at 415-241-7711. Can be found on community calendar on the DPA's website and posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and on DPA's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paulette Brown: Continued to elaborate on DPA finding ways to investigate unsolved homicides, hate crimes.

Commission Reports

- **Commission President's Report**
- **Commissioners' Reports**
- **Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission Meetings**

Commissioner Benedicto: Recognized National Hispanic heritage month, including an SFPD Event being held tomorrow, Filipino American history month and Domestic Violence awareness month, participated in City Hall's domestic violence event today. As the Audit Liaison met with Steve Flaherty regarding stop data audit. Discussed DGO 7.01, Juveniles, and a letter from a community group regarding their input.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

6. Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 8 below, Closed Session, including public comment on Item 7, vote whether to hold Item 8 in closed session.

None

7. Vote on whether to hold Item 8 in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)) (ACTION)

Motion: Commissioner Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Walker. Vote: 5-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee and Walker
EXCUSED: Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

1st Open Session ended: 6:03 pm
Closed Session: (6:13 pm – 7:06 pm)

8. **Closed Session**
Roll Call;

b. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:

Discussion and possible action to adopt Findings of Fact regarding Commission's decisions on 7/17/24 on the appeal of Chief's suspension filed in DPA Case No. 50292-22 (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee and Yanez (remotely), Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Peter Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

a. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:

Discussion and possible action to decide guilt and penalty, if needed, or take other action, if necessary, on the appeal of Chief's suspension filed in Case No. DPA 50184-22 (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee and Yanez (remotely), Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Peter Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, DPA Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

(These proceedings were taken in shorthand form, Tamika Burnette, CSR., Behmke Reporting and Video Services)

Closed Session Ended: 7:06 p.m.

2nd Open Session (7:07 pm – 7:08 pm)

9. Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussion on Item 8 held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)) (ACTION)

Commissioner Benedicto motioned to not disclose item 8 held in closed session. Commissioner Walker Seconded. 5-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee and Walker
EXCUSED: Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission