

JULY 15, 2026

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, Tekkey, Leung, Low, Elias (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Benedicto
EXCUSED: Commissioner Scott

Weekly Officer Recognition Certificate

Presentation of an Officer who has gone above and beyond in the performance of their duties.

- **Officer Kevin O'Donnell, #4028, RTIC/SIU**

Captain Steve Jonas, provided a background about Officer O'Donnell and his work, provided words of gratitude and praise.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Emilia, District 9 resident, thanked the Commission and Lt. Anderson for the opportunity to join the Critical Incident Team training this past year. She spoke of the removal of peer counselors from CIT and praised the police officers, sheriff deputies, BART police, federal and park police, and CHP officers for their calls for help with individuals in crisis.

Scott Burrell spoke about a recruit officer who was terminated without being afforded her due process rights, specifically her right to have a Lubey hearing. He stated that this matter is of some urgency and asked the Commission to review this issue.

Retired Captain Paul Chignell, POA, spoke regarding the officer who was terminated and supported the comments of Mr. Burrell and requested the Commission to direct the Department for a Lubey hearing for the officer.

Zachary Swartz, DeFlock SF, spoke regarding concerns with the use by the Department of Flock cameras.

Consent Calendar

- **China Basin Ballpark Company LLC in-kind gift of venue space at Oracle Park and related facility valued at \$45,500 to use for Police Department Recruitment Event**
- **San Francisco Police Community Foundation gift of \$3,000,000 to support Real Time Investigation Center technology**
- **San Francisco Police Community Foundation gift of \$103,750 to support 02X Wellness Initiative and Officer Wellness Program**

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto to receive and file. Second by Commissioner Leung.
Approved 6-0

AYES: Commissioners Low, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay
EXCUSED: Commissioner Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chief's Report

- **Weekly crime trends**

- **Major/Significant Incidents**
- **Automated License Plate Reader Update**

Chief Lew then reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crimes down 10 percent; homicide, 16 YTD; rapes down 16 percent; robbery down 20 percent; assault down 2 percent; human trafficking down 7 percent. Property Crimes down 22 percent; burglary down 26 percent; motor vehicle theft down 26 percent; arson up 2 percent; larceny theft down 21 percent.

Shooting Incidents: Two shooting incidents causing injuries to two victims the week ending 7/12/26.

Homicide Incidents: No homicides reported the week ending 7/12/26.

Significant Incidents: Two non-fatal incidents causing injuries to two victims. On July 12th, at approximately 1:00 a.m., at Fern and Van Ness. There was a physical altercation, a subject fired a shot at one of the participants. The victim was located by police and transported in critical condition. No arrests and is an open ongoing investigation. On July 7th, approximately midnight, there was a self-inflicted injury.

Major Events: Chief Lew reported on a capsized vessel on the bay on July 14th, at approximately 3:30 p.m. SFPD Marine Unit along with the Fire Department and Coast Guard responded and located numerous people in the water. One victim was pulled from the water and did not make it. SFPD to investigate along with the Coast Guard.

Firearm Seizures: 514 year-to-date.

Chief Lew reported that the letter of inquiry was submitted to Supervisor Fielder last night at around 1800 hours and will be posted on the Commission site tonight. He also talked about a possibility of a townhall meeting in regards to the Trans March and stated that he is amenable to a future townhall meeting but at this point is unable to commit to a date as there is an ongoing investigation with a lot of evidence to go through and there are a few defendants whose current cases are going through the court system at this time. Chief Lew asked, due to those reasons, he'd like to postpone the town hall meeting until after adjudication.

Chief Lew also spoke about an article on Wired Magazine regarding SFPD drone operations and the discovery of a URL or a link that was publicly available on a website used by security researchers and described numerous incidents that they recorded over two days prior to alerting anyone about it. At issue were security concerns and concerns whether drone flights were in policy. Chief Lew stated there's no evidence that it was a large-scale breach and that it is not a mainstream website. Wired Magazine was contacted by SFPD and were told that there are two days of recordings. SFPD learned that there are about 20 incidents that were recorded and confirmed that they were all in-policy. The link was immediately turned off, and all links are turned off pending new security measures. Chief Lew stated that RTIC and drones in general are a game changer for the public safety in San Francisco and also comes with great responsibility to use those tools in a lawful manner and that SFPD is safe-guarding people's privacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified spoke about the Trans March and questions about the letter of inquiry response.

Unidentified spoke about the breach with the drones and concerns about drone use during the Trans March and feeling threatened by it.

Emilia spoke of the removal of peer counselors on the street crisis response team.

DPA Director's Report

- **Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement**
- **DPA Introduction of Interns**

Director Henderson reported the following: 24 cases opened; 17 cases closed. 7 cases open for more than 270 days. There are 24 cases sustained by DPA that are pending with the SFPD and 2 cases pending with the Commission.

DPA can be contacted at 415-241-7711, sfgov.org/DPA. DPA's community calendars are posted on the DPA's website and posted on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Commission Reports

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

President Clay announced that on August 13th there will be a Promotional Ceremony at 1 p.m.

Commissioner Benedicto asked the Chief if there was an update on the SFPD Audit and work with the Human Rights Commission on the Flock data/NCRIC issue. Chief Lew stated that there is no update and that the audit is still ongoing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Discussion and possible action to approve revised Department General Order 10.11, "Body Worn Camera" for the Department to use in meeting and conferring with the effected bargaining units as required by law

Penny Si and Sergeant Ramesh Shangaran presented DGO 10.11.

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto approved revised DGO 10.11 for meet and confer process. Second by Commissioner Tekkey. Approved 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AYES: Commissioners Low, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay
EXCUSED: Commissioner Scott

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Closed Session, including public comment on vote whether to hold item in closed session.

None

Commissioner Elias recused herself from closed session.

Vote on whether to hold Item in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10)

Motion by Commissioner Leung to go into Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Low.
Approved 5-0.

AYES: Commissioners Low, Leung, Benedicto, Tekkey, Clay
EXCUSED: Commissioner Scott
RECUSED: Commissioner Elias

Closed Session:

Roll Call;

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Claim. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1)

Christina Porter v. City and County of San Francisco, US District Court, Case NO. 3:25-cv-02155 SK City Attorney File No. 250131

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Tekkey, Leung, Low, Benedicto, Chief Lew, Assistant Chief Jones, Deputy City Attorney Huber, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds)

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

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto to not disclose any or all discussion held in Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Leung. Approved 5-0.

AYES: Commissioners Low, Leung, Benedicto, Tekkey, Clay
EXCUSED: Commissioner Scott
RECUSED: Commissioner Elias

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission