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### Happy Holidays

With the holidays upon us, we begin the busiest time of the year for law enforcement. I would like to personally thank every member, both sworn and non-sworn, of the San Francisco Police Department for your hard work and dedication to our community.

We have accomplished much this past year – goals which would not have been achieved without all of us working together as a team. We were asked to address the sharp rise in property crimes, especially auto burglaries, and we did ending the year with a decrease in over 18 percent compared to last year. This success also is realized in violent crimes, including overall gun violence. And with the expansion of the footbeats and the implementation of harm reduction efforts, including the Healthy Streets Outreach Center, we have begun to see long-term improvements along many of our commercial and tourist corridors.

It is during this last week of the year that I know how truly blessed I am to be part of the San Francisco Police Department. The professionalism each of you display every day, your commitment to doing the right thing, and your belief that we can make a difference reminds me how fortunate I am to be in a city protected by SF's finest.

I hope this Holiday Season is a very happy and peaceful time for you and your family.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William Scott'.

WILLIAM SCOTT  
Chief of Police