Inspector Sean D. Burke – SF Armory Enforcement Investigation Memo

SF Armory's Event Coordinator, Alessa Bell, applied for and obtained a one night event permit from the Entertainment Commission for an event hosted at SF Armory on 2/12/16. Per SF Armory's existing Arts Use Place of Entertainment permit, the venue was only allowed to host one public entertainment event per month. On Friday 2/26/16, two complaints were received via 311 for an event held at SF Armory. Due to the fact that the venue had already obtained their one allowable permit for the month of February, Entertainment Commission Director Kane requested that I visit SF Armory on the night of Saturday 2/27/16. As complaints continued to come in over the course of the next week, the Entertainment Commission staff began to investigate. After requesting records from the SFPD's ALU, the Entertainment Commission found that an alcohol permit was granted to SF Armory for an event on 2/13/16. This information and further investigation led me to believe that an unpermitted event took place on 2/13/16 in addition to the two unpermitted events on the weekend of 2/26-27/16. A scheduled public hearing took place at City Hall to consider issuing a Major Amendment to SF Armory's Place of Entertainment on 4/5/16. During the Commissioner Comments & Questions item at the 4/5/16 Entertainment Commission hearing, Commissioner Liam Frost asked staff inspectors to perform an investigation into the unpermitted events held at SF Armory and issue citations where appropriate.

Findings:

- I have determined that 4 events in total were held in February:

- 2/12/16 – LED Presents at SF Armory: Slander, Grandtheft, Chill Harris, CRNKN, WhiteNoize **(Only EC Permitted Event in February)**
- 2/13/16 – LED Presents at SF Armory: Adventure Club, Bixel Boys, Stranger, Hotfire, Audien
    - Confirmed via ticketing site, ABC liquor license, Facebook event page, and YouTube videos
- 2/26/16 – Live Nation presents at SF Armory: Eric Prydz presents EPIC 4.0 Phase 1
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- 2/27/16 – Live Nation presents at SF Armory: Eric Prydz presents EPIC 4.0 Phase 1
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Enforcement:

- I issued 1 Notice of Violation and 2 Administrative Citations to permit holder, Mark Meagher, of SF Armory on 4/18/16:
    - Notice of Violation for operating without a permit for the public event held 2/13/16 - $0.00 fine
    - Administrative Citation for operating without a permit for the public event held 2/26/16 - $50.00
    - Administrative Citation for operating without a permit for the public event held 2/27/16 - $100.00