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Sgt. Carl Tennenbaum (Ret.) San Francisco Police Department, California Sebastopol, CA

Carl Tennenbaum was born and raised in San Francisco, California. He came of age in the late 1960s during the Summer of Love, which explains his “live and let live” attitude. Tennenbaum attended the University of San Francisco’s Public Administration program. He subsequently attended San Francisco Law School where he focused on Constitutional Law.

Carl joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1981, which was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Over the ensuing 32 years, Tennenbaum held a multitude of jobs and positions within the S.F.P.D. including Field Training Officer, Undercover narcotics, Robbery Abatement Team, Public School Liaison, D.A.R.E. Training, Critical Incident Team, Hostage Negotiator, and Evidence Control. Having the “gift of gab,” Carl's favorite

assignment was walking neighborhood footbeats where he had the opportunity to interact with the residents, merchants, and visitors of his favorite city.

In 1996, Carl was promoted to the rank of sergeant where he was assigned as the commander of the San Francisco Housing Authority Community Policing Team. This seven person team had responsibility for oversight of all aspects of life within thousands of public housing property units located throughout San Francisco.

It was during his three year tenure in the Narcotics Unit in the midst of the 1980s crack epidemic that Carl saw the futility of drug prohibition and narcotics enforcement. It was a turning point for Carl and his outlook on drug laws.

Carl retired in 2013, leaving San Francisco and relocating to bucolic Sonoma County with his lovely wife Angela and their menagerie of dogs and cats. He is an avid crossword addict and a lunatic baseball fan who lives and dies with his beloved Giants. Carl’s daughter is a Deputy City Attorney in Petaluma, California, and his son followed in his footsteps, becoming a proud member of the San Francisco Police Department.

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership is a nonprofit organization composed of police, prosecutors, judges, and other criminal justice professionals who use their expertise to advance drug policy and criminal justice solutions that improve public safety. With 150 speakers across the United States, LEAP representatives reach millions of Americans each year through educational programs and media interviews..

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