



**SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Request for Information**  
**4th of July Deployment**



July 19, 2023

The below item is on the agenda for discussion at the Police Commission meeting scheduled for July 19, 2023.

**Item 10. Discussion on the Dolores Park Hill Bomb and SFPD's Fourth of July deployment, at the request of the Commission (DISCUSSION)**

As the Dolores Park deployment will be part of the discussion for Item 9 on the agenda, the below information is being provided specifically addressing the Fourth of July.

**INFORMATION REQUESTED**

1. Number of planned/unplanned known events in the City in 2023.

**a. Number of events in each district.**

Multiple unsanctioned/unpermitted events were reported throughout the City and each district.

**b. How many of events were permitted?**

**Central:** Embarcadero, Waterfront, Aquatic Park, Fisherman's Wharf - 1:00 pm - midnight

**Southern:** SF Giants vs. Seattle Mariners - 1:05 pm - 4:00 pm

**Ingleside:** Laidley Street/Fairmount Street to Harper Block Party (ISCOTT permitted) - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**c. Was planning and/or operation orders drafted?**

All ten district stations authored Op Orders and had plans in place to address 4th of July-related calls for service.

- This is due to historical review of the holiday in which residents throughout the City discharge illegal fireworks ranging in size from small, handheld sparklers to large, commercial-grade mortar-type explosives.
- These fireworks pose a fire hazard and danger to personal safety of celebrants and spectators and other members of the public who are not directly participating.
- Historically there is public alcohol consumption, disorderly conduct issues, and crimes against persons and property.
- July 4th is one of the identified dates in which discretionary time off is cancelled at the beginning of the year in anticipation of a need for additional resources - in 2023, there were 29 such identified dates.

d. **Specific areas of concern where deployments were made based on past experiences, public concern, etc.**

- **Central Station:** Embarcadero, Waterfront, Aquatic Park, Fisherman's Wharf & Broadway Corridor.
- **Southern Station:** Treasure Island and Embarcadero corridor leading to the Freeways.
- **Bayview Station:** The old Candlestick Park parking lot, the adjoining state recreational park and the area immediately surrounding the former site of Candlestick Park (Gilman Street, Hunter's Point Expressway, and the numerous industrial and business complexes).
- **Mission Station:** Mission Street Corridor (16<sup>th</sup> to Cesar Chavez Streets), 24<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor (Mission St to Potrero Ave), 24<sup>th</sup> & Harrison Streets, – 24<sup>th</sup> & Treat Streets, 19<sup>th</sup> and Florida Streets, & Dolores Park.
- **Northern Station:** Marina Greens, Union Street Corridor, Chestnut Street Corridor, Lower Polk Corridor, Lower Haight Street Corridor, and the Western Addition.
- **Park Station:** Twin Peaks, Mid Crest Way, & Haight Street Corridor (Stanyan to Masonic Streets).
- **Richmond Station:** Ocean Beach, Great Highway between Point Lobos and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, China Beach, and the dozens of bars and late-night restaurants along Geary and Clement Streets.
- **Ingleside Station:** Mission Street Corridor (Geneva Ave to Cesar Chaves Street), Crocker Amazon Park, Sunnysdale Housing Developments, Alemany Housing, Glen Park Bart and Balboa Bart Stations, Club Malibu (3395 Mission Street), Roccapulco (3140 Mission Street), and Stratos Night Club (358 Ocean Avenue).
- **Taraval Station:** Minnie Lovie Recreation Center, Ocean Beach, Sunset Playground, Stern Grove Park, Park Merced Villas apartment complex, Great Highway, West Portal merchant corridors, Noriega St merchant corridors, Taraval St merchant corridors, Irving Street merchant corridors, Ocean Street merchant corridors, Balboa Terrace, and Lake Merced (Sunset Circle),

*Additional focus as a result of fire-work related complaints in 2021 and 2022 occurred in these areas: 8th/Judah/Kirkham, (Large crowds of rowdy people gather in area to set off fireworks.) 46th/ Santiago (Crowds setting off firework Randolph/Head Street) (This area again challenging in 2021/2022. Officers outnumbered and illegal fireworks such as mortars and M80's being set off all night.), 21st/Noriega Street (Complaints from residents regarding fireworks in the intersection), Lake Merced - Sunset Circle (Crowds set off large amounts of firework in the past).*

- **Tenderloin Station:** Quality of Life issues across the entire district.

## 2. Staffing

- a. By district - All shifts/watches/ranks including on-duty and overtime. Staff from Special Operations (Tactical, Specialists, Solos, Marines, etc.) are deployed throughout the city as needed.

| STATION       | STATION STAFF* | ADDITIONAL UNITS** | TOTAL      |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Central       | 52             | 150                | 202        |
| Southern      | 32             | 51                 | 83         |
| Bayview       | 55             | 6                  | 61         |
| Mission       | 48             | 48                 | 96         |
| Northern      | 55             | 15                 | 70         |
| Park          | 35             | 0                  | 35         |
| Richmond      | 35             | 0                  | 35         |
| Ingleside     | 57             | 0                  | 57         |
| Taraval***    | 36             | 0                  | 36         |
| Tenderloin    | 61             | 0                  | 61         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>466</b>     | <b>270</b>         | <b>736</b> |

\*Staff levels are approximate and include those scheduled. This does not take into account those who called off shift and/or additional staff called in for coverage on the day of the event.

\*\*Staff from various bureaus/divisions including Investigations and Administration are assigned to specific stations to compliment staffing levels.

\*\*\*Taraval's district includes patrols from Federal/Park Rangers including Golden Gate Park and SF State Police

- b. Preliminary amount of overtime

| STATION            | TOTAL HOURS |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Central            | 539         |
| Southern           | 15          |
| Bayview            | 56          |
| Mission            | 201         |
| Northern           | 10          |
| Park               | 56          |
| Richmond           | 40          |
| Ingleside          | 50          |
| Taraval            | 60          |
| Tenderloin         | 0           |
| Special Operations | 521         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>1548</b> |

## 3. How many calls for service were received 4th of July.

Total calls for service from July 4 0001 hours to July 5 055 hours.

| Priority Type | Calls       | Units Responded |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| A             | 259         | 735             |
| B             | 500         | 691             |
| C             | 897         | 1018            |
| I             | 420         | 440             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2076</b> | <b>2884</b>     |

| <b>4<sup>TH</sup> of July Related Calls</b> | <b>Calls</b> | <b>Units Responded</b> |
|---|--------------|------------------------|
| Explosion                                   | 1            | 1                      |
| Explosive Found                             | 1            | 4                      |
| Fire  | 11           | 27                     |
| Noise Nuisance                              | 352          | 356                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>365</b>   | <b>388</b>             |

| <b>Major Incidents</b> | <b>Calls</b> | <b>Units Responded</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Agg Assault/ADW        | 8            | 16                     |
| Burglary               | 35           | 65                     |
| Hit/Run Injury         | 1            | 5                      |
| Hit/Run Collisions     | 10           | 11                     |
| Injury Vehicle         | 12           | 39                     |
| Person w/Gun           | 11           | 41                     |
| Robbery                | 9            | 31                     |
| Shooting               | 3            | 53                     |
| ShotSpotter            | 14           | 19                     |
| Shoots Fired           | 15           | 36                     |
| Stabbing               | 2            | 18                     |
| Homicide               | 1            | N/A                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>120</b>   | <b>334</b>             |

Source: 07.17.23 search of CDW via BI tools for specified calls by priority type.

**4. Other major incidents that day/night requiring resources, i.e., shootings, homicides.**

Between July 4 at 0001 hours to July 5 at 0500 hours, a total of 120 major incidents were reported prompting a response of 334 units as indicated in the above tables.

**Homicide:**

**07.04.23 at 10:03 pm - 800 block Jamestown - BAYVIEW**

The victim confronted the subject, his son, who ran away. The victim followed, at which time, the subject shot him. The victim was transported succumbing to his injuries a few hours later. The suspect was arrested on July 13, 2023.

**5. Provide details on the event(s) in the Mission district that led to the unlawful assembly/dispersal order and arrests on July 4.**

**Overview of Staffing/Planning**

*Historically:*

Dolores Park and the lower 24th Street corridor are areas known for having large crowds that partake in illegal firework use and illegal alcohol consumption in public. In the weeks and months leading up to Independence Day 2023, a large number of emails were received from residents and business owners who expressed great concern for the upcoming holiday based on previous years.

Harrison Street near 24th Street has been the epicenter for concerning events including large unpermitted block parties, large crowds taking over the streets, illegal firework displays, bonfires,

vandalism to City vehicles, violent criminal acts, and injuries to members of the public and police officers.

In previous years, when attempting to manage the crowds, fireworks and/or bottles have been thrown at law enforcement officers.

*Planning:*

The Mission District's specific areas of concern included, but were not limited to:

- 24th Street/Harrison Street
- 24th Street/Treat Avenue
- Dolores Park
- 19th Street/Florida Street.

Officers assigned to the Mission District were instructed to facilitate pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow, and provide crowd management if needed.

*Summary:*

Large crowds were concentrated in the area of Harrison Street between 23rd Street and 26th Street. A large group on Harrison Street between 24th Street and 25th Street was in the middle of the street disrupting traffic, illegally using fireworks, and publicly consuming alcoholic beverages.

The fireworks observed included (but were not limited to) large commercial style fireworks that flew high into the sky and over/into buildings, fireworks that exploded on the ground, and barrel bombs.

Squads of officers had previously responded to 2886 Harrison Street and 2858 Harrison Street to advise groups in that area to not light fireworks.

At approximately 9:16 pm, all squads were instructed to be equipped with their crowd control equipment.

At approximately 9:30 pm, the crowd was estimated to be approximately 300-400 people with two separate stunt driving events forming in the area of 21st Street/Bryant Street and 25th Street/Treat Avenue.

At approximately 11:12 pm, officers stationed in Dolores Park were relocated to 25th Street/Harrison Street and began to give numerous advisements/admonishments regarding the illegal use of fireworks throughout the evening.

A fire was started by fireworks in the area of 25th Street/Treat Avenue.

At 11:12 pm In the intersection of 25th Street/Harrison Street, the crowd was reported to be hostile, throwing bottles at vehicles, and an additional "stunt driving event" was forming.

Due to this activity, it was determined that the large crowd of people who were assembled were taking part in unlawful acts in a violent, boisterous, and tumultuous manner and a plan to address the violation of 407 PC/409 PC was developed to disperse the crowd.

Factors considered when determining that the crowd posed a clear and present danger to public safety including ongoing ignition of mortar-style fireworks, stunt driving events forming,

The crowd was afforded multiple opportunities, including time, distance and warnings to cease and disperse. These de-escalation techniques were attempted prior to dispersal orders being given, and the de-escalation efforts were met with negative results.

Dispersal orders were only given after hours of loud and continuous fireworks within a block of a senior living facility (Mercy Housing).

The first dispersal order was given at approximately 11:58 pm. Dispersal orders were given numerous times until officers regained control of the area at approximately 12:43 am.

Once dispersal orders were given, officers were able to safely and effectively disperse the crowds out of the area. The officers holding the line were faced with subjects throwing bottles and fireworks towards them. Groups of people splintered in various directions.

*Arrests:*

There were no arrests made in regard to the unlawful assembly.