

February 5th 1927.



My dear Chief:-

On Saturday, February 19th, 1927, the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department, will hold its Annual Concert, Entertainment and Ball, at the Exposition Auditorium in this city.

This Ball is an annual affair and is made necessary because of the heavy drains on the treasury of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of this department. The affair will be a monstrous one in the way of entertainment, dancing, etc. A special feature of the entertainment will be the broad-casting of the entire affair, from its opening at 7 P. M., until its closing, at 2 A. M., the following morning. This broad-casting will be depicted on the stage of the Auditorium before the thousands of assembled guests, and will be, as far as we can learn, the first demonstration of this kind on such a large scale.

Honorable James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, will declare Saturday, February 19th, 1927, officially by proclamation to be "POLICE DAY". This also is an advent in the history of police affairs. Never has such a day, as far as we are able to ascertain, been set aside and dedicated to members of our profession. The opportunity of making "POLICE DAY" a national institution in the United States is at hand. Members of Police Departments throughout the United States must readily realize the good that will accrue from the result of such a national recognition.

This letter is being sent to Chiefs of Police throughout the United States with the hope that it may bring about the adoption of at least one day each year to be known as "POLICE DAY".

I think His Honor, James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, should be recognized by all Police Chiefs as the father of this movement; and I respectfully request that you send telegrams of thanks and congratulations some time during Saturday, February 19th, 1927, addressed to His Honor, James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, c/o D. J. O'Brien, Chief of Police, San Francisco, Calif. All telegrams received from Chiefs will be read and radioed at the Entertainment and Ball. Owing to the number of telegrams expected, I would also request that all telegrams be prepaid.

I am enclosing herewith an invitation to our 1927 Annual Concert Entertainment and Ball, of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. J. Quinn".

Captain William J. Quinn,
Chairman, Grand Concert and Ball Committee,
Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association,
San Francisco, Police Department.

