



# Central Station Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- ◆ JOIN SFPD
- ◆ Blessing Scam
- ◆ Italian Heritage Parade

## Captain Lazar's Message

### Auto Burglaries

As long as we have auto burglaries in the Central District, I will continue to mention this type of crime. Every day, I read incident reports where victims have items stolen from their vehicle. In the last week, there have been a few cases where large amounts of cash were left in bags visible in vehicles. Please do not leave anything in your vehicle. Your vehicle should look completely empty to the criminal who will be looking inside.

This was especially close to home this morning as I left my house here in the City, preparing to come to Central Station, and noticed the family van had been ransacked overnight. I am taking full responsibility for leaving it unlocked last night as I assisted my youngest child out of the van at about 9:00 p.m. Luckily, in an effort to live by what I ask of others, my sunglasses (hidden away) and a couple of old cell phone chargers were taken. Other than the sunglasses, nothing of value was taken. The thieves did not take my garage remote for which I am fortunate or my daughter's shoes.

We are all in this together!



Commanding Officer David Lazar of Central Station

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### Central Station District Events

This is a busy two weeks for us at Central Station. We have been preparing for a lot of events. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to participate in the Self Help for the Elderly 's 29<sup>th</sup> annual walk, we had the "March for Elephants" demonstration and yesterday we had the 10/10 parade in Chinatown. This week, we are preparing for Fleet Week activities and the annual Italian Heritage Parade this coming Sunday.

### Excellent Police Work

I would like to point out the great work of **Officer Joesph Marte** from Central Station's daywatch. A few days ago, a woman parked her vehicle at Jackson and Stockton. The suspect looked in her vehicle as she was sitting in it and talking on a cell phone. The suspect was eyeing a bag which was on her backseat. As she sat in her vehicle, she placed the top down to make her car a convertible. As soon as this happened, the suspect ran up, took the bag off the back seat and ran off with it. The bag had cash and valuables including gift cards.

The suspect attempted to use the card at a department store in Union Square. **Inspectors Paulsen and Lee** followed up and obtained a photo of the suspect. On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at nearly 1:00 p.m., **Officer Marte** recognized the suspect, who was walking in Chinatown. With the assistance of Chinatown Beat **Officers David On and Celina Chow**, the suspect was apprehended. This is incredible police work and I am grateful for the work every Officer does on a daily basis at Central Station.

**Bicycle Thief Captured!**

In an effort to apprehend bicycle thieves who spend a lot time in the Central District taking bicycles, the Central Station Plainclothes Team, led by **Sergeant McDevitt**, with **Officers Huang, Morales and Ciudad** set up a bicycle theft sting operation at Battery and Clay on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.. They placed an expensive Department bicycle, locked with a cable, at this location. In less than a half hour, they noticed one of the top bicycle thieves in the City, take out bolt cutters, cut the cable and steal the bicycle. To his surprise, he was quickly apprehended by the Team!

Speaking of bicycle thefts, congratulations to **Officer Dustin Tsang**, who after receiving a flyer of a bicycle thief by **Sergeant RoseMarie Smith**, apprehended the suspect. The suspect did not have the stolen bicycle with him however, he had a new stolen bicycle in his possession.

**Great Graffiti Arrest**

Congratulations to **Officers Alvaro Abaunza and Jennifer Foxworth** for capturing a graffiti vandal on October 3<sup>rd</sup> who was vandalizing in Chinatown at Stockton and Sacramento.

**Blessing Scam Alert in Chinatown**

We had our first "Blessing Scam" in a long time. The suspect approached an elderly female and asked her where "Dr. Zheng's Office" was, when the victim was standing at California and Kearny. Two additional suspects approached the victim and said that the son would die soon due to "some spirits." The suspects told the victim that she needed immediate spiritual works and blessing as soon as possible. The victim returned home and retrieved \$80,000 in cash and then went to the bank and retrieved \$40,000 worth of jewelry and returned to the scene. The suspects "blessed the valuables" and in the process switched bags. They told the victim to not open the bag for a week. That afternoon, the victim opened the bag and discovered her valuables were missing, replaced with bottles of chocolate milk, one bottle of water and some newspaper.

I will be working, along with the Officers of Central Station, to get the word out to be careful and on the lookout for this scam!

**Chinatown**

**Officer Celina Chow** is our new foot beat Officer in Chinatown. She is partnered with **Officer David On**. She has been well received by the community and to best of our knowledge, is the first female foot beat Officer assigned to Chinatown.

**Traffic Enforcement**

Central Station Officers have been doing an outstanding job with Traffic Enforcement. Citations are up from August to September, 18% and Officers wrote 1,030 citations in September in comparison to 875 in August.

Have a good week!

Captain David Lazar

Central Station

## *Heat Safety Tips*

- Limit outdoor activities
- Move outdoor work to morning/evening hours
- Drink lots of water or decaffeinated beverages
- Wear lightweight clothing
- Wear sunscreen if outdoors
  - Sunburn reduces ability to cool off
- Do not leave pets, children, or elderly inside a parked vehicle!



# CRIMES OF NOTE

## ROBBERIES

9/30	4:05pm	<b>Robbery, W/ Force</b> <b>700 block of Broadway</b>	An unknown suspect approached the victim and yanked off the victim's necklace from the victim's neck.
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## Assault/Battery/Violent Crimes

9/27	3:20pm	<b>Battery</b> <b>200 block of Geary</b>	The suspect approached the victim from behind and punched the victim in the face. <b>Citation issued.</b>
9/27	11:56pm	<b>Battery</b> <b>Unit block of Drumm</b>	An unknown suspect approached the victim punched the victim in the face.
9/28	6:28pm	<b>Assault, Aggravated</b> <b>100 block of Jefferson</b>	An unknown suspect approached the victim and hit the victim in the head with an unknown object.
9/28	10:39pm	<b>Battery</b> <b>Kearny/Geary</b>	An unknown suspect approached the victim and punched the victim in the face.
9/28	10:45pm	<b>Battery</b> <b>1600 block of Powell</b>	An unknown suspect punched the victim in the face after an argument.
9/28	5:07pm	<b>Battery</b> <b>Mason/North Point</b>	An unknown suspect approached the victim and punched the victim in the face.
9/30	8:45am	<b>Battery</b> <b>300 block of Bay</b>	An unknown suspect came out of the restroom and punched the victim in the face when the victim knocked on the door because the suspect was taking too long.

## Narcotics Related

9/26	10:38pm	<b>Poss. Of Marijuana</b> <b>500 block of Broadway</b>	Possession of suspected marijuana. <b>Arrest made.</b>
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## THEFT/SHