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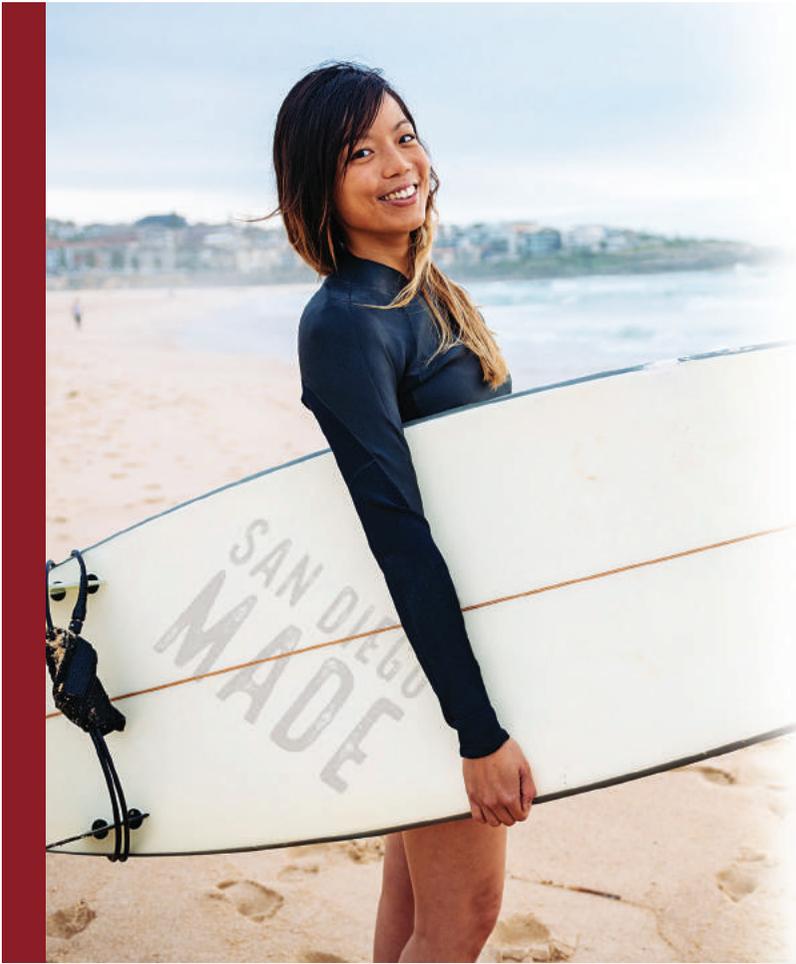
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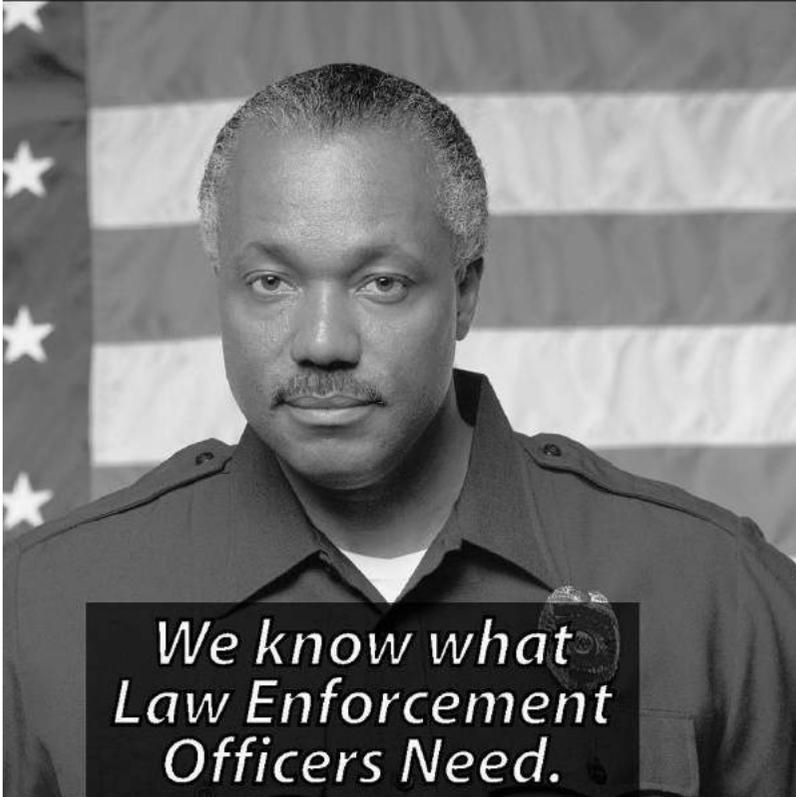
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President's Message



There has been a lot going on at the SDPOA!

