



# FORUM NEWS

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**Newsletter for the San Francisco Police Department, Chief's LGBTQ+ Community Advisory Forum in San Francisco, California, USA.**

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### June 28 Forum Meeting At UCSF Campus



We hosted our latest Forum meeting on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the **UCSF** campus in Mission Bay. Sincere thanks to forum member **Robert Mansfield** and **UCSF** for the space, donuts, and coffee.

Attending this meeting:

- **Captain Christopher Del Gandio**, SFPD
- **Sergeant Katheryn Winters**, SFPD
- **Greg Carey**, Castro Community On Patrol
- **Ken Craig**, Community Patrol Service
- **Bob Brown**, SF Leather Cultural District
- **Kelly Fradet**, FBI San Francisco
- **Robert Mansfield**, UCSF
- **Gary Pegueros**, South Beach Rincon Mission Bay Neighborhood Association
- **Omar Rincon**, Senator Scott Wiener Liaison

Following general introductions **Sergeant Kat Winters** who is the LGBTQ+ Liaison for the SFPD discussed the history and current implementation of the SFPD **SAFE PLACE** program. Started by Seattle Police Department, the **SAFE PLACE** program is used in multiple cities around the U.S.

The program encourages businesses to display the window decal prominently and is designed to provide a **“SAFE PLACE”** for any member of the LGBTQ+ community if they are the victim of a crime, or feel threatened or unsafe. The business agrees to allow the person to remain in their “space” while the business calls the authorities.

The program was initially implemented by SFPD about ten years ago but failed to secure traction and support. The program then largely fell dormant during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Sgt. Winters** is working to revive the program and our Forum is eager to partner in, and support, this effort.

**Captain Del Gandio** then discussed a request from **Special Agent Michael Gimbal** of the FBI who would like to partner with the Forum to present a “Hate Crime Symposium” for the community in San Francisco

sometime in August, 2023. We are considering a few locations as options to host his meeting and will let you know when we settle on a location, date, and time.

**Kelly Fradet**, from the FBI San Francisco office also advised of some additional community training that is being scheduled later in 2023. We will let you know more details as they become available.



Forum members who attended this meeting received one of our brand spanking new, official, SFPD LGBTQ+ Forum challenge coins! We received the coins just before PRIDE weekend, and we were very happy to be able to give each Forum member a coin for themselves. The coins will be provided to guests of the Forum, and to other LGBTQ+ LE agencies that list with our Worldwide directory.

We concluded the meeting by selecting **Wednesday August 23, 2023** at 7 PM as the next Forum meeting date to be held at the **UCSF** campus once again. We look forward to seeing you then.

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## PRIDE Behind the Badge



# Out To Protect

Education And Support For Law Enforcement Professionals

Out to Protect is excited to announce the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum's LGBT Law Enforcement History digital exhibit, "**Pride Behind the Badge.**"

This first-ever exhibit shares stories from LGBTQ+ members of law enforcement and reveals a well-hidden part of law enforcement history. The exhibit's curator, Christopher Mitchell, has done an impressive job collecting oral histories and artifacts that help tell this story.

*"In this digital exhibit, visitors will learn about the history of LGBTQIA+ law enforcement over the past half century. They will experience first-hand accounts through exclusive oral history interviews with several retired and actively serving LGBTQIA+ officers. The exhibit also discusses how modern law enforcement departments are working with the LGBTQIA+ community in their area as well as among their own ranks."*

Out to Protect founder and president, Greg Miraglia, said, "We are so proud to have been part of this exhibit and are humbled to share this space with our colleagues. The National Law Enforcement Museum is an incredible gift to law enforcement and our country. I am truly grateful to have worked on this project with them."

The [National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund](#) and [Museum](#) produces a number of valuable historical programs that tell the story of law enforcement here in the United States.

"[Precinct 444](#)" is a podcast series featuring a variety of speakers and true crime stories.

[Experience Pride Behind the Badge](#) - Digital Exhibit

The "About Pride Behind the Badge" exhibit section has the podcast series and an embedded link to YouTube for the program, found [here](#).

For more information about this release:

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# OUTREACH PROJECT



**LEAD: Ken Craig**  
Gary Pegueros

Outreach to let members of the broader LGBTQ+ community know that our Forum exists and the work we do is a key objective.

SFPD is creating an official Forum page on their website, though this is delayed until the other Forums are up and running.

