

# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

## Fire Commission Regular Meeting

October 26, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400 ■ San Francisco ■ California ■ 94102

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### AGENDA

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and Mayor Breed's 45<sup>th</sup> Supplement to her February 25, 2020, emergency proclamation, it is possible that some members of the San Francisco Fire Commission may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment at the physical meeting location listed above or online at the below meeting link. Instructions for providing remote public comment are below.

To join the meeting, use the following link for attendees:

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<https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e00a3cb7c231b3b5b622a8522dc95837c>

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### Participating During Public Comment: By Phone

Public Comment Call in number is:

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Access Code: 2493 503 6499

Members of the public will have opportunities to participate during public comment. The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment on that item. Comments will be addressed in the order they are received. When the moderator announces that the Commission is taking public comment, members of the public can:

1. Raise hand" by pressing \* 3 and you will be queued.
2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for your turn to speak. Operator will unmute you.
3. When prompted, callers will have the standard three minutes to provide comment unless the President of the Commission decides to reduce the time depending on the number of callers:
  - *Ensure you are in a quiet location.*
  - *Speak clearly.*
  - *Turn off any TVs or radios around you.*

Item No.

**1. ROLL CALL**

President	Katherine Feinstein
Vice President	Stephen Nakajo
Commissioner	Armie Morgan
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson

**2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement**

The San Francisco Fire Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land, and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

**3. RESOLUTION 2022-15 [Discussion and possible action]**

Adoption of resolution setting forth findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

**4. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Deputy Chief Robert Postel to provide overview of fire at 10 Inca Lane on May 13, 2022 and Fire Commission to present certificates of appreciation to teachers at Rosa Park Elementary School for their heroic efforts.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES [Discussion and possible action]**

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 12, 2022.

**6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that does not appear on the agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Commission as a whole and not to individual Commissioners or Department personnel. Commissioners are not to enter into debate or discussion with a speaker. The lack of a response by the Commissioners or Department personnel does not necessarily constitute agreement with or support of statements made during public comment.

**7. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT [Discussion]**

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, JEANINE NICHOLSON

Report on current issues, activities, and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on October 12, 2022, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION, DEPUTY CHIEF TOM O'CONNOR

Report on the Administrative Divisions, Fleet and Facility status and updates, Finance, Support Services, and Homeland Security.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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**October 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Venue Change  
698 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 102, San Francisco, CA 94107

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Vice President Nakajo called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commission President	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
Vice President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Commissioner	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Robert Postel	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Thomas O’Connor	Deputy Chief –Administration	
Sandy Tong	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Assistant Chiefs		
Michael Thompson	Division II	
Dustin Winn	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	

**2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES *[Discussion and possible action]***

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 28, 2022.

Commissioner Fraser Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

**5. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT *[Discussion]***

**REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, JEANINE NICHOLSON**

Report on current issues, activities, and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on June 22, 2022, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

Chief Nicholson reported on activities since the last meeting. She mentioned that last week she sent out letters to candidates for the 131<sup>st</sup> academy which is scheduled to start in January of 2023 and will have approximately 50 recruits. She touched on the COVID numbers within the Department. She stated that 25 EMTs and paramedics graduated last week from the H-3 academy and are on the streets. She attended the Fleet Week events and several training exercises, including a large-scale exercise working with our counterparts in the military on drills that are vital to our emergency response. She also attended a K-9 heroes' event and the Italian Heritage Parade in North Beach. She concluded by stating how proud she is of all the work that's going on in the Department and how the members have risen to the occasion in responding to the challenging fires during the reporting period.

Commissioner Morgan acknowledged National Prevention Week and Fire Prevention weeks and confirmed that the stations are going to have open houses on Saturday.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and showed off her t-shirt from the Fire Service Women fundraiser. She stated that she is looking forward to the open houses on Saturday.

There was no public comment.

**REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT POSTEL**

Report on overall field operations, including greater alarm fires, Emergency Medical Services, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation, Training within the Department., and Airport Division.

Chief Postel reported on Operations during September. He mentioned that during September there were no greater alarms, but they did have 10 working fires where the hard work of the members in the field and effectiveness that they were able to limit these working fires to single alarm fires and not multiple alarm responses. He added that they had 10 water rescues and five successful high-angle cliff rescues during September. He touched on the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation, the Airport Division, the Division of Training, and NERT where they will be conducting their semi-annual drill on October 15, 2022.

Commissioner Frasher thanked Chief Postel for his great report and she confirmed that the Fire Department responds to high-rise floods.

Commissioner Morgan thanked him for his report and confirmed that once the investigations are complete on the greater alarm fires, the cause can be shared with the commission and the public.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Postel for his report and confirmed that the current academy class is the 130<sup>th</sup> and graduation is scheduled for November 18, 2022. He announced that at the next meeting, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, five schoolteachers from Rosa Parks school will be given appreciation certificates.

**REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SANDRA TONG**

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions

Chief Tong announced that on September 30<sup>th</sup> they graduated 25 new members at Station 49. She added that they are trying to create four new ambulance shifts for seven days a week hoping to capture some of the times when they had over surges and during shift changes. In the last five days, she stated they have had no Medic to Follow calls. She touched on research they are doing including a My Rhythm device which is a headband that they hope will be able to identify a large vessel occlusion if somebody's having a stroke. She touched on Community Paramedicine.

Commissioner Frasher thanked Chief Tong for her great report and thanked her for the ride a long she arranged as it was very enlightening. She stated she was glad to hear about the research they are doing for potential stroke patients.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Chief Tong and her staff for all they are doing and as well as all of the lives they are saving.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Tong for her comprehensive report.

There was no public comment

**6. ADJOURNMENT** Vice President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.



**FIRE COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**London N. Breed, Mayor**

Katherine Feinstein, *President*  
Stephen A. Nakajo, *Vice President*  
Armie Morgan, *Commissioner*  
Marcy Fraser, *Commissioner*



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Maureen Conefrey, *Secretary*

**RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, In March 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, In February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020 the City's Health Officer declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that restrict teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; those orders remain in effect, so City law currently allows policy bodies to meet remotely if they comply with restrictions in State law regarding teleconference meetings; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Mayor's orders and State law, San Francisco Fire Commission met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic through March 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor issued an emergency order that (1) requires decision-making boards and commissions established in the Charter (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors) to hold meetings in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, (2) allows members of those boards and commissions to participate remotely in the in-person meetings for COVID-related health reasons, (3) allows but does not require subcommittees of those boards and commissions to meet in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, and (4)



prohibits all other policy bodies (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors and its committees) from meeting in person under any circumstances, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amended the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and

WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical importance of vaccination (including a booster once eligible) and consistent mask-wearing, regardless of vaccination status, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City's Health Officer has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order No. C19-07y, available online at [www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)) and one directive (Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33i, available online at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)) that continue to recommend measures to promote safety for indoor gatherings, including vaccination, masking, improved ventilation, and other measures, in certain contexts; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health ("Cal/OSHA") has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City's Department of Public Health, in coordination with the City's Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings indoors, such as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and greatly reduce risks to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing ventilation, wearing well-fitting masks regardless of vaccination status (and as required for unvaccinated people by the State of California's indoor masking order), encouraging vaccination (including a booster as soon as eligible), staying home when sick or when experiencing any COVID-19 symptom, discouraging consumption of food or beverages in the meeting, following good hand hygiene practices, and making informed choices when gathering with people whose vaccination status is not known; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Commission will begin meeting in person consistent with the Mayor's February 10, 2022 order, allowing members to participate by video from a separate location for COVID-related health reasons and providing members of the public an opportunity to observe and provide public comment either in person or remotely; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the **San Francisco Fire Commission** finds as follows:

As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, **San Francisco Fire Commission** has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body and its committees in person without allowing certain members of this body to attend remotely would present imminent risks to the health or safety of certain attendees due to COVID-19, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of those members to meet safely in person; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days, the **San Francisco Fire Commission** will hold in-person meetings, with some members possibly appearing remotely. If all members of the **San Francisco Fire Commission** are unable to attend in person for COVID-related health reasons, then the **San Francisco Fire Commission** will hold the meeting remotely without providing an in-person meeting location. All meetings of **San Francisco Fire Commission** and its committees will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the body and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of **San Francisco Fire Commission** is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the **San Francisco Fire Commission** within the next 30 days. If **San Francisco Fire Commission** does not meet within the next 30 days, the secretary is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of **San Francisco Fire Commission**.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on October 26, 2022.

Ayes:

Nays

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Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary



**Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)**

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**From:** Ludwig, Theresa (FIR)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** General Order 22 A-102, Vacancy Awards - Officers  
**Attachments:** 22 A-102 Enclosure A - List of Vacancy Awards.pdf

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER

File Code 22 A-102  
October 7, 2022

**From:** Chief of Department  
**To:** Distribution List "A"  
**Subject:** Vacancy Awards - Officers  
**Reference:** Rules & Regulations, Section 3953  
**Enclosure:** Enclosure "A" List of Vacancy Awards

Officer Endorsement:  
Section 1108 - R. & R. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Successful applicants for the vacancies contained in General Order 22 A-92 are listed in Enclosure "A".
2. Members who have been awarded a position will be required to complete all special requirements as specified in General Order 22 A-92, San Francisco Fire Department Rules and Regulations, and any other pertinent General Orders.
3. Assignment changes will begin taking effect in January of 2023.

Jeanine R. Nicholson  
Chief of Department

## Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)

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**From:** Ludwig, Theresa (FIR)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 3:04 PM  
**Subject:** File Code 22 A-103, The Great California Shake Out – October 20, 2022  
**Attachments:** 22 A-103 Attachment A \_Emergency Recall Drill Roster.pdf

### SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

File Code 22 A-103  
October 17, 2022

**From:** Chief of Department  
**To:** Distribution List "A"  
**Subject:** The Great California Shake Out – October 20, 2022  
**Reference:** Rules and Regulations, Section 402  
**Enclosure:** Attachment "A" – Emergency Recall Drill Roster

Officer Endorsement:

Section 1108 - R. & R. \_\_\_\_\_

1. There will be a City-wide Earthquake Drill on Thursday, October 20, 2022. All SFFD Stations and facilities will participate in this drill.
2. At 10:15 AM, all Companies that are in quarters will open all bay doors and move their apparatus out of the Station.
3. Company Officers will lead all members under their command in a review of manual operations of apparatus doors and procedures for manually starting emergency generators. Members will discuss and identify gas and electrical shut-off valves and evacuation routes from the facility.
4. Company Officers and supervisors of other uniformed members (BFP, BFI, DOT, EMS, DEC and BOE) will conduct a recall exercise and contact all off-duty members to confirm that the contact information on file is accurate. An updated Company Roster shall be forwarded to the Deputy Chief of Operations by Monday, October 24, 2022, that will include:
  - The valid contact numbers
  - The off-duty members contacted (either direct contact or a message was left)
    - If a message is being left for a member, the message shall include the details of the Drill and that the member is instructed to return the call to their Station by 1900 hours if possible, or after 1900 hours, to contact (415) 558-3656 and leave a telephone message acknowledging receipt of the call.
  - The members that indicated they would be capable of returning to duty within 12 hours
5. Questions regarding this General Order should be directed to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Homeland Security at [erica.arteseros@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.arteseros@sfgov.org).

**Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)**

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**From:** Ludwig, Theresa (FIR)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:15 AM  
**Subject:** General Order 22 A-104, Signing-In to Fire Portal from Home  
**Attachments:** 22 A-104 Signing-In to Fire Portal from Home.pdf

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER

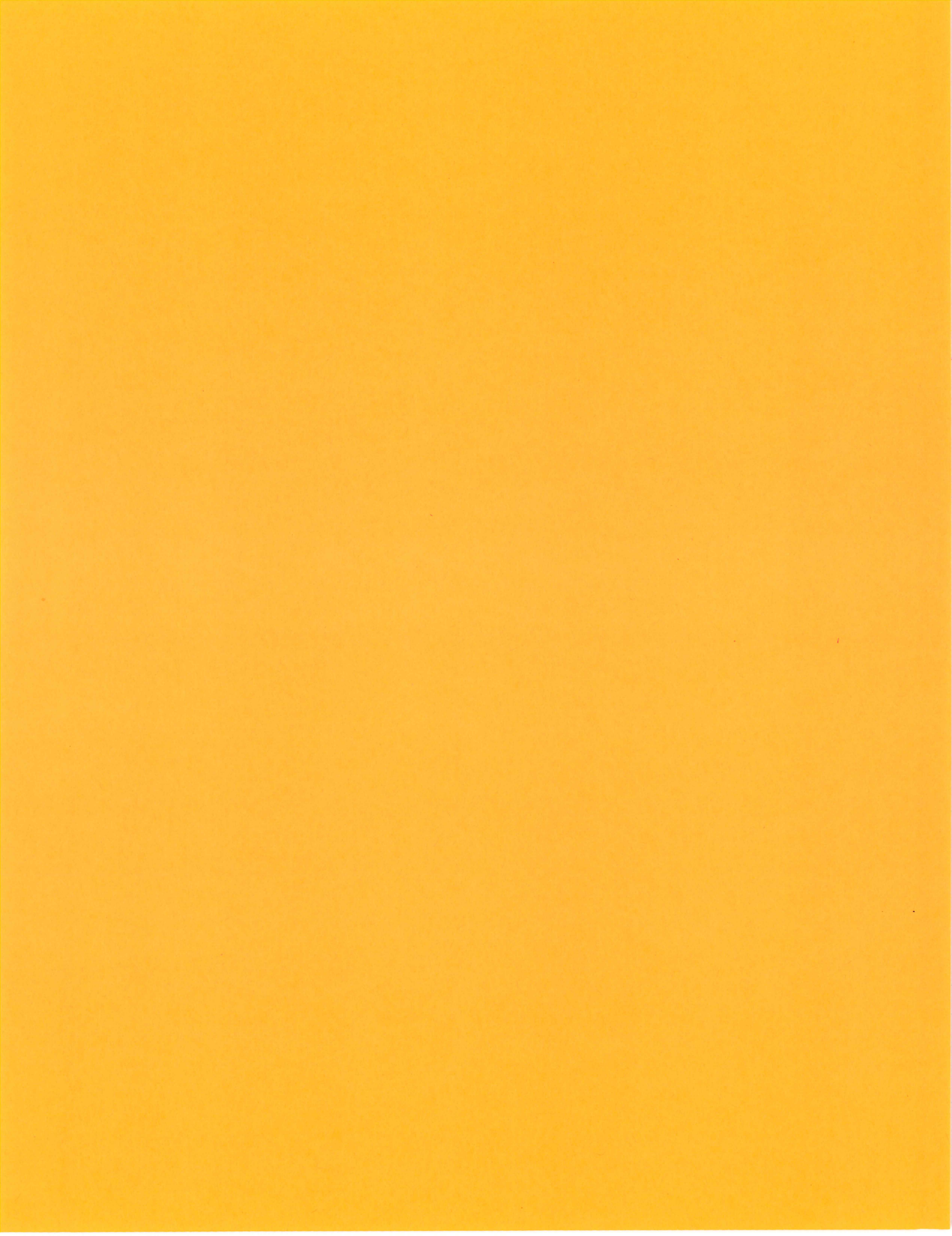
File Code 22 A-104  
October 19, 2022

From: Chief of Department  
To: Distribution List "A"  
Subject: Signing-In to Fire Portal from Home  
Reference: Rules & Regulations Section 402  
Enclosure: Signing-In to Fire Portal from Home

Officer Endorsement:  
Section 1108 – R. & R. \_\_\_\_\_

1. In order to promote greater accessibility, members will now be able to access the Fire Portal (HRMS) from home via a secure platform.
2. See attached enclosure entitled, "Signing-In to Fire Portal from Home" for instructions on how to access Fire Portal (HRMS) from home.

Jeanine R. Nicholson  
Chief of Department



## Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)

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**From:** Nicholson, Jeanine (FIR)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** Conefrey, Maureen (FIR); Katherine FEINSTEIN; Steve Nakajo; Armie MORGAN; Marcy FRASER  
**Subject:** Fwd: Community Paramedicine Update 10/14/22

Greetings

The CP report from last week.

Jeanine R. Nicholson  
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**From:** FireCPOfficer, FIR (FIR) <firecpofficer@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 6:15:23 PM  
**To:** Nicholson, Jeanine (FIR) <jeanine.nicholson@sfgov.org>; Tong, Sandra (FIR) <sandra.tong@sfgov.org>; Tangherlini, Niels (FIR) <Niels.Tangherlini@sfgov.org>; Pang, Simon (FIR) <simon.pang@sfgov.org>; Sloan, April (FIR) <april.l.sloan@sfgov.org>; Mason, Michael (FIR) <michael.mason@sfgov.org>; Meyers, Chelsea (FIR) <chelsea.meyers@sfgov.org>; Oxford, Nick (FIR) <nick.oxford@sfgov.org>; Graterol, Joseph (FIR) <Joseph.Graterol.FIR@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Community Paramedicine Update 10/14/22

Good evening,

### **EMS6:**

EMS6 engages with high utilizers of 9-1-1 EMS and hospital services to determine their needs and help them access the care best suited to their needs. A long-time former EMS6 client approached a CP Captain today and shared her experience with EMS6. She expressed how much Chief Pang, Chief Sloan and Captain Chatham helped her in the last several years. She was unhoused about 6 years ago, using methamphetamine and suffering from untreated mental illness. This client is now under a conservatorship, housed due to severe mental illness. She described how she has been in a locked facility for 5 years, receiving medications and attending daily group meetings for substance use disorder. She described a period of time recently when she began using methamphetamine again, stopped taking her medications and experienced a rapid decline in her physical and mental health. In this short time of relapse she expressed how frightening it is to be active in her SUD with the presence of Fentanyl causing so many unsuspecting users to overdose and even die. She then shared of recent 2 week period of return to medication assisted treatment of substance use disorder and a hopeful, optimistic return to the stability of supportive recovery meetings and continued housing. Reminding her that relapse is simply another piece of the recovery process, she agreed that going towards sobriety and the good feelings are something to be hopeful about. It is not uncommon for members of the CP Division to hear people tell their stories of success and gratitude.



**SCRT:**

Street Crisis Response Team engages those experiencing acute mental health crisis in the community and assists them in finding services for their complex needs. This week SCRT responded to 151 incidents, engaged with about 100 clients and transported 25 to alternate, non ED destinations such as Dore Urgent Care Clinic, SOMARise and the Sobering Center.

**SORT:**

Street Overdose Response Teams continue to identify, respond to, and engage with survivors of non-fatal overdoses and individuals with opioid use disorder.

This week SORT had 55% staffing and responded to 35 dispatches, engaged with 27 clients. Another client today accepted Buprenorphine. With the availability of "Bupe" for 9-1-1 paramedics on the horizon, we expect to see more clients take advantage of this life-changing treatment.

**SWRT:**

Street Wellness Response Teams are staffed with an SFFD Paramedic and EMT and Homeless Outreach Team Specialists to engage with individuals in public space to offer access to shelter and available City Services. Together with HOT member support, teams are getting clients established in the ONE system for prioritizing housing resources. Like Street Crisis Response Teams, Wellness can also take clients to appropriate non ED destinations like the Sobering Center, SOMARise and Dore Urgent Care. This week Wellness Teams had 188 encounters including 22 transports.

**HSOC:**

The EMS6 Healthy Streets Operation Center Incident Commander, HOT and several City agencies have been working throughout the City. This week HSOC connected engaged with 81 unhoused individuals and connected 17 people to various shelters, navigation centers and semi-congregate settings. A great many people encountered decline shelter options offered but HSOC continues to move the needle with our unhoused residents. The areas of HSOC attention this week: Erie alley and 13th/Valencia in the Mission, Willow Alley at Ellis/Eddy in Cathedral Hill, The Embarcadero, 19th/Harrison and 19th/Hampshire in the Mission and Masonic/Geary in NOPA. Another family of 3 with a mom and two children connected to family shelter today with the help of HSOC's CP Captain.

**TLEI:**

The TLEI IC and Joint Field Operations (JFO) in the Tenderloin continue to prove impactful with operations expanded to seven days a week and on holidays. DPW, MTA, SFPD, SFHOT, FEST and many other community partners and agencies continue to collaborate to find shelter options, housing assessments, perform street level clean up and provide referrals to wellness, mental health, medical and substance use programs for the vulnerable populations in the four identified quadrants of the Tenderloin Initiative.

Respectfully,

Mary Meraw (she,her)  
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