Over the past few weeks, many of our members have contacted me with questions about our contract. The first full pay period of July, we will receive 7.3% raises and officers with over 20 years of law enforcement experience will receive an additional 5% raise, for a total of 12.3%. Part of the 7.3% raise was the 4% that the SDPOA received in exchange for our last year's flex bonus. This has caused some anxiety due to not having the extra flex money. For approximately a decade, we had not received a real raise. Most of our pay increases were in the form of bonuses. Since this time last year until our July 2019 raise, we have received a total of between 20.6-25.6% in actual raises. This translates to an increase of more than \$8.00 per hour for a POII. We are also earning overtime and specialty pays at a higher rate. Also in July, we all received four days of discretionary leave and in September, officers with 8+ years of law enforcement experience will again receive the \$2,100.00 extra in uniform allowance.

The battle over Use-of-Force laws in California appears to finally be resolved after almost two long years. On May 24, 2019, a compromise was reached, after Assemblywoman Shirley Weber was unable to get the required votes in the Assembly. Ultimately, amendments presented by a coalition of law enforcement were accepted. The new language to both AB 392 and SB 230 is the responsible compromise we were looking for all along. We are confident that AB 392 is no longer just a punitive bill against our profession. Both bills should make it through the legislation by mid-summer and be sent to the Governor's desk.

In January 2018, shortly after being elected President of the SDPOA, I also took over the SDPOA board member's seat on the Community Advisory Board (CAB). In June of this year, CAB produced a list of approximately 30 recommendations for the San

Diego Police Department (SDPD). I agree with many of these recommendations, though some of them have already been implemented. On the other hand, I also disagree with some of the recommendations and have spoken out through a written op-ed on my reasoning. Please refer to the article on page 16 of this issue.

The SDPOA was selected amongst 27 finalists to receive the Cushman Foundation Grant for our childcare project. We would like to extend a special thank you to Sam and Kelly Stinnette for their thought provoking, real life examples during our presentation. We are also one of three finalists for the Rolf Benirschke Legacy Foundation Grant. As a part of this project, the committee is working on creative ways to assist with funding. It is our goal to enlist the assistance of public and private entities to get this past the finish line. I will keep you posted on our progress.

Special thanks to San Diego Gas & Electric for their continued support and generous donation of \$20,000 to our Charity Fund. SDG&E presented the SDPOA the check at the Padres game on May 16, 2019 as part of their Going to Bat for San Diego project.

I hope you all are having a wonderful 4th of July weekend and are working to beat the heat.

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Member Spotlight

By Erika Vroom, Editor

Officer JaDarric Davis

We have all heard the stories and we have all read the headlines: “The Impact of the Economic Downturn”, “The Great Recession”, “2008 Financial Crisis”, et cetera. In 2008, the United States hit an all-time low when the economy took a nose dive, causing much devastation in the financial and employment aspects of economic activity. There were many businesses and professions that had to lay off seasoned employees as well as place freezes on hiring within said professions. One of those professions included law enforcement. In San Diego, various law enforcement agencies placed a freeze on hiring which caused a trickle effect. The fiscal conditions were not ideal and the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) was one of the agencies inclined to halt the hiring process. Despite these obstacles, 2010 re-opened the ability to hire officers to fill the vacant positions that came about after the economic decline. Acting Detective JaDarric Davis was one recruit that began to apply for law enforcement agencies just after the freeze had been lifted. In 2010, he was officially hired with SDPD and has not looked back.

Growing up in Dallas, Texas, JaDarric attended Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Arts and Communications. He began his career at GEICO prior to moving to California. After spending a little time there, JaDarric was looking for a change of scenery. He quickly decided to transfer to a branch with GEICO in San Diego, California. At the point when he reached 10 years with GEICO, JaDarric felt a bit of a calling to change career paths. Through his job hunt, law enforcement was a career that kept appearing on his radar. While he initially hesitated, he eventually gave in and went on a ride along with a couple different law enforcement agencies throughout San Diego. He realized that this job would be exactly what he needed to receive the satisfaction with his career that he was looking for.

JaDarric was hired into the 84th Academy, which only consisted of 15 SDPD recruits in all. Out of the Academy, he was first assigned to Southern division. He states that Southern allowed for a smooth transition as a rookie and that the community there was, “like a family.” After a year at Southern, JaDarric moved to Southeastern. In a short amount of time, he became more integrated with the various aspects, workloads, and major incidents that Southeastern had to offer.



JaDarric alongside his wife and kids.



Northeastern Investigations Unit

In JaDarric's four and a half years there, he was presented the opportunity to become an Acting Detective as well as an Acting Sergeant. "I think that really helped me to develop my skills as a police officer," he acknowledges. "I enjoyed every bit of the work that it put on my plate, I truly can't complain." Eventually, JaDarric and his family relocated their family home, which prompted him to request a transfer to a division that was in the complete opposite direction – Northeastern division. While at Southeastern, JaDarric had become a Field Training Officer (FTO), which he was happy to carry over into Northeastern. As an FTO, he helped the trainees learn and develop their policing skills. He worked with a mentality that told his trainees he was there to teach and provide them with all of the tools they would need to help them succeed; not only through phase training, but throughout their career.

Currently, JaDarric is working as an Acting Detective within Northeastern Investigations. He previously joked, "I enjoy investigation and I could never stop watching [the popular television show] The First 48." This show displays the race against the clock in the wake of homicides for detectives to find a lead within the first 48 hours. So when he was asked to step into the Detective role once again, he was thrilled. What about being a Detective is so intriguing to JaDarric? "I'm able to do something... I'm able to help people who can't help themselves and do my best to bring them justice." Learning how to interview suspects, surveil houses, serve warrants, and all of what goes into being a detective has given him an impactful amount of knowledge that combined with his patrol experience has made him a more well-rounded law enforcement officer.

JaDarric's personality is one that shines through beyond the work environment. While he describes himself as an outgoing, positive, and encouraging person, he has also proven to be hardworking and selfless. JaDarric used to mentor young teens and young adults that lived in foster care who needed a strong figure in their lives to keep them on a straight and narrow path. Today, he often sees those same teens and young adults that he had previously mentored doing positive things in the

community. Also, JaDarric is diligent at encouraging civilians to apply for SDPD if they feel that they would like to join the profession. Full of positivity, he notes that when SDPD reaches a full staffing level in numbers, their policing efforts will deter crime much more effectively. "It is important to stay positive and keep positive people around you to encourage and help each other grow."

Outside of work, JaDarric has a wife, Sonya, and two children whom he enjoys spending any free time with. His oldest child, his daughter Maia, was born in 2008 and his son Josiah was born in 2012. He explains that his kids keep him busy. They are avid soccer players and JaDarric enjoys running, so he helps them train on a regular basis.

All in all, JaDarric may have entered SDPD during a time when the job market was on the road to recovery. This bump did not halt and did not stop him from pursuing a career that has allowed him to evolve and enjoy his work day in and day out. He has big plans for his future with SDPD.



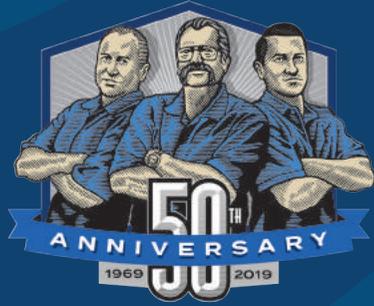
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By Herb Smith
San Diego Police Department
Chaplain

"I've lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain who build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." (Benjamin Franklin, addressing President and Moderator George Washington at the Constitutional Convention of 1787)

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me', but remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today..." (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

As I write this article, our nation celebrates the 75th anniversary of D-Day, when on June 6th 1944 "Operation Overlord" invaded the coast of Normandy in Nazi occupied France with 160,000 allied troops, 5,000 ships, 13,000 aircraft, 5,300 tons of bombs, and suffered an estimated 10,000 casualties in just 24 hours. It was also the turning point of the war. Another year of hard fought battles and tens of thousands of casualties were yet ahead, but Germany was on the defensive from that day forward and never regained momentum, capitulating the following May. So began one of the greatest war torn recoveries for a world rocked by seven years of devastation. The U.S. emerged a super-power with its victory as well over Japan and the nuclear age which followed. But the cost was monumental. A reading of any of the major wars our country has fought manifests enormous and compelling stories of bravery, sacrifice and patriotism. We owe a debt to those who have served to maintain our liberties and preserve our nation that can never be fully repaid.

As Allied Forces were storming, falling and capturing the beaches of Normandy, President Roosevelt addressed the nation about the event, and enjoined it in a prayer which he spoke. May God bring us into such a humble reliance upon Him again...

"ALMIGHTY GOD: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms,

stoutness to their hearts, stead-fastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violence of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas -- whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them--help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace, a peace invulnerable to the scheming of unworthy men, and a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy Will be done, Almighty God, Amen.

This month as we contemplate yet again the fathomless ransoms paid by patriots and soldiers to birth and preserve our independence, may, as Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) wrote in his book about Arlington, "their stories of heroism, sacrifice and patriotism remind us of what is best in ourselves, and teach our children what is best in America." "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you..." (Deut. 8:10)

Unit Highlight | SDPD Requested Information Unit

By Erika Vroom, Editor



America's Finest. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) displays this phrase proudly. There is a reason for that. It takes immaculate skill and ability to become a law enforcement officer. Besides the physical aptitude, the time dedication, and much more, a law enforcement officer must contain the capability to retain the laws and code of ethics that they must follow. No matter what rank, the knowledge of ever-changing laws is extremely important.

One law that has been recently impactful on law enforcement agencies in California stems from Senate Bill 1421 (SB 1421). This bill is commonly referred to as the "police transparency" bill, which was enacted into law in 2018. According to the California Legislature, SB 1421 mandates disclosure of documents and reads, "notwithstanding any other law, certain peace officer or custodial officer personnel records and records relating to specified incidents, complaints, and investigations involving peace officers and custodial officers to be made available for public inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act." A bill like this has created additional work for the law enforcement agencies that must produce. For SDPD, the bill is the main reason the Requested Information Unit (RIU) was established.

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Unit (RIU) was established.

The Requested Information Unit was conceived in January 2019. As a brand new unit to SDPD, RIU has been leading the way to a better understanding of SB 1421. The unit is sworn by a confidentiality contract that is similar to Internal Affairs (IA). Being that SB 1421 is based on transparency, RIU's duty is to ensure compliance with SB 1421. Soon, the unit will also be handling Assembly Bill 748 (AB 748), which dictates that law enforcement agencies must release all media associated with a critical incident. Currently, the team is comprised of Lieutenants Jeff Jordon and Steve Behrendt, Sergeants Bill Miles and Jeffrey Salinas, Detective Bill Kellner, Officers Bill Olsen, Kelly Besker, and Katarina Pschera, and last but not least, civilian employee Bernie Angeles. Officer Olsen, in particular, has been with the unit since inception.

According to Sergeant Bill Miles, RIU's job duties include, "production of reports, audio, and video, related to discharge of a firearm at a person, use of force resulting in great bodily injury, sustained finding of a sexual assault, and a sustained finding of dishonesty." If SDPD is in possession of any of the above, RIU is responsible for getting that information out to

the requesters. Once RIU has received a legitimate request, the unit busies themselves with the following process: contacting IA to see what information exists, collecting responsive documents, sorting through the applicable information, and then taking the time to redact specific information that is protected by law, such as personally identifying information (PII).

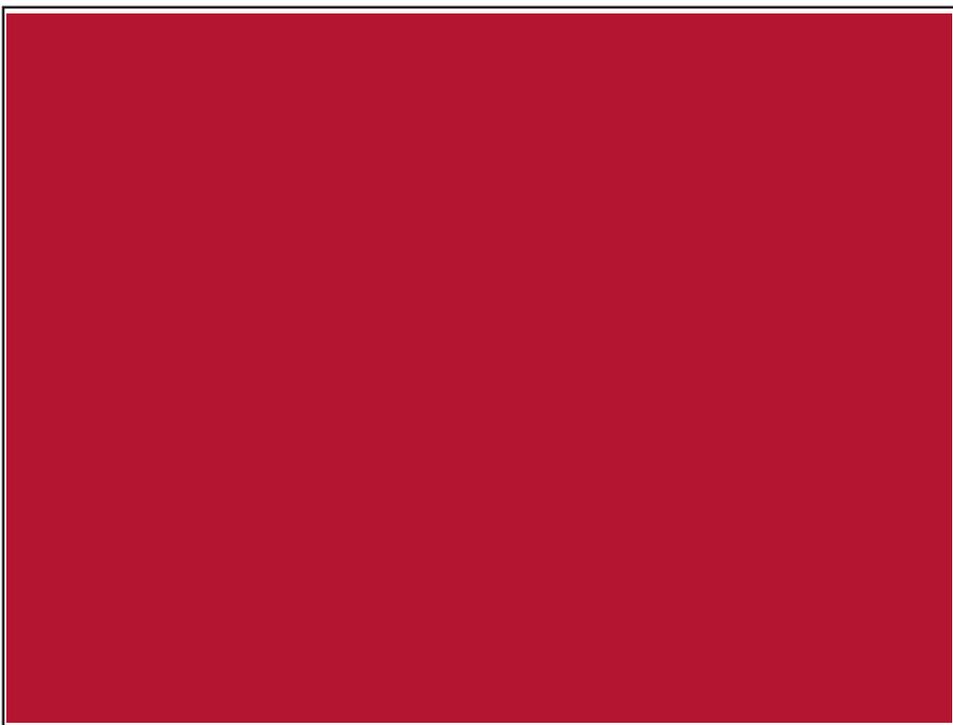
To give an example of a request, Sgt. Miles and Det. Kellner provide one in the form of an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS). “At one OIS, everyone responds, meaning there are multiple body worn cameras involved, lengthy written reports, multiple 911 callers, officer to officer radio traffic, etc.” This is only a glimpse of the intel RIU must review prior to disbursement to the requester. Certain information must be redacted such as personal identifying information, any information pertaining to witnesses for purposes of anonymity, privacy and medical issues that may violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and much more. So who are the requesters? Sgt. Miles states, “Anybody can request information, but I would say approximately three quarters of all requests are from the media and the others are from civilians.” Requests typically come in through the City of San Diego, which utilizes a system called NextRequest. Many of the requests are received under the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Bernie, introduced above, will typically be the first one to handle the request and disperse accordingly. If the request is a CPRA, Bernie will send the request to the appropriate party within the department, but if it is an inquiry that falls under the umbrella of SB 1421, RIU will be the one

to receive it.

Further, for a person who may be interested in joining RIU, they would first need to be educated on computers, familiar with various computer programs, and familiar with how IA operates. Since SB 1421 is so new, the specifics are something that can be taught within the unit. The challenges of the duties of RIU’s members include interpreting the vague aspects of the law as well as the length of time that it takes to process the redactions. In addressing the first challenge, Det. Kellner explains, “We have had to figure out items such as what is a witness? Is a medic a witness or when there are 50 people watching from various locations, are they witnesses where we have to blur their faces, or are the witnesses only the people who give interviews? It is difficult, because we are concerned about the safety of the witnesses.” And while this is only one example of questions that came up while learning the specifics of SB 1421, one can envision the copious amounts of questions and interpretations that RIU, attorneys, and those having to comply with the law may come across in the transparency process. The second challenge includes redaction time. For one minute of redaction, it can take approximately two hours of processing. To reiterate, one minute of blurring a face on a video can take 120 minutes to do. That fact alone displays a reasonable difficulty.

As a statewide law, it is a wonder how SB 1421 and soon to be enacted AB 748 will be presented by all of the separate entities in which the bills are applicable. For RIU, they feel that their team in particular gets along well internally, and

while working with IA, Homicide, and the City Attorney’s Office. This fact makes them comfortable in moving forward and continuing to pave the way to compliance and transparency.





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Why pretext stops by police should be allowed

The following article is an op-ed which appeared in the San Diego Union Tribune on June 14, 2019.

By Jack Schaeffer
President, San Diego Police Officers Association

In 2017, the Citizens Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations was reactivated by then-San Diego City Council President Myrtle Cole and the City Council. The 15-member board was made up of representatives from each of the nine council districts and six additional representatives, including my seat. Former San Diego Police Officers Association (SDPOA) President Brian Marvel occupied the SDPOA seat for the first year. I took over the seat shortly after I was elected president of SDPOA in 2018. Eventually the board had three subcommittees: Training, Recruiting and Racial Profiling. I volunteered on both the training and recruiting subcommittees.

The process has been a true collaboration. The individual board members are conscientious people, who commit several hours and countless amounts of energy each month. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) has been more than cooperative in providing subject matter experts, training and many documents to the entire board and committees as needed. Many department members have attended meetings and have made themselves available for questions. Several members of the community have also attended and participated in these meetings.

Last month, a list of recommendations was approved to be sent to the San Diego Police Department and the city. I agree with many of the recommendations; however, I strongly oppose a few. Due to my experience as a 30-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department and a lifelong resident of San Diego, I believe some of the recommendations would damage our officers' ability to keep this city safe.

The Police Department and city government will now be tasked with evaluating each of the recommendations. Hopefully the city will rely on experts' opinions before pushing to implement any of the recommendations. An advisory board by definition is a body that provides non-binding strategic advice.

Many of the ideas will probably be implemented in some form. In my opinion, exposing members of our community to some police training and having open dialog about community needs will benefit both the community and our department. Conversations about additional youth program ideas should be encouraged. I am in favor of revisiting recruiting policies regularly to ensure that we are not limiting police recruiting efforts or disqualifying good candidates due to outdated standards. The recommendation to emphasize the field training officer program can help the San Diego Police Department continue to set the bar for law enforcement nationally.

But I am adamantly opposed to the "pilot moratorium on pretext stops." San Diego has been identified as one of the safest big cities

in the nation. That recognition does not happen without one of the best police departments in the nation. We are located just a few miles from one of the most violent places in the world, which reportedly had over 2,000 murders last year. San Diego averages around 40 murders annually. SDPD officers and detectives solve over 90% of the murders that occur here. Catching violent offenders quickly prevents them from hurting additional victims.