We strongly encourage all Forum members to attend their own District Police station Captains monthly meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know your District station Captain and their staff, and to speak for a few moments during each meeting to promote our Forum.

We are actively reaching out to brother/sister LGBTQ+ programs and projects around the world to formally list them in our "Worldwide LGBTQ+ Law Enforcement Directory." We added Vancouver PD and GOAL of Central Florida during this period, and we reached out to multiple other programs by email.

We will be collaborating with SFPD to help distribute the SAFE PLACE posters in various neighborhoods later this year, and would appreciate your support in helping us accomplish this. We will also be collaborating with the FBI on the proposed "Hate Crimes Symposium" and seek your support in promoting the symposium and encouraging members of the LGBTQ+ community to attend and participate.

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# SFPD SAFE PLACE / ZONE PROJECT



**LEAD: Greg Carey**  
Gary Pegueros

The "**SAFE PLACE**" program is a collaborative effort between the San Francisco Police Department and merchants to create safe places where victims of hate crimes, prejudice-based incidents, or other crimes can find refuge and be connected with law enforcement and other services.

The "**SAFE ZONE**" program was created as a project of our Forum to help persuade members of the LGBTQ+ community that SFPD Police Stations and Officers are safe places for them, and that they can report crimes and concerns to Police and they will be treated with RESPECT and COMPASSION.

We will work with Sgt. Winters, the SFPD LGBTQ+ Liaison to help promote and expand both programs to all areas of the city. Promotion will begin through Community Benefit District and cultural community organizations, as well as efforts to create more public awareness through print and television media resources. We will also reach out to City Supervisors to ask them to promote both programs to their own constituents through their newsletters etc.

This overall project may also be folded into a broader citywide Safety collaboration with other departments that is being formed as an extension of the SF Police Officers PRIDE Alliance organization.

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# LGBTQ+/SFPD HISTORY PROJECT



**LEAD: Ken Craig**

Robert Mansfield, Gary Pegueros

The history of the relationship between the San Francisco Police Department and the LGBTQ+ community is a long, complicated, and often misunderstood one. Many people within the Police Department and within the LGBTQ+ community may be largely unaware of that long and complicated history, and of the tremendous advances and progress that have been made over the decades. This project intends to create our own version of the history art piece shown above, produced by Tasmania Police.

We reached out to the LGBT History Museum and the Tenderloin Museum seeking support and collaboration in this project. The LGBT History Museum has offered access to their library of research materials.

We need to identify some SFPD and community activist resources to provide statements and memories for the project.

Proposal is to have 6 columns each representing one Decade from 1965-1974, 1975-1984, 1985-1994, 1995-2004, 2005-2014, 2015-Present.

We will want to include important milestone events such as the Compton Cafeteria Riot in the Tenderloin 06/21/1966 which was three years before the Stonewall Inn Riot in New York 06/28/1969. The Assassination of Harvey Milk on 11/27/2978, and other key moments. We do want to try to intersperse personal statements and experiences also.

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# FBI HATE CRIMES SYMPOSIUM PROJECT



**LEAD: Captain Del Gandio**

Ken Craig, Greg Carey

Our Forum has hosted two previous "Hate Crime Symposium" meetings, though these were long-ago and well before the COVID-19 pandemic. Special Agent Michael Gimbel has requested that our Forum support and assist in hosting an FBI led "Hate Crimes Symposium" in San Francisco for the LGBTQ+ community sometime in August of 2023.

The Federal Hate Crime legislation is something that very few lay people really understand in any detail, and the complexities and requirements to bring hate crime charges are not always a simple matter. It is therefore valuable to really explore this topic and provide quality and accurate information to as many people as possible.

We are currently exploring options to host the symposium, and available dates at those locations.

Once we determine a date, location, and time for the symposium we will reach out to seek your support in advertising and promoting this event to your own networks.

Our goal, at the moment, is also to include other panelists beyond just the FBI, such as the United States Attorney's Office, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and of course, some resources from the San Francisco Police Department.

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# SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Chief's LGBTQ+ Community Advisory Forum



The LGBTQ+ Forum is comprised of a broad diversity of LGBTQ+ members from around the city who meet regularly to discuss community needs and concerns, and to help influence SFPD procedure and policy.

Participation in the Forum is open to anyone within the LGBTQ+ community who lives, works, or attends school in San Francisco.

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