

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

Fire Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 22, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Item No.

1. ROLL CALL

President	Ken Cleaveland
Vice President	Stephen A. Nakajo
Commissioner	Michael Hardeman
Commissioner	Francee Covington
Commissioner	Joe Alioto Veronese
Chief of Department	Joanne Hayes-White

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction and 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.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 8, 2018.

4. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE WITH PAY FOR THREE (3) DAYS, SEPTEMBER 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S 2018 URBAN FIRE FORUM IN QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS *[Discussion and possible action]*

Discussion and possible action to approve Chief of Department's request with pay for three days to attend the National Fire Protection Association's 2018 Urban Fire Forum in Quincy, Massachusetts. The National Fire Protection Agency will cover the expense of travel, meals and lodging. No Fire Department funds will be used for this trip. Deputy Chief Mark Gonzales will be Acting Chief of Department in her absence.

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

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, JOANNE HAYES-WHITE

Report on current issues, activities and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on August 8, 2018, including budget, academies, special events, communications and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION, DEPUTY CHIEF JEANINE NICHOLSON

Report on the Administrative Divisions, Fleet and Facility status, including an update on the Chief's Residence, Finance, Support Services, Homeland Security and Training within the Department.

6. COMMISSION REPORT *[Discussion]*

Report on Commission activities since last meeting on August 8, 2018.

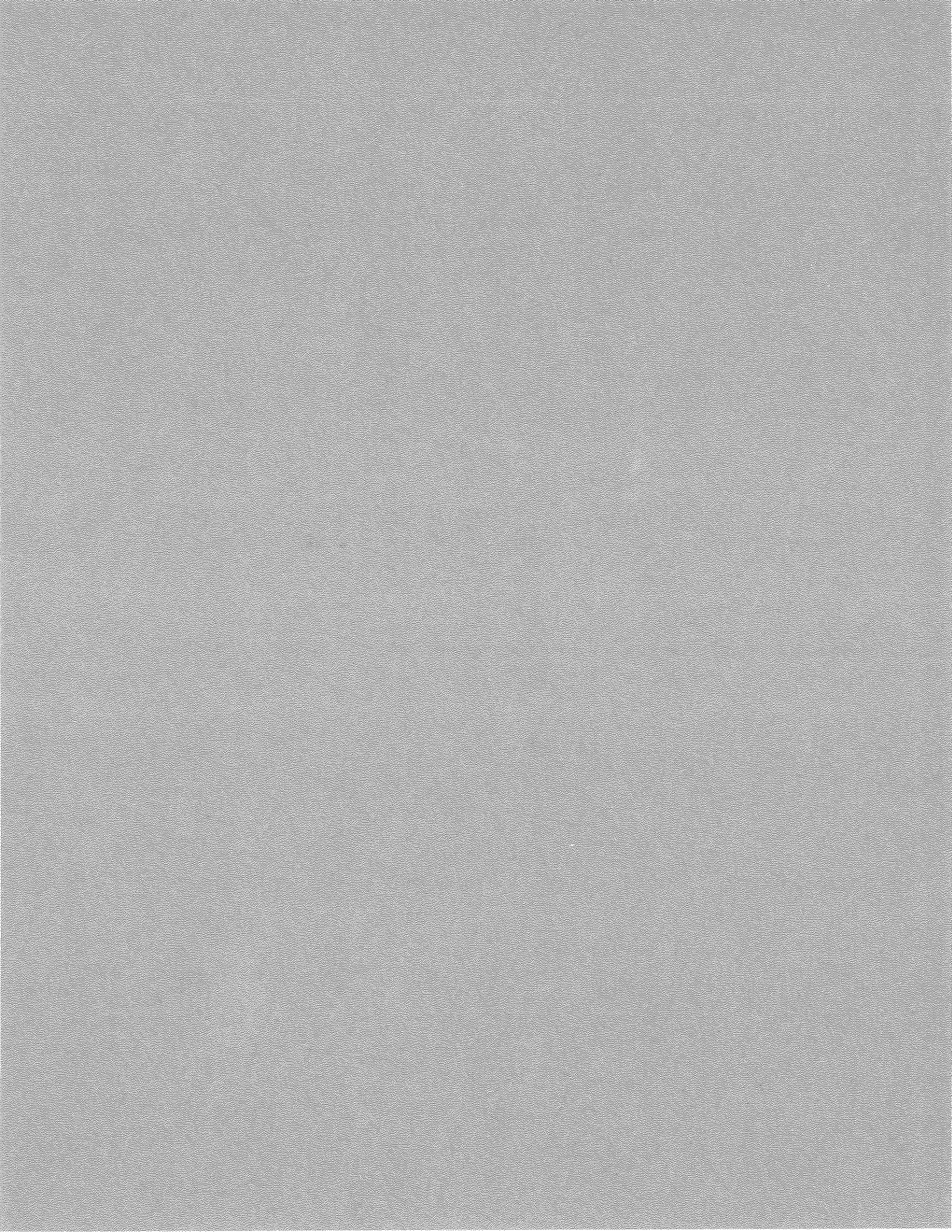
**7. AGENDA FOR NEXT AND FUTURE FIRE COMMISSION MEETINGS
*[Discussion]***

Discussion regarding agenda for next and future Fire Commission meetings.

8. CORRESPONDENCE *[Discussion]*

- Email from Don Chan dated 8/11/18

9. ADJOURNMENT



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

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The Video can be viewed by clicking this link:

http://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=180&clip_id=31106

Vice President Nakajo called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Ken Cleaveland	Arrived at 9:04
Commission Vice President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Commissioner	Michael Hardeman	Present
Commissioner	Francee Covington	Present
Commissioner	Joe Alioto Veronese	Present
Chief of Department	Joanne Hayes-White	Excused
Mark Gonzales	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Jeanine Nicholson	Deputy Chief --Administration	
Dan De Cossio	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Mike Cochran	Homeland Security	
Andy Zanoft	EMS	
Tony Rivera	Support Services	
Khai Ali	Airport	
Joel Sato	Training Division	
Assistant Chiefs		
Thomas Abbott	Division 2	
Michael Bryant	Division 3	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES [Discussion and possible action]

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on July 25, 2018.

Commissioner Hardeman Moved to approve the above meeting Minutes. Vice President Nakajo Seconded. Motion to approve above Minutes was unanimous.

There was no public comment.

6 CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT [Discussion]

REPORT FROM ACTING CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, MARK GONZALES

Report on current issues, activities and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on April 25, 2018, including budget, academies, special events, communications and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

Chief Gonzales reported on events since the last meeting on July 25, 2018, as Chief Joanne Hayes-White was in Dallas at the Fire Rescue International Conference to receive the IAFC's Career Fire Chief of the Year award. He added that she was nominated by former Mayor, Mark Farrell, Senator Diane Feinstein as well as George and Charlotte Schultz.

Chief Gonzales stated that they continue to work on the budget to close out the fiscal year 2018 and that Mayor Breed signed the budget. With regards to the Division of Training, he mentioned that the 124th academy is in their final week and graduation will take place on Friday, August 10, 2018, at Archbishop Riordan High School. He added that the projection for the start date of the 125th academy is early 2019. Chief Gonzales announced that they are planning a bump up class in the early fall, with a projected class of 30 people, 20 of which will be H-3 Level 1s, two H-3 Level 2s, 10 of which will be H-2 firefighters to H-3 Level 3, which is firefighter/paramedic as well as an H-3 Level 1 academy in the late fall. He stated that at the request of Mayor Breed's office for a response to the public safety policy summit recommendations, they are working on the response which is due August 28th. He touched on the OES strike team personnel that have been deployed to wildland fires, and special events that took place during the reporting period, including a meeting with DBI Director Hui and staff regarding the accessory dwelling units. He added that Fire Marshal De Cossio is doing a great job putting together the process for contractors and building owners to convert to legal ADU's. He mentioned that they had an ambulance viewing of another type of vehicle that is smaller than the current box type but bigger than the Sprinter type they are currently testing and making sure they are in line with the safety of personnel as well as Vision Zero goals.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, MARK GONZALES

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

Chief Gonzales reported on activities for the month of July. He mentioned that there were two greater alarms during the reporting period, the first at 970 47th Avenue (the Clubhouse at Golden Gate Golf Course) under the command of Assistant Chief Ken Yee and the second at 1333 Columbus Avenue under the command of Assistant Chief Brook Baker. He mentioned that all members did a good job and performed admirably but they had an issue with police cars blocking access to hydrants and roads at the golf course fire and that they are working with the SFPD to fix the issues. He touched on other notable incidents such as a rescue of a 50-year-old male who fell into the water at Pier 27; a first alarm fire at 359 Ellis Street on the seventh floor; and a hazmat incident at Oceanside Sanitation Facility which was mitigated. He touched on outreach efforts and reminded the public to follow the department on Twitter at SFFDPIO, on the department website at sf-fire.org and to sign up for emergency notifications by texting ALERTSF to 888-777. He added that the Department has also started to promote a safety

message with Smokey the Bear on social media for youth. He presented a slideshow of pictures showing members in action. He gave a brief history of the San Francisco Fire Youth Academy which started in September of 2003 by the San Francisco Black Firefighters Association. He acknowledged the recent award ceremony for Commissioner Nakajo and thanked ADC Zanoft and ADC Cochrane for their work on the mayoral inauguration. He stated that Dr. Yeh and Captain Pang are doing EMS-6 refresher training and that the Bureau of Fire Investigations has 62 open cases.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Gonzales for his reports and confirmed that the new director for DEM is Mary Ellen Carroll and that he would like to be introduced to her as well as acknowledging outgoing director Anne Kronenberg for all her years of service to the City and County of San Francisco. Vice President Nakajo confirmed that the clubhouse fire at GGP is still under investigation and he acknowledged the great summary report of that fire written by Assistant Chief Ken Yee. He touched on the use and elimination of chief aids which Chief Gonzales explained that at one point all 10 Battalion Chiefs had operators, now only the Assistant Chiefs have operators. Vice President Nakajo also confirmed the difference between calling 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 and that 3-1-1 is educating the public on when to use each of those numbers and the importance of the need to do a concise effort for all in public service to be able to educate the public on when to call 3-1-1 as opposed to 9-1-1. He also asked in terms of ambulances, if the department was looking for more of a custom design. Chief Rivera answered that what they are looking at is similar to what they already have, which is a van style which is similar to what the private ambulance companies have been using and they have been informed that they have not experienced any cracking of the frames, which is one of the biggest issues the department has experienced with their ambulance fleet. He added that they will be looking at certain criteria specific to SFFD to maintain the standard for the vehicle.

Commissioner Hardeman thanked Chief Gonzales for his wonderful report and acknowledged all the activity that goes on monthly in the Department along with the increase in call volume that they respond to. He announced that Chief Hayes-White being honored as Fire Chief of the Year is a real tribute to San Francisco. He stated that the Golden Gate Golf Course was the first course he ever played golf on. He recommended adjourning the meeting in honor of the firefighters that lost their lives recently in the California wildland fires. He also thought it was a good idea to take the ambulances for test runs and get a good feel for all the options. He confirmed that the response times are meeting the goals.

Commissioner Covington thanked Chief Gonzales for his reports and asked him to speak more about the accessory units and comprehensive plans being put together by various departments. Chief De Cossio explained that the intent and main goal of the city is to increase the number of affordable housing units and in doing so there is a push and drive to increase the number of accessory dwelling units, which are basically in apartment buildings on the ground floor, which usually contains the garage and changing them into residential spaces. He explained the current code and coming up with solutions to provide enhancements without compromising the level of protection and safety. He added that the biggest challenge is for single exit exceptions and most of the units cannot meet the exception because you have minimum widths and limited space and to meet the single exit exception, you have to fully sprinkler the building on the ground floor. He explained in detail the requirements and the involvement of the Fire Department, Department of Building Inspection and Planning Department in dealing with this issue. Commissioner Covington asked that once the plans have been finalized, she would like

him to share it with the Commission as housing is such a big issue for San Francisco. Commissioner Covington confirmed that the ambulances they are currently looking at are different from the ones that Chief Nicholson and Chief Zanoft looked at in L.A. The ones they are currently looking at are actually the same chassis that the Department currently has, but the box which is called the module is actually shorter in length, shorter in height, and narrower in width, which equates to approximately a thousand pound weight reduction for the chassis to support. He added that they have been working with EMS to try and find a vehicle that will fit the Department's needs. Commissioner Covington confirmed that the money that was earmarked for the ambulances and not spent yet, will roll over into the next budget. She also confirmed that the Fire Department has been in constant discussion on resolving the issues of the SFPD's police cars at fire scenes and what the expectations are.

Commissioner Veronese stated that in regards to the accessory dwelling units, he would like to hear from the stakeholders, because one of the greatest frustrations is when they go to apply for permits, they have so many hoops to go through between the different agencies that have to sign off on the permits and he thinks it would be a good idea to let them know what the thinking behind the proposals are and that the department will never compromise on safety and because the end goal is to create the housing, we need to make sure that we're incentivizing people who actually do that. Commissioner Veronese confirmed that the process for the grant writer position is underway and an offer of employment was to go out. He also confirmed that Station 16 has been delayed because of an issue with the fuel and oil delivery system. He congratulated the Chief on her award and that he was proud of her.

President Cleaveland asked what the average time is for an approval of an accessory dwelling unit. Chief De Cossio responded that it's an average of eight weeks. He confirmed that the Fire Department is the third step in the process. Chief De Cossio added that the requirements for ADU's are in the code at the State level, opted by the state fire marshal and they cannot just waive the requirements but they can come up with equivalencies and that's what they are trying to do, to give the applicant alternative paths to take and not just shut down the project. He also congratulated the Chief on her award.

There was no public comment.

5. RESOLUTION 2018-03 [Discussion and possible action]

Resolution Recommending That The Board Of Supervisors Authorize The San Francisco Fire Department To Accept A Donation Of A Roof Prop Valued At \$24,417 From JNJ Roof Prop For The Department's Training Division

Commissioner Covington Moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the Resolution. Commissioner Hardeman Seconded. Motion to approve above resolution was unanimous. Fire Commission Secretary read Resolution 2018-03 into the record.

There was no public comment.

6. COMMISSION REPORT [Discussion]

Report on Commission activities since last meeting on July 25, 2018.

President Cleaveland stated that he met with officials from the Academy of Art regarding one of the departments deteriorated historic fire engines, a 1928 Ahren-Fox engine and he's hoping the Academy of Art will adopt it and restore it. He asked that any companies in the city that

would be willing to adopt one of our historic fire apparatus that are desperately in need of being rebuilt and restored to please contact the Department or the Commission.

7. AGENDA FOR NEXT AND FUTURE FIRE COMMISSION MEETINGS [Discussion]
Discussion regarding agenda for next and future Fire Commission meetings.

Commissioner Veronese spoke about his upcoming stair climb on September 8th at 555 California Street to raise money for first responders and PTSD and that it's open to the public and encouraged all to participate and sign up at SFStairClimb.com.

- Update on Chief's Residence
- Peer Support Resolution
- Acknowledge Anne Kronenberg or send a letter thanking her for her service
- Housing issue
- Wildland Fires/Cancer Prevention General Order
- SF Black Firefighter's Youth Academy

There was no public comment.

8. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

President Cleaveland called for public comment. There was no public comment.

a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 8(b) IN CLOSED SESSION [Action]

Commissioner Hardeman made a motion to conduct item 8(b) in Closed Session. Commissioner Covington seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. (5-0; Cleaveland, Nakajo, Hardeman, Covington, Veronese)

The Commission went into closed session at 10:39 a.m.

Also present was Deputy City Attorney, Jonathan Rolnick.

Commissioner Alioto Veronese recused himself from closed session discussions at 10:48.

The Commission may hear Item 8(b) regarding existing litigation in closed session if it votes to invoke the attorney-client privilege (Government Code § 54956.9; Administrative Code § 67.10(d)).

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.** Conference with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), (c), (d), and Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1) and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for settlement approval or to take other action. *[Action item]*

Existing Litigation:

Montes v. City and County of San Francisco

United States District Court Case No. 17—CV-02928 JSC

9. REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION [Discussion and possible action] as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1(a) and San Francisco

Administrative Code section 67.12(b).

The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 10:59 a.m. President Cleaveland reported that the Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for settlement approval of the above existing litigation.

10. VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION, as specified in San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). *[Action]*

Commissioner Hardeman Moved to not disclose discussions held in closed session. Commissioner Covington Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. (4-0; Cleaveland, Nakajo, Hardeman, Covington)

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Cleaveland adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the memory of Captain Brian Hughes from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park and Braden Varney of Mariposa, a bulldozer operator for the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection whom both died fighting the California Wildland Fires.



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

August 15, 2018

Honorable President and
Members of the Fire Commission
698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully request a Leave of Absence with pay for three (3) days, Wednesday, September 19 through Friday, September 21, 2018, to attend the National Fire Protection Association's 2018 Urban Fire Forum to be held in Quincy, Massachusetts.

The Urban Fire Forum is by invitation only and offered to a limited number of Metropolitan Fire Departments. The goal of the Forum is to offer a better understanding of issues that are faced by Metropolitan Fire Departments and Emergency Services.

The National Fire Protection Agency will cover the expense of travel, meals and lodging. No Fire Department funds will be used for this trip.

Deputy Chief Mark Gonzales will be acting Chief of Department in my absence. I will return to duty on the evening of September 21, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department

cc: Mark Gonzales, Deputy Chief of Operations
Jeanine Nicholson, Deputy Chief of Administration
Personnel File

URBAN FIRE FORUM

September 19-21, 2018
NFPA Headquarters
Quincy, MA



September 19-21, 2018

Forum Facilitator

Russ Sanders

Wednesday, September 19 (Marriott Hotel)

6:00 PM Welcome Reception & Dinner – Jim Pauley

Thursday, September 20 (NFPA Headquarters)

7:45 AM Transportation to NFPA Headquarters/Continental Breakfast at NFPA

9:00 AM *Bus departs for spouses/partners trip to downtown Boston to walk the Freedom Trail and have lunch at one of Boston's excellent Italian restaurants.*

Greetings & Updates

9:00 AM Welcome & Comments: Jim Pauley, NFPA President & CEO

9:30 AM Welcome from the USFA – Chief Keith Bryant, USFA Administrator

9:45 AM Greetings from the IAFC – Chief Mark Light, CEO and Executive Director

10:00 AM Greetings from the United Kingdom – CFO Roy Wilsher, Chair, National Fire Chiefs Council and CFO Peter Holland, UK's Chief Inspector Crown Premises Fire Safety

10:15 AM Greetings from the CAFC – Chief Ken Block, President

10:30 AM Break

Presentations

10:45 AM NFPA's Fire & Life Safety Ecosystem: How can NFPA do Better? – Jim Pauley
Group discussion. I've asked each attendee to share his/her thoughts, suggestions and recommendations.

11:30 AM Cost of Fire: A UK Perspective – Peter Holland & Roy Wilshire

12:00 PM Lunch at NFPA Headquarters

1:00 PM NFPA and Fire Protection Research Foundation Projects:
EFFECT – Birgitte Messerschmidt
Review of Foundation Research on Economic Impact of Fire – Amanda Kimball & Meghan Housewright

2:00 PM Fire Dynamics Update: Findings on Basement Fires, Fire Attack, Fire Exposure/Decon and Training Fires – Dr. Daniel Madrzykowski

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM After-Action Reports – Dr. Dan Madrzykowski (Deliverable)

- 3:15 PM Counting Responses – Otto Drozd, III and Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell (Deliverable)
- 4:15 PM Transportation to the Marriott Hotel
- 6:15 PM Group Dinner at Venezia on the Boston Harbor <https://vенеziaboston.com/>

Friday, September 21 (NFPA Headquarters)

- 7:30 AM Transportation to NFPA Headquarters/Continental Breakfast at NFPA
 - 8:30 AM Smart Cities – Robert Solomon (Deliverable)
 - 9:15 AM ASHER Update – Otto Drozd (Possible Deliverable)
 - 9:45 AM Break
 - 10:00 AM Hostile Threat Assessment/Complex Coordinated Attacks – Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell (Deliverable)
 - 11:00 AM Maintaining School Safety During ASHER Events –Mark Light & Robert Solomon (Deliverable – possibly the IAFC position paper).
 - 11:30 AM Los Angeles County Fire Department's Decon Policy Update – Daryl Osby
 - 11:45 AM Wrap Up
 - 12 Noon Lunch at NFPA
- Departures after lunch

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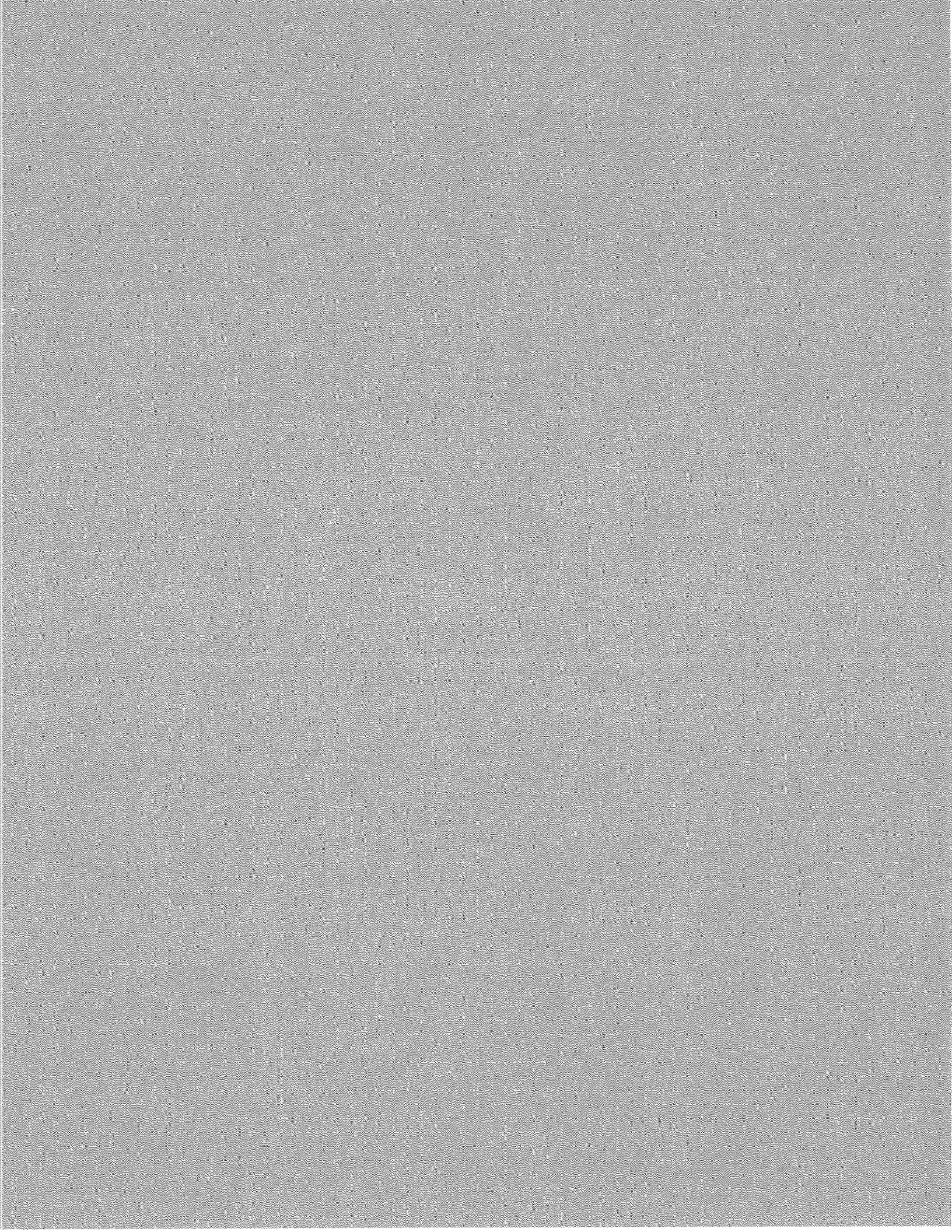
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Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)

From: FireChief, Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:28 PM
Subject: General Order 18 A-57, Company Based Modular Training Module 13 – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor Training – September 2018

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

File Code 18 A-57
August 14, 2018

From: Chief of Department
To: Distribution List "A"
Subject: Company Based Modular Training Module 13 – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor Training – September 2018
Reference: Rules & Regulations, Section 402
Enclosure: None

Officer Endorsement:
Section 1108 – R&R

1. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor renewal training will be held on the dates listed below. This training is recommended for all H-33 EMS Captains and Paramedic Preceptors. The training will be held at the Division of Training, Treasure Island Training Facility (TITF). This is a one-day training session available on four separate days.

ACLS Instructor Renewal Courses (0900-1700 hours)

Tuesday, September 4
Wednesday, September 5
Thursday, September 6
Friday, September 7

2. H-33 EMS Captains will be scheduled on-duty for ACLS Instructor training via the Fire Calendar and SFFD Department email. H-33 EMS Captains who are not scheduled to work during ACLS Instructor training will be granted overtime for off-duty attendance and can schedule their appointment via HRMS. All other interested members must attend the training in an off-duty status. Class size will be limited to 12 students.
3. First time ACLS Instructors must complete the ACLS Instructor Essentials Online Course PRIOR to attending the ACLS Instructor renewal course. The course is available online at <https://www.onlineaha.org/courses#7>. New ACLS Instructors must present their ACLS Instructor Essentials Online Course completion certificate to the TITF EMS Training Staff the day they attend their ACLS Instructor Course.
4. Per AHA requirements, instructor candidates are required to teach a minimum of FOUR classroom provider courses every two years. ACLS Instructors interested in maintaining the SFFD as their AHA

Training Center are responsible for scheduling and teaching these courses through the DOT EMS staff. AHA ACLS Instructor cards will be issued after the completion of this requirement.

5. Members other than H-33 EMS Captains interested in attending the ACLS Instructor course should contact A/EMS Training Section Chief Nicholas Payne at (415) 318-4517.

Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department

Conefrey, Maureen (FIR)

From: FireChief, Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:28 PM
Subject: General Order 18 A-58, Company Based Modular Training Module 14 – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Training – September-November 2018

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

File Code 18 A-58
August 14, 2018

From: Chief of Department
To: Distribution List "A"
Subject: Company Based Modular Training Module 14 – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Training – September-November 2018
Reference: Rules & Regulations, Section 402
Enclosure: None

Officer Endorsement:
Section 1108 – R&R

1. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training will begin on Monday, September 10, 2018 and will continue through Thursday, November 15, 2018. This module is mandatory for all Paramedic personnel in ranks that require Paramedic licensure.
2. ACLS classes will be held at the Treasure Island Training Facility (TITF) from 0900-1700 hrs. This is a one-day eight-hour class.
3. Division of Training staff will detail H-3 Level 3 Firefighter/Paramedics assigned to Operations via Fire Calendar and/or SFFD Department email.
4. H-3 Level 2 Paramedics assigned to Station 49 and H3 Level 3 Firefighter/Paramedics assigned to Headquarters and Dispatch (DEC) shall sign up via an HRMS appointment tab in an off-duty status for overtime pay for this training.
5. Any interested members in non-Paramedic ranks who possess an ACLS certification and wish to attend this course should call the EMS In-Service Training Section at (415) 318-4501 to schedule as space allows. Attendance will be in an off-duty status only.
6. Division Chiefs are responsible to ensure that all Paramedics in their Division are detailed to the training consistent with the announcements issued from the Division of Training.
7. Questions about this module shall be directed to the DOT EMS Training Section at (415) 318-4501.

August 11, 2018

TO: SF Fire Department, SF Fire Commission

FR: Don Chan (785 Andover)

Re: Investigative Report incident # 18073255

I just received and read your report on the hillside fire on June 22, 2018 and am very disappointed and a bit angry at what it said and didn't say. I suppose the "depth" of the investigation was determined by the economic loss of the fire, and in view of the other major fires happening in California, this one is but an insignificant blip on a screen, because your report made it sound like that.

Your statements that: this was a "wildland fire" of "undetermined cause" seemed to relieve anyone of any responsibility for the fire and its impact. Being a "wildland fire" I suppose relieves the City of any responsibility because of course it doesn't "own wildland". And being "undetermined" as to cause relieves anyone of facing punishment for causing it.

But these statements are bogus. The lots that the fire burned are not "wildlands". They are undeveloped lots privately owned, and taxed by the City as private lots. They are also always overgrown with vegetation and sometimes strewn with debris and have always been ripe tinder for potential fires (which the City and Fire Department should have been aware and alert to, as 6 out of the past 12 years I've lived here there have been fires right around the same time as this incident, all caused by negligent and illegal use of fireworks from some people of the Alemany Projects.) So, if and when a fire occurs like this, it is primarily suspect to fireworks being the cause.

However, in this incident report there is no mention of that possibility, or if any attempt to identify such a cause was done. The investigation seemed to rely solely on what staff observed or found around the area they looked. No neighbors were interviewed for any additional info. One of my neighbors told me she hears someone say they saw the workers (there are construction people working at the projects now) smoking near that back fence that separates the projects from the hill. I know she wasn't asked anything by Fire staff.

The report contains further erroneous and missing information. The pictures claim to show my address (785 Andover) as the address for the hillside -pix #2,3,4) this is wrong. The hillside adjacent to my house is owned by a Robert Cort (from the last time I tried finding the owner from the Assessor's office). Likewise, the lots behind that, and my house, belong to private owners. In fact, to list the address of the incident as 900 Ellsworth is totally misleading as that is generally accepted as the area of the project from where the hillside fire started. But nothing happened to the projects at the address noted.

Similarly, missing information from your report leaves the impacted neighbors (myself included) out in the cold for any possible restitution if anyone could be held accountable. The damage to my back fence (half burnt down) and my neighbor's at 783 Andover is not included, nor are

there pictures of the damage. The only address listed as having damage/loss is at 888 Moultrie for which you estimate \$10K of damage, but you list \$50K prop loss at the bottom of your Form 1, without saying what property sustained this loss.

The inconsistencies and shallowness of reasoning behind this fire really upset me. It puts a lock on the file of this incident, not to be looked at again because "there's nothing more to know."

This just ignores the fact that the City and Fire Department have been negligent with making sure that property owners of such lots keep them clear of overgrowth, weeds, debris, and generally safe from being fire hazards (especially where there has been a history of such occurrences!). They have allowed property owners to skirt their legal responsibilities and we suffer the results of that!

I want to demand but I think you'd react negatively to such language, so I'll request you rewrite this report, correcting all the mistakes I've mentioned, and immediately find the owners of those lots and make them clear them out so we do not have a repeat incident. Also, I would like help in getting the owners to respond to me (as I have never been able to get them to reply to my mails or calls), so I can get some restitution for the damages to my property.

Sincerely,

Don Chan
785 Andover St
SF.

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San Francisco Fire Department Fire Investigation Report Form 1

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San Francisco, CA 94168
(415) 920-2933
(415) 822-8984 (Fax)

Incident Dt	Day	Incident #	Exp	SFPD #	DispTm	Type Of Incident	Fire Cause
06/22/2018	Fri	18073255	0	180462641	11:35:52	WILDLAND FIRE	UNDETERMINED
Address			Unit No		Cross Street		
900 ELLSWORTH							
BFI Notified	BFI Dispatched		BFI On Scene		Chief	1st Unit	District
	06/22/2018 11:50		06/22/2018 12:07			E42	1
Occupant Name (Last/First/MI)		Race	Sex	DOB	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
Home Address		Work Address		Insurance Co	Agent	Phone	
Manager Name (Last/First/MI)		Race	Sex	DOB	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
Home Address		Work Address		Management Co	Contact #		
Owner Name (Last/First/MI)		Race	Sex	DOB	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
[REDACTED]							
Home Address		Work Address		Insurance Co	Agent	Phone	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]					
Reportee Name (Last/First/MI)		Race	Sex	DOB	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
[REDACTED]							[REDACTED]
Home Address		Work Address					
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]					
Suspect Name (Last/First/MI)		Race	Sex	DOB	Charges		
# Floors	Type Construction	Primary Occupancy			Secondary Occupancy		
2	WOOD	RESIDENTIAL/HOTEL					
Floor of Origin	Location of Origin	Room of Origin	Mult Origin	Extension: Rooms Units Floors Buildings			
1	SOUTH	OTHER		N	N	N	N
Method of Entry	Ignition Source		Prop. Loss	Exp. Prop. Loss	Cont. Loss	Exp. Cont. Loss	
OPEN	UNDETERMINED		\$50,000				
Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color	License/Vin	State
Origin Location		Extent of Damage		Estimated Dollar Loss			
Photos	JFS	Arrests	Injuries	Deaths	NFIRS By	Copies To	
Y	0	0	0	0	Milici,R	SFPD	
Primary Investigator			Secondary Investigator			Signature / Star / Date	
Milici,R			Horta,M			[Signature] 26 6/22/18	
						Reviewed By / Star / Date	
						[Signature] 43	

7-24-18



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

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BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION
1275 3rd St.
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SFFD INCIDENT NUMBER: 18-073255	900 Ellsworth	DATE OF INCIDENT: 6/22/2018
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1. SUMMARY:

On 6/22/18 at approximately 1135 hours this fire investigative unit was automatically dispatched by second alarm to a grass fire near the above address. The fire extended to a two-story wood framed single-family residential building in normal use at the time of the fire. The fire was extinguished without complication or injury. This unit estimated property/content damages at \$0.00. SFPD Officer HOPKINS (*1134) responded and initiated report #180-462-641. SFPD Sergeant COLE (*1135) and SFPD Lieutenant BAZARINI were notified. PG&E on scene. The cause of this fire is undetermined.

2. EXPOSURES:

EX1- 888 Moultrie, SF CA, two-story wood framed single-family residential, exterior damage from exposure to grass fire. This unit estimated exposure property damages at \$10,000.00 with \$0.00 contents damages; Owner: [REDACTED]

3. WITNESSES:

(W1) POSEY, SFPD Lieutenant Engine 42
(W2) [REDACTED] 911 caller (information withheld)

4. INVESTIGATION:

Investigator HORTA and I arrived on scene and spoke to (W1) POSEY who stated they arrived on scene and located a grass fire on the hill behind 900 Ellsworth. The fire was advancing up the hill towards the houses on top of the hill. He called for a full box to be struck.

We began our investigation of the scene and located a large grass fire on the hill behind 900 Ellsworth. The fire extended up the hill and to the east, consuming grass and other vegetation. On the northern edge of the fire at 888 Moultrie, fire extended to and partially consumed, the exterior siding of 888 Moultrie and damaged the PG&E gas meter.

Based on wind direction and a natural uphill burn direction, we determined the grass fire initiated at the bottom of the hill toward the west end of 900 Ellsworth. In this area, we located a "Bic" lighter. Upon examination of the lighter, we noted dirt clogging the assembly and rust on the metal components. We attempted to use the lighter and determined it was not working and not involved in the ignition of this fire.

Weather at the time of the incident was clear skies with a westerly wind gusting 10-15 mph. We eliminated natural causes as the ignition source to the this fire.

Video surveillance in the area was inconclusive as to the cause of the fire.

(W2) [REDACTED] stated that he was driving NB on HWY 280 and saw a fire advancing up the hill behind the projects. He did not know how the fire started.

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5. CONCLUSION:

Based on our examination of the fire scene and witness statements, physical evidence is consistent with the area of origin as the grass area behind 900 Ellsworth.

Based on the above investigation, the cause of this fire is undetermined.

The opinions contained in this report are based on the scene examination and information known to date. New information may require conclusions and opinions to be re-evaluated.

6. EVIDENCE:

(E1) 26 digital photographs

7. INJURY/DEATH:

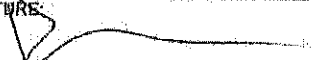
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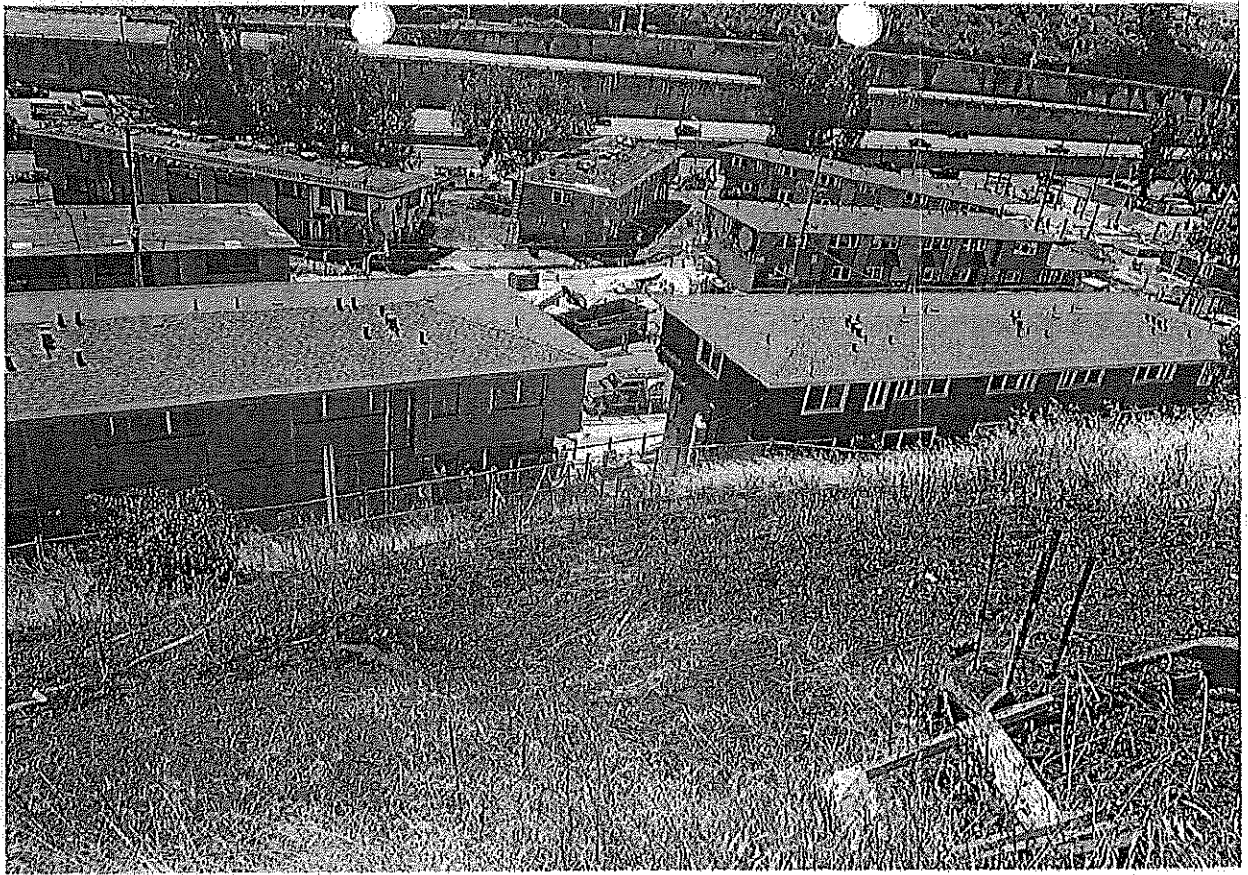
8. SUSPECTS:

None

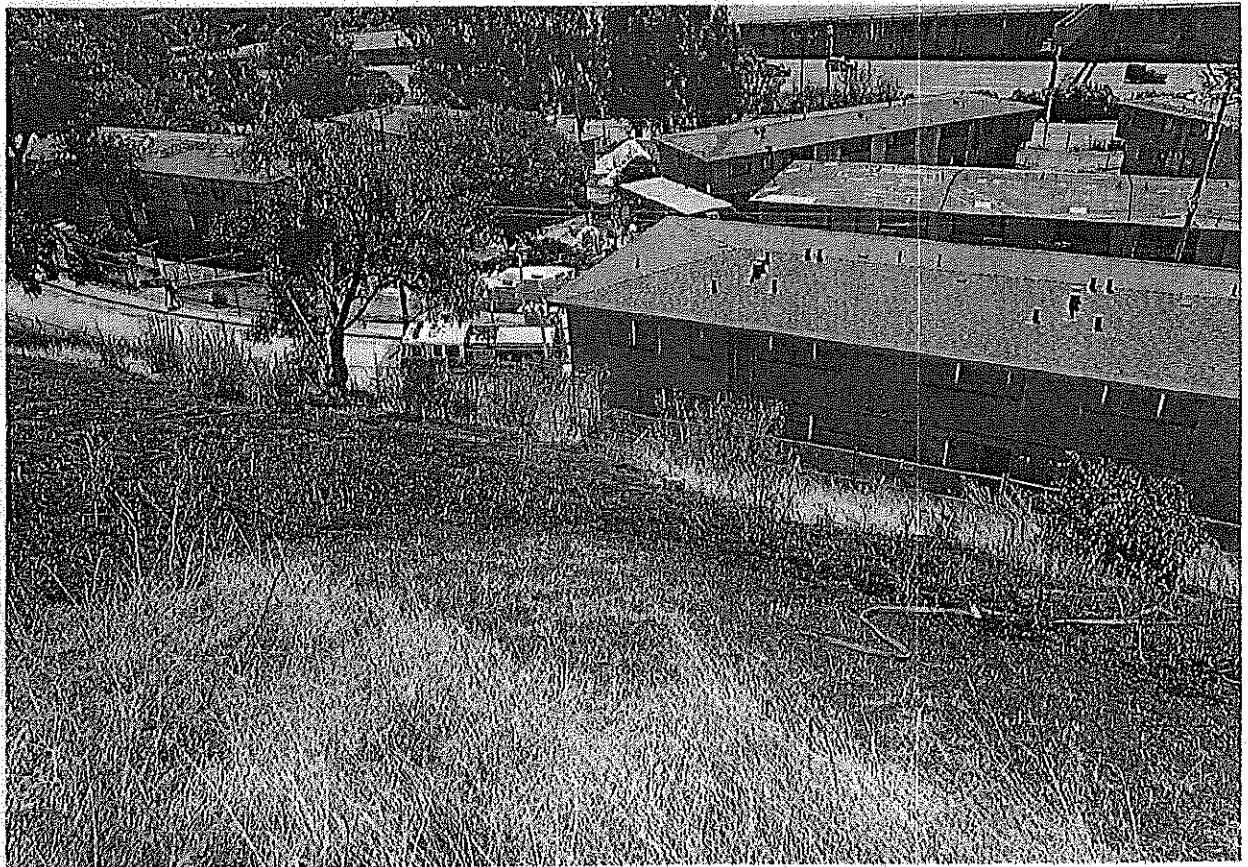
9. INSURANCE:

None

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SFFD Inc No. 18073255		Incident Location 900 ELLSWORTH	Date 06/22/2018	Time 11:35:5	SFPD Case Number 180462641
Photo Date 06/22/2018		Photo Taken By Milici,R			
Letter	Number	Description			
A	21	772 ANDERSON			
A	22	784 ANDERSON			
A	23	784 ANDERSON			
A	24	900 ELLSWORTH			
A	25	900 ELLSWORTH			
A	26	900 ELLSWORTH			

Photographer	Date	Investigators	Signature	Date	Star
		Milici,R Horta,M			