Proactive police work, including pretext stops, can keep our residents safe. When officers stop vehicles for observed violations of the vehicle code and identify the occupants, detectives can solve violent crimes. A good example of a pretext stop was the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Miles away from the attack, an officer stopped a vehicle for having no license plates. The driver, Timothy McVeigh, was arrested for having an illegal weapon. Later detectives were able to link McVeigh and his accomplice to the bombing. Had there been a "moratorium on pretext stops" in Oklahoma in 1995, McVeigh may not have been brought to justice and he could have victimized many more innocent people.

Another significant issue is the recommendation to limit military recruitment. The San Diego Police Department is already over 200 officers short of budgeted staffing levels. Many of our officers have a military background, but the vast majority do not. Good candidates in the military have a natural desire to help people and they can perform in stressful environments. Some of our finest officers were former military. Limiting our ability to recruit from the military not only hampers our ability to fill vacancies, but will also limit our ability to diversify. The military is full of qualified individuals from all races and ethnicities.

While I believe the Citizens Advisory Board is made up of well-intentioned members of our communities, it is important to recognize that most have no experience in law enforcement. Some of the ideas and suggestions can help keep the San Diego Police Department one of the finest and most progressive in the country. Others would make it even more difficult to keep our residents safe. The ultimate decision on which of these recommendations to implement should rightfully be in the hands of the police chief.



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In the line of duty: The Unsolved Murder of San Diego Police Detective Charles Rice Harris

By Tom Giaquinto
SDPD Detective Lieutenant, Retired

“They got me Wright”. These were the last words spoken by Detective C.H. Harris.

Charles R. Harris was appointed to the San Diego Police Dept. 1-21-1911. Prior to that he had worked as a motorman for the railway system. After his appointment he worked on the bicycle squad, horse mounted patrol, street patrolman and detective.

It was April 3, 1927. There had recently been a robbery series in the vicinity of Balboa Park targeting “petting parties”. During the robbery a male would approach the couple’s car, shine a flashlight, display a handgun, demand cash and then would flee the scene.

On this date detectives Harris and L.A. Lusk were directed to conduct an undercover investigation of the robbery series. At about 7:15 PM they met in the park along with Policewomen Olga Nelson and Rena Wright. They planned to split the area in two so that they would not “overlap” in the park. Harris and Wright drove their auto around for a brief time then parked “near” the Roosevelt School and the “Indian Village”. They discussed a plan in which Harris would be in the driver’s seat. If the robber did appear Harris would raise his hands in compliance. Wright was to then use her gun to shoot the suspect if necessary.

After a short time, “5 to 10 minutes,” Wright suggested that they call in to headquarters to report as required every hour. This would require driving to a call box in that there were no radios in the automobile. Harris, according to Wright, agreed and just as he was starting the vehicle the robber appeared on the driver’s side.

The robber said, “Stick em up, flashed a light in our faces and fired. These three actions were practically done at the same time.”



(From the report by Wright)

Harris said, “They got me Wright. I said Oh no Charlie not that.” (From Wright’s report)

Thereafter, Wright partially moved Harris’ body, started the car and drove him to police headquarters at 700 Second St. She delivered Harris to police surgeon Paul Brust. She then gathered up several officers and returned to the scene. During this period the other undercover team was unaware of these circumstances due to there being no radios in the vehicles.

All officers were called back to duty and a massive search was conducted in the area to no avail.

Policewoman Wright was interviewed and insisted Harris did not fire his weapon. However, his weapon was found on the driver’s floor with 5 expended rounds one of which hit the door. Harris was shot two times. One round in the wrist, the second into the Aorta.

Chief of Police James Patrick later stated that the deviation from the prior MO by the robber may have occurred because the robber recognized Harris or Wright or that the robber may have overheard the officers’ conversation in the car as the robber snuck up on the officers.

Many suspects were contacted during the ensuing months. One suspect in Oklahoma confessed to the murder but his confession was found to be false. (He was in custody in that state.) In a second robbery, a victim was killed. The MO was similar but ballistics found the bullets from the two incidents were different.

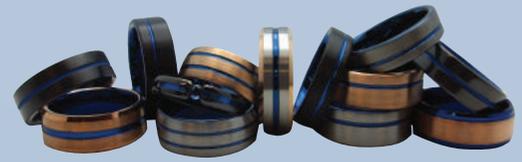
Several conflicts arose with statements by Wright including her testimony at the coroners inquest at which time she was unable to provide the caliber or make of the weapon she had on the day of the murder. In March 1928 both policewomen were fired by then Chief Joseph Doran. Nelson had been involved in a shooting in the park at which time she shot a vagrant. The shooting was later found to not be justified.

