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Central Police Station Newsletter

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

It has been a challenging week for Central Station Officers. As you may know, we had a tragic incident occur on Fisherman's Wharf where a 2 year old boy was killed when a statue fell on him. Our Officers were there within 90 seconds of the call, took charge of the scene and demonstrated compassion and concern for the boy and his family. I am very proud of their work. We have been discussing this incident at the station and our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I would like to take a moment to thank the Fire Department who provided medical aid, the Doctors and Nurses at San Francisco General Hospital, the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District and the Port Authority who have been very responsive, the JW Marriott who provided a room for the family on Friday evening and the San Francisco Police Officer's Association who provided the family with dinner on Friday as well.

Plan to address a Community Concern

In response to community complaints, Central Station, in partnership with Captain Cherniss and Tenderloin Station, the Department's Special Victims Unit, and the Hotels in the Union Square Area, are developing a plan to address prostitution. Lieutenant Luke Martin of Central Station has been tasked with coordinating everyone's efforts. A meeting will be held with the Hotel Managers, Hotel Council and Hotel Security Directors this evening at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Hotel. The plan will go into effect next week.

Chinatown Public Safety Meeting

A Chinatown Public Safety Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 5:45 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Gordon J. Lau Elementary School located at **950 Clay Street**. On hand will be San Francisco SAFE, and various representatives of the Community. A flyer will be distributed in the community announcing the meeting and the purpose is for us to hear the concerns of the community. I will be focusing on four issues:

1. Personal Safety
2. Update on Criminal Activity in Chinatown
3. The importance of reporting crime
4. Language Access

This will provide the opportunity for the Community to meet their beat officers as well.

Telegraph Hill

I had the opportunity to meet with members of the Community from Telegraph Hill this week. We had an excellent meeting and discussed topics affecting safety and quality of life. Below is a recap from a community meeting member regarding the meeting:

I have made some adjustments so this may apply to all of our neighborhoods.

1) ***Get organized***- Start a Neighborhood Watch. Get to know one another and watch out for each other, especially when many people are on vacation in the summer months!

2) ***Cameras***- one of the first things officers will ask you after a crime is committed is whether you have video. This helps them to identify suspects. Consider installing more surveillance cameras inside and outside of your property! There were no specific recommendations of brands but maybe the organization such as SF SAFE would have some ideas. Alarms were also mentioned.

3) ***Lighting***- dark areas encourage criminal activity and can also be hazardous as far as tripping, etc. Bushes and trees may need to be trimmed in order for the current lights to be able to be seen.

4) ***Police Presence***- Captain Lazar is going to have police officers park their car and walk the steps during their shift. The patrol cars will be dedicated to making their presence known more on the Hill. This will help with prevention of crime.

5) ***Report Everything!***- If you see any sort of suspicious activity, even if you are not sure, call the non-emergency number: * 415-553-0123. *When you are reporting something stay on the line, answer all of the questions and be specific. Be descriptive with what the suspect looks like- height, hair color, what are they wearing. The more we report things, the more of a priority the neighborhood will become with increased police patrol.

Welcome Officer Troy Courtney to Fisherman's Wharf

Officer Troy Courtney is our new beat officer for the Fisherman's Wharf area for the summer.

He normally is assigned to the school year and has been reassigned for the **Summer**. He is working opposite of Fisherman's Wharf Beat Officer John Vankoll. Officer Courtney is off to a great start and has been highly visible on his bicycle. I look forward to their great work this Summer!

Noteworthy Incidents

Be Careful Using an ATM

Our plainclothes team, Sergeant Jones, Officer Morales, Officer Huang, led by Inspector Paulsen, made an excellent arrest on June 6th at 8:00 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stockton when they watched a suspect who was watching people use an ATM. The suspect would sneak up behind them, attempt to see their pin and at minimum, when the ATM user would walk away, would attempt to get cash out, hoping the transaction had not ended. The suspect was able to obtain \$200 from the victim's account. He was captured by our officers! Please be careful when using an ATM. Be aware of your surroundings and always make sure the transaction is closed before walking away!

Speaking of ATM transactions, our plainclothes team, Sergeant Jones, Officer Huang, Officer Christensen, led by Inspector Paulsen, the very next day on June 7th at 4:15 p.m., made another arrest for this same type of crime on the 700 block of Grant. In this case, two people were captured. The suspects focused first on elderly Asian male. Then, they focused on an Asian female. The suspects position on the side of the woman using the ATM. After she used the ATM, the suspects immediately went to the ATM screen and were able to withdraw \$600 from her account. They were immediately arrested!!

Again, the plainclothes team made an outstanding arrest on June 8th at 9:53 p.m. In this case, a robbery occurred where the suspect approached the victims at Taylor and Beach. One of the suspects punched the victim in the face and then the victim(s) were punched and kicked by others. The suspects stole the victims backpack and a cell phone. Our plainclothes team captured the suspects within 3 minutes of the crime occurring!

On June 8th at 11:30 p.m., an attempted robbery occurred where the victim was standing on the 600 block of Beach Street holding her Iphone with both hands. She was focused on her phone when the suspect came up and attempted to take her phone. When he was unsuccessful, he pushed her to the ground, causing her to hit her head.

We are asking everyone to be careful with their electronics. At community meetings this week, I will remind individuals to hide their electronics when in public. Distracted people with expensive electronics fall victim to these robberies.

Scam Alert

On June 9th a person reported that last month, they saw a posting on Craigslist offering a 1 bedroom apartment in North Beach for \$2000. (too good to be true). The victim communicated via email with the advertiser. The suspect asked the victim to “sign a lease” and then send \$3000 via wire transfer. The victim sent the funds. The victim then received a email from the suspect apologizing and saying there was a problem with the electrical system and asked the victim for more money. The victim went to the property and spoke with the manager who said that the suspect did not represent the rental company and that the apartment was not available.

CRIMES OF NOTE

Robberies

6/6	12:14pm	Robbery, Bank, w/ Gun 451 Montgomery	An unknown suspect entered the bank and simulated a gun in his pocket and demanded money from the teller.
6/9	11:00pm	Robbery, w/Gun Grant/Lombard	Victim was tackled from behind by several suspects. Suspect held a gun while the other suspect took victims wallet.
6/10	3:00am	Robbery, attempt w/ force 610 Leavenworth St	Victim was hit in the head by three female suspects. After hitting the victim, the suspect stole several items .

Stolen/Recovered Vehicle

6/9	8:45am	Stolen Motorcycle Drumm/Clay	Motorcycle stolen.
6/10	4:57pm	Vehicle Recovered 600 Broadway	Recovered Vehicle
6/9	10:00pm	Vehicle Stolen 2300 Jones	Stolen Vehicle
6/11	3:11am	Vehicle Recovered 2725 Jones	Recovered Vehicle

Assault/Battery/Violent Crime

6/6	9:10am	Battery Washington/ Embarcadero	Victim (city employee) was cleaning the streets in the morning when suspect walked up and spat on his face for no reason.
6/6	7:44pm	Battery 1 Jefferson Street	Cab driver refused to move from a no stopping taxi zone. Taxi driver attacked security guard.
6/6	4:33pm	Battery Powell/Sutter	Victim was walking down street when suspect attacked her with chains. Arrest made
6/6	4:20pm	Threats Grant/California	Suspect threatened to hurt victim with a screwdriver Arrest made
6/9	3:45pm	Battery 1441 Stockton	Restaurant owner asked suspect to move his property from his table. Suspect refused and hit the victim.

