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Central Police Station Newsletter

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

It has been an incredible two weeks at Central Station. I have had the opportunity to greet the Officers and meet many of the various groups which make up the Central District. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with everyone and I am grateful for the community's support. Our partnership is essential!

The purpose of the Central Station Newsletter is to provide subscribers with useful information such as noteworthy crimes and outstanding police work, tips on crime prevention and staying safe, resource information, and district events.

I am paying close attention to crime in the district. Each morning I read every police report and utilize the Department's Crime Data Warehouse and Crime Mapping to identify the crime trends. Using technology is important and having a constant picture of the crime situation is essential as it allows me to make decisions on the best use of police resources.

Noteworthy Incidents this Week!

I have seen many reports on cars being broken into along Fisherman's Wharf, the Embarcadero and also in Union Square - specifically the Sutter/Stockton garage. These cases all involve people leaving valuables in plain view and in a few cases, the victim leaves their valuables in the trunk. Please do not leave anything of value in your vehicle and please tell others!

Speaking of auto burglaries, on **May 30, 2014 at 6:18 a.m.**, **Central and Tenderloin Officers** made a great Auto Burglary arrest of an individual who broke into a vehicle on the 700 Block of Jones Street. The suspect had cut himself by using a metal tool to shatter the window. The suspect was on probation for Burglary and was ultimately charged with Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglary Tools and Violation of Probation. This was a great arrest and we know that one Auto Burglar is usually responsible for many.

Congratulations to **Officers Gunter, Quinlan, Reyes, Daneluz, Pascua, Macaulay and Kollo** who made an outstanding robbery arrest the other evening. On **June 2, 2014 at 11:32 p.m.**, the suspects robbed a woman of her purse on the 200 block of Montgomery. The Officers were in the right place at the right time as they were “flagged down” by the victim who stated she had just been robbed. The suspects fled in multiple directions and after a coordinated pursuit two suspects were captured!

On June 5, 2014, at 2:30 a.m., A robbery occurred where the victim was on the 500 block of Sutter and was robbed of his money. The vehicle used in the robbery was located in the Ingleside District by Ingleside Station Officers and two suspect’s were captured!

Last, I would like to point out the great work of Officers Fambrini, Lum, On, Pon and Graham this week who responded to a report of a robbery where a person in the Financial District had their I-phone stolen. A good Samaritan provided their phone to the victim so that they may track their phone down using the location app. Officer Fambrini drove the victim around for several minutes (I was monitoring over the police radio and it felt like an hour), where eventually the officers took the suspect into custody and recovered the I-Phone. This is something you do not see everyday! Congratulations to these Officers and the good Samaritan.

Scam Alert!

On May 31, 2014 at 10:20 a.m. the suspect told the victim that he knew of a place that sold gold coins under market. The plan was for the victim to provide the suspect with currency and the suspect would buy the coins and sell the coins for a higher price. The two had met at a café in the East Bay some time ago. The victim gave the suspect \$22,500 to purchase the coins. The victim drove the suspect to a location and told the victim to wait in the car. The suspect entered a building on the 300 block of California Street and has not been seen since.

On June 4, 2014 at 3:18 p.m., the victim received a text on their cell phone which said, “Wells Fargo (Important Notification) Call: (the number). Your immediate attention is requested.” The victim called the number. The automated number asked her to enter her social security number. Again, the automated voice asked the victim to confirm their social security number. The victim entered it a second time. The system then disconnected the call. The victim called Wells Fargo and they said to the victim that they had been the victim of a “phishing scam.” Please be careful in these situations. If you receive this type of information, call a legitimate bank phone number and speak with a representative to verify this type of request.

Crime Prevention

In **2013**, the Ferry Building was one of the 4th most frequent locations in San Francisco for Bicycle Theft. Our Department, in partnership with SF Safe has begun some important initiatives for bicycle owners to prevent theft and register their bicycle. Please visit **safebikes.org**

Traffic Enforcement

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting Traffic Enforcement in designated areas as part of Central Station’s “**Focus on the Five**” program. We will concentrate on the 5 locations in the District where we have seen the most collisions ,and conduct enforcement. Part of this plan will be to issue citations to driver’s who do not yield to pedestrians. I will announce these locations in advance!

Have a great weekend!

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Central Station

Congratulations to Officer Scott Korte #4031



On May 30, 2014 Cathay Post #384, one of the oldest and most active American legion post's, hosted an annual Community Awards Banquet. Every year they select local police officers, firefighters, and community leaders to honor in a ceremony. We are proud to announce that Officer Korte, of Central Police Station, was recognized at this event.

Officer Korte entered the San Francisco Police Academy in 1995. During his 19 years of service Officer Korte has been assigned to the Airport, where he was on the Airport SWAT Team, Southern Police Station, MUNI, and Central Police Station.

Officer Korte has received the second highest award for bravery, the Silver Medal of Valor, as well as two unit citations and over 150 Captains Commendations. He continues to serve with professionalism and fortitude.

Congratulations Officer Korte!

CRIMES OF NOTE

05/29/2014 11:00AM- A known subject walked into **Saint Peter and Paul Church** (666 Filbert Street) during a funeral service, and stole money from a collection box. Though an employee of the church was not able to stop the service in order to thwart the theft, he recognized the thief and was able to provide all of the information to us. We are currently looking for the wanted subject.

05/29/2014 12:23PM- Victim was walking Westbound on Bush Street. She stopped at the intersection of **Bush Street and Grant Street** with an unknown male. The suspect, aggravated by some political literature that the victim was carrying, began to yell profanities at her. He grabbed the hat off of her head and threw it on the ground. He started to walk away, and elbowed her swiftly in the side, in an

05/29/2014 8:00PM- A 10 year old Himalayan housecat was stolen from in front of **405 Davis Court**. Luckily the cat was found, unharmed, two days later on the 400 block of North Point Street, and turned into Animal Control.

5/30/2014 12:08AM- Officers were working in an undercover capacity in the area of **Union Square**. They were targeting prostitution, which has become a nuisance in this area. The officers observed three females talking to several males on the street. When confronted by the officers, the men admitted to being propositioned by the women to have sex in exchange for money. The officers the detained the women and cited them for loitering with the intent to commit prostitution. One of them was booked on an outstanding warrant.

05/30/2014 6:40PM- Victim was walking Eastbound on **Jefferson Street near Taylor Street** when a man came up behind him and grabbed his cell phone, which the victim had been carrying in his hand. When the victim tried to chase the suspect another man ran up behind him and shoved the victim to the ground. Both suspects got away, and have not yet been identified by the police, but the incident was caught on surveillance.

05/31/2014 5:34PM- Officer responded to the **200 block of Geary Street** regarding two men who fled a restaurant without paying. Officers arrived on scene and detained both men, who were subsequently booked for the theft and outstanding warrants.

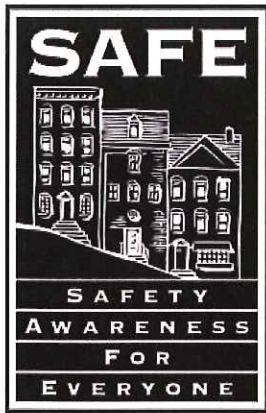
05/31/2014 2:45PM- Officers were in uniform patrolling the **Broadway Corridor**. As they passed Kearny Street a group of six males was walking towards them. As soon as the males were almost right in front of the officers, one of them dropped a large knife, which had been concealed in his jacket, onto the ground by his feet. The officers detained the man – and he complied with every order. The man was subsequently brought back to Central Police Station where he could be properly identified. He was cited for carrying a concealed weapon and released.

06/01/2014 3:37AM- Victim was walking Southbound on **Hyde Street near Pine Street**. As he was walking, a black 4-door sedan pulled up next to him and a man and woman stepped out, exposed a black handgun, and approached him. The man ordered the victim to empty his pockets, and the victim complied. The suspects grabbed his wallet and cell phone before returning to their vehicle and fleeing. The suspects are described as follows:

-Hispanic male, 25-30 years old, 6 feet tall, skinny build.

-Hispanic female, 25-30 years old, 5'2'', heavysset with long black wavy hair.

06/04/2014 10:45AM- A man was walking Eastbound on the **700 block of Pacific Avenue**. Three men walked up behind him, snatched his cell phone and ran off. The victim chased the suspect for several blocks, but eventually lost them. The victim, using the "Find my Phone" App was able to track his phone to the area of Market Street and 7th Street. Officers responded to the area and detained three men who fit the suspect description. The victim identified them during a cold show, and all three men were placed under arrest.



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San Francisco S.A.F.E

OUR MISSION

SAFE, engages, educates, and empowers San Franciscans to build safer neighborhoods through crime prevention education and public safety services that result in stronger, more vibrant and resilient communities.

OUR HISTORY

San Francisco SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) is a community crime prevention and public safety program that works in cooperation with the San Francisco Police Department and other city agencies to help San Franciscans protect themselves from becoming victims. SAFE was created in 1976 as a project of the SFPD. In 1980, SAFE became a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and 30 years later, continues to act as the crime prevention component of the police department. A major portion of SAFE's income comes from a grant contract with the SFPD, but SAFE also receives donations and grants in order to expand and enhance our crime prevention and public safety services. SAFE has also received numerous grant awards from the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Mayor's Office, State Office of Criminal Justice Planning and local foundations. We have provided major support to the San Francisco Police Department and Mayor's Office by acting as a fiscal agent for these federal and state funded grants, along with participating in numerous crime prevention activities as a part of these grants.



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Website:	www.centralpolicestation.org
SFPD Tip Line	575-4444
Text a Tip:	847411 (Tip 411)
Graffiti Abatement	278-9456
Central Events:	315-2440 - Sergeant Dominic Panina
Central Permits:	315-2423 - Officer Steve Matthias
Code Abatement:	315-2417 - Sergeant Alex Takaoka
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820 - Jill Cannon
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943
DPW Dispatch	695-2020
Homeless Issues:	315-2400 - Officers Joseph Siragusa& Eric Caracciolo
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400 - Officers Howard Chu, Sam Yuen , William Pon, David On
Union Square Beat:	315-2400 - Officer Tom Cunnane
Fisherman's Wharf Beat:	315-2400 - Officers John Van Koll and Troy Courtney
North Beach:	315-2400 - Officers Mark Alvarez & John Torrise