

Police Aide Urges Self Protection

The president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association said today he was requesting the group's members to "take any step necessary to insure their own safety."

Geral d'Arcy, listing "personal safety" as the police officer's number one priority, told newsmen:

"I am directing our membership to start looking out for themselves — to take any action to defend themselves and their lives."

'Wait For Car'

D'Arcy, who made the remarks in the aftermath of the killing last night of Police Sgt. John Young at Ingleside Station, said the association will recommend that if an officer feels he would be in danger by rushing to the scene, he may wait for a backup car.

The POA head also said he

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would initiate a reward fund, controlled by the association, for the arrest and conviction of people "assassinating our policemen."

He described as "utter nonsense" statements he attributed to "politicians throughout the country" that there is no organized national conspiracy to kill policemen.

"I think there is a definite conspiracy in this country to kill the first line of defense — the police officer," he told the reporters at the Jack Tar Hotel.

Asked if police officers would be drawing their guns more often, he replied the association will study the matter: But several policemen in the back of the room added:

"You're goddam right we will."