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[Penalties for assaulting or battering a patrol special officer.]

Resolution encouraging the Chief of the San Francisco Police Department to consider imposition of increased potential penalties for individuals who commit assault or battery on a patrol special police officer.



WHEREAS, patrol special officers are regulated by the Police Commission and the Chief of the San Francisco Police Department as determined by the San Francisco Charter and the California Penal Code; and

WHEREAS, patrol special officers patrol certain beats and territories to maintain and improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, patrol special officers risk being deliberately assaulted or battered in the course of their work and victims merit special consideration when imposing a sentence so as to display condemnation for violent crime; and

WHEREAS, numerous sections of state and local penal law provide increased potential penalties for certain occupations when employees are victims of assault or battery during their work including, for example, emergency medical technicians, peace officers, nurses, traffic officers and more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco encourages the appropriate governing authorities take the necessary steps to increase the potential penalties for those who commit assaults or batteries on patrol special officers while the patrol special officers are acting within the limited scope of their duty; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief of Police and Police Commission.