Lots of questions remain. Maybe someday a distant relative may appear and tell us of a family member who did this crime.



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Strap your skates on because summer is upon us and if it's anything like our winter, we are in store for some busy, hot (it's a dry heat!) days. Sweet, cold drinks and affordable sandwiches are definitely in order. July 4th is on a Thursday this year, which means we will most likely be enduring reveling the weekend before AND the weekend following the day. The overtime will be plentiful but probably not easy. Vietnamese style baguette sandwiches are some of most affordable lunches in town, so this month I sought out one such place on Convoy.

Cali Banh Mi is located at 4425 Convoy Street, (858) 278-2525. They are open 7 days, 7-8, and they take cards. There is a rather microscopic parking lot located adjacent to the building, but there is some street parking available. Cali Banh Mi has a small dining area, but they take online orders, which is extremely convenient for folks on the way to an overtime gig at the beach or downtown. Jacob D and I ate here one time for this article, but I'll be returning for one of their well-priced sandwiches and Vietnamese Iced Coffee.

We stopped off here on the way to overtime for a Padre Game because the thought of eating in the Gaslamp Quarter on a game day was soul crushing. Leaving early and sacrificing a few minutes was a solid idea. I chose the BBQ Pork Banh Mi (\$3.95), and a Vietnamese Iced Coffee, or Café Sua Da (\$2.50). The sandwich was exactly what I needed. The pork was tender and not overly salty or spicy, and the sandwich was topped with all the usual

fixings, carrot, cilantro, daikon, cucumber, and jalapeño peppers. They used just enough of their garlic butter so as not to overpower the whole sandwich. The baguette was fresh and crispy, and just the right size for a moderate lunch. Of course I justified ordering the Vietnamese Iced Coffee by the fact my sandwich contained vegetables. I cannot say no to this style of coffee. On the 8th day, God made sweetened condensed milk and put it into coffee.

Jacob D chose the Grilled Chicken Banh Mi (\$3.95) and a Strawberry Smoothie (\$3.50). Jacob has been toying with cutting back on calories and wanted something on the lighter side. This sandwich was the perfect choice. The grilled chicken was lean but not dry, and with added vegetables (on his request), this sandwich turned out to be a satisfying and a flavorful step up from a dreaded diet plate of steamed broccoli and brown rice. Then there was Strawberry Smoothie. We ALL know what time it is around here! "Smoothie" is another term for "Shake." Waving a fruit in front of a blender doesn't translate to your daily dose of Vitamin C. However, Jacob raved about this smoothie. It was a hot day and who doesn't want cold icy sweetness on a hot day!?

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Acting Detective Alex Fernandez alongside his family on their trip to the Amazon rainforest.



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SDPOA Board Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 2019

Directors present: Schaeffer, Avera (arrived 0920), Wilson, Mackay, Evans (excused at 0947), McCullough, Hoskins, Bostedt (arrived 0910)

Directors excused: Paxton

STATION DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

E. Drilling

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

B. Colon, A. Bauman, M. Steinbach, B. Kelso

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. Fields, K. Smith (recorder)

OPENING OBSERVANCES

President Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 0900 hours and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the Officers killed in the line of duty in the past. There were 8 officers killed in the line of duty Nationwide since the April board meeting. In the history of the SDPD there were no San Diego Police officers killed in the month of May.

NON-AGENDA MEMBER COMMENTS:

- None.

1. MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

• Amanda Bauman and Bernie Colon presented a request for a sponsorship for the upcoming Special Olympics San Diego County Torch Run.
Moved to Charity

• Matt Steinbach presented a request for their upcoming Enforcers Football Team golf tournament this year.
Moved to Charity

• Ben Kelso presented a request for the upcoming SDBPOA 2nd Annual Black Pioneers in Policing Gala.
Moved to Charity

PRESENTATIONS:

• Dr. Griffin with Alliant University presented a discounted offer to the membership for a 2-year program to obtain a BS Degree in Criminal Justice..

2. PAC

• Schaeffer reported on the recent CCLEA meeting which included political candidate and Bills update discussion.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

• Mackay reported Firehouse Subs sponsoring some membership needs.

a. Informant:

• The Redacted Information Unit (RIU) will be the unit highlight for July. The member spotlight for July will be JaDeric Davis.

b. Website:

• No report.

4. RETIREMENT

• Avera provided an update regarding the establishment of an RMT committee as negotiations near in the fall. He will also attend SDCERS meetings to keep the board informed.

5. MEMBER RELATIONS

• Bostedt gave an update on the Legacy Book.

6. LABOR/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

• Wilson reported regarding staffing.

• Mackay reported regarding purchasing the officer's own gun upon retirement.

• Preferred shifts are not being filled.

• Prisoner transporting will be handled by non-sworn personnel.

7. LEGAL

• No report.

8. SPECIAL EVENTS/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

• The Scholarship event venue will be at a new location this year.

9. BUDGET-FINANCE

• **M/S Schaeffer/Hoskins to approve the April treasurer's report. Unanimous. 7-0-1-1. Paxton absent, Bostedt abstained.**

10. BUSINESS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

a. Administrative:

• There were no email polls.
• Smith updated regarding the upgrade of the POA building officers lounge and reception area.

c. Minutes:

• **M/S Schaeffer/Hoskins to accept the April 2019 Meeting Minutes. Unanimous. 6-0-2-1. Paxton, Evans, absent. Bostedt abstained.**

11. MILESTONE REPORT

• No report.

12. OLD BUSINESS

• Mackay will look into pricing on a few POA promo items.

13. NEW BUSINESS

• **M/S Bostedt/Hoskins up to \$2,000 to send 2 legal Reps to the PORAC LDF Training. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Paxton absent.**

14. ARMED SERVICES

• Hoskins discussed a member issue regarding returning from deployment requirements.

Adjourned the general meeting into the Foundation meeting at 1222.

Adjourned Foundation meeting into the general meeting at 1320.

Adjourned the general meeting into the Foundation meeting at 1349.

Meeting adjourned 1349.

SDPOA Non-Members:

Allahwardy, Deshnay
Alvarez-Tostado, Joshua
Christman, Tyler
Crumb, Katherine
David, Antonio
Ingram, Henry
Irwin, Wade
Porper, Joseph
Rawls, Kenneth
Slater, Thomas
Sterling, Trevor
Turner, Todd

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Officer Todd Jager

Hired December 18, 1986 ~ Retired May 16, 2019

Sergeant Thomas Sullivan

Hired February 2, 1990 ~ Retired May 22, 2019

Officer Gregory Mrvich

Hired July 14, 1989 ~ Retired May 23, 2019

Officer Joseph Krouss

Hired February 2, 1990 ~ Retired May 30, 2019

Officer Steven Bourasa

Hired February 9, 1990 ~ Retired June 3, 2019

Officer Henry Castro

Hired February 7, 1994 ~ Retired June 3, 2019

Lieutenant Tod Bassett

Hired December 21, 1988 ~ Retired June 6, 2019

Officer James Kremer

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SDPOA Board Minutes

Foundation Meeting

May 9, 2019

Directors present: Schaeffer, Avera, Wilson, McCullough, Evans, Mackay, Hoskins, Bostedt

Directors excused: Paxton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. Pinckard, B. Fields, A. Bosanac, K. Smith (recorder)

MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

- No report.

PRESENTATIONS:

- No report.

CHARITY REQUESTS:

- Request for POA to sponsor the Special Olympics San Diego County Torch Run. *M/S Schaeffer/McCullough for \$1,800. 7-1-1. Wilson opposed. Paxton absent.*
- Request for POA to sponsor

the Enforcers Football Team golf tournament.

M/S Mackay/McCullough for \$1,000 for the Giftbag Sponsorship. Unanimous. 7-0-2. Paxton, Hoskins absent.

- Request for POA to sponsor the SDBPOA 2nd Annual Black Pioneers in Policing Gala. *M/S Schaeffer/Hoskins for \$1,000. Motion amended by Schaeffer/Hoskins for \$550 for 1 table. Unanimous. 8-0-1. Paxton absent.*

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

- Bostedt updated regarding this year's travel to DC, as well as the state and local memorials.
- Bostedt will work with the memorial committee to put the process together for next year's memorial travel.

FUNDRAISING:

- Bosanac updated regarding upcoming childcare meetings.

MINUTES:

- *M/S Schaeffer/Hoskins to accept*

the April Foundation meeting minutes. Unanimous. 7-0-1-1. Paxton absent, Bostedt abstained.

BUDGET FINANCE:

- *M/S Schaeffer/Hoskins to approve the April treasurer's report. Unanimous. 7-0-1-1. Paxton absent, Bostedt abstained.*

CHILDCARE:

- Bosanac update reported on new findings for this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

Adjourned the general meeting into the Foundation meeting at 1222.

Adjourned Foundation meeting into the closed session 1312.

Adjourned Foundation meeting 1413.



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If you have a specific topic you would like to address with the board, please email Khristina at ksmith@sdpoa.org
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If you'd like to sit in and listen to the discussion, but do not have a specific topic, please feel free to drop in.

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