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Narcotics Related

6/6	7:11am	Poss. Of Cocaine Leavenworth/Geary	Possession of suspected cocaine and probation violation. Possession of burglary tools. Arrest made.
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Theft/Shoplifting

6/5	11:00pm	Theft from Locked Vehicle 690 Taylor	Broken passenger side front window of a parked vehicle. Loss was a passport.
6/6	2:00pm	Theft from Locked Vehicle 350 Beach	No signs of forced entry to secured parked vehicle. Loss was a backpack, laptop, handgun, iPad, iPod and paperworks.
6/6	5:00pm	Theft from Building 558 Sacramento	Victim's bag stolen from under restaurant table
6/6	7:00pm	Theft from Locked Vehicle Pine/Grant	Broken driver side front window of parked vehicle. Loss was passport, wallet and its contents, laptop and accessories.
6/9	11:15am	Theft, Shoplifting 1200 Powell	Suspects entered store took vase and ran out of store.
6/9	8:30pm	Theft from Locked Vehicle Bay/Kearny	Victim parked his rental. After returning from visiting Alcatraz found his vehicle had been burglarized.
6/9	3:01pm	Theft, Shoplifting 742 Grant	Suspect entered store and stole several items of clothing. Citation Issued
6/10	2:00pm	Theft from Locked Vehicle 80 Francisco	Victim parked vehicle on third floor came back and found property missing from his vehicle.
6/10	2:10pm	Theft, Purse Snatch 1706 Embarcadero	Victim's purse was taken by suspect. Victim scream " Stop him!" Pier security stopped the suspect. Arrest made
6/11	6:39am	Theft, Shoplifting 459 Powell	Suspect entered store and took several items. Officers were on scene for a follow-up on a previous theft. Arrest made

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Miscellaneous

6/6	3:00pm	Burglary 491 Post	Suspect forcefully broke into premise and took a fire extinguisher.
6/9	6:47pm	Driving with suspended license 300 Post	Driver with expired registration later found to be driving with expired license.
6/9	1:15am	Warrant Arrest 710 Hyde	\$40.000 bail warrant. Arrest made.
6/9	11:56am	Probation Violation 2600 Mason	Computer check revealed suspect to be in violation of his probation. Arrest made.
6/9	5:15pm	Burglary 1055 Pine	Suspect entered premise and stole a jacket.
6/9	12:05am	Malicious Mischief 444 Stockton	Found rear window to vehicle broken,
6/7	10:00pm	Vehicle Tampering	Victim found a car jack under his vehicle.
6/9	12:07am	Found property 590 Bay	Found bag inside her truck bed.



SAFETY AWARENESS FOR EVERYONE

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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PHOTOS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT



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Ofc. Ryan Jones, Ofc. Scott Korte, Ofc. Sergio Lopez. Ofc Pat Cummings, Sgt. Joe
Fischer, Ofc. Greg Latus, Ofc. Eric Valentini, Ret. Ofc. Mike Norman,
Lt. Luke Martin, Sgt. Tim Kiely, Ofc. Jimmy Horan**

Congratulations to Central Station's "B-Division" Softball team for making it to the Championship playoffs. This was the first time in several years our team has made it this far. We have some incredible athletes on this team. The district Police Stations compete with one another for the championship. Central Station received the 2nd place trophy. Ingleside Station won the championship.

I will let you know next year when and where the team plays. It would be great if the Community attended these games and supported their Station's team and Officers!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

N. E. R. T.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team



WHO: Everyone!!!
WHAT: FREE Disaster Preparedness Training
WHERE: Nob Hill
St. Francis Memorial Hospital - 900 Hyde Street
WHEN: Tuesday evenings
June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2014*

**You must attend all sessions to gain the full benefit of the training.
New students may not join after class session 2.
A Certificate may be issued. Make ups may be approved.*

HOW: To register visit <http://bit.ly/1tahozD>, call 415-970-2024, or scan the qr code below.
Already NERT trained? to Recertify, visit <http://bit.ly/1sL5zOv>

WHY: So we are prepared to do what we can for each other. Help make SF a resilient City!



Scan me to register
on Eventbrite now!

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnerf for more on the training and other class locations.

TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

6/19 6:30p-10:00p
Class Session #1...
Earthquake Awareness,
Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation

6/26 6:30p-10:00p
Class Session #2...
Basic Disaster Skills; Fire
Extinguishers; Hazardous Materials;
Utilities Shut-offs

7/3 6:30p-9:30p
Class Session #3...
Disaster Medicine

7/10 6:30p-10:00p
Class Session #4...
Light Search and Rescue

7/17 6:30p-9:30p
Class Session # 5...
Team Organization and Management
Terrorism & NERT

7/24 6:30p-10:00p
Class Session # 6...
Hands-On Training
Skills Development and Application

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT



POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION BENEFIT

THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT. "THE GRAND NATIONAL RODEO" ON OCTOBER 17, 2014 AT THE COW PALACE. THE POA HAS CONTRACTED WITH TBS PRODUCTIONS TO PROMOTE THE EVENT.

ALL TICKET SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA A TELEPHONE SOLICIATION BEGINNING JUNE 6. THE HOURS OF SALES WILL BE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 1:00PM TO 9:00PM, AND ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN 9:00AM-12:30PM.

AS THERE MAY BE AN OCCASIONAL INQUIRY FROM THE PUBLIC, THE ASSOCIATION HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN VERIFYING THE EFFORTS ARE LEGIMATE.

GRAND NATIONAL RODEO

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT



Celebrate 5-years with Tony's Pizza Napoletana at our Guinness Book of World Records Pizza Toss

WHO

In the heart of San Francisco's storied Little Italy is Tony's Pizza Napoletana, home of 11-time World Pizza Champion Tony Gemignani. When the restaurant opened five years ago, it brought a sense of renewed vibrancy to the Stockton block of North Beach, which at the time had many empty store fronts. Now, with an extensive pizza menu featuring seven different ovens offering perfect temperatures for nine distinct styles of pies, Tony's Pizza Napoletana is known as the "Best Pizzeria in the Nation," as declared by USA Today, and has put the spotlight on San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood.

WHAT

To celebrate the 5-year anniversary of Tony's Pizza Napoletana, we have invited the Guinness Book of World Records to witness Tony and crew, along with 300 local children and chaperones, simultaneously toss pizza dough to set the record of the most people tossing pizza dough.

Attendees will witness pizza acrobatics from World Pizza Acrobatic Thrower Siler Chapman, and will have the opportunity to get in on exciting raffles and giveaways. Tony will also be taking photos with his fans during and after the event.

WHEN

Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.; Pizza Toss is promptly at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE

We will close Stockton Street between Green Street and Union Street

ENTRANCE

\$15.00 for kids, \$20.00 for adults to participate in the Pizza Toss; Proceeds benefit the Family House in San Francisco, a home away from home for families of children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses. Each registration comes with a commemorative t-shirt designed by local artist Jeremy Fish, a FREE slice of cheese pizza at The Slice House, one raffle ticket, and dough of course!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT

A vibrant, multi-colored poster for the 60th Annual North Beach Festival. The background is a gradient of yellow, green, and red. At the top, a banner reads "NORTH BEACH FESTIVAL" in white letters on a red and green background. Below the banner, the dates "JUNE 14th and 15th 2014" are written in red, with "Saturday and Sunday" underneath. A central image shows a white lighthouse tower. To the left of the tower, a green parrot is perched on a branch, holding a purple sign that says "FREE". To the right, another green parrot is perched on a branch, holding a yellow sign that says "10am to 6pm". Musical notes and a rainbow streamer are on the right side. The text "SAN FRANCISCO'S 'LITTLE ITALY' NORTH BEACH" is on the left. Below that, it says "Arts and Crafts Exhibits", "125+ Artists and Crafts Booths", "Italian Street Painting", "Stages of Live Music and Poetry", and "Blessing of the Animals". On the right, it says "MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC" and "FOOD & DRINK", "Gourmet Food Booths", and "Beer and Wine Gardens". At the bottom, it says "Proceeds Benefit the North Beach Community". There are also contact details and a website link.

**The 60th Annual North Beach Festival
Saturday & Sunday, June 14 and 15,
2014
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM ~ FREE
North Beach District, San Francisco, CA**

RESOURCE LIST:

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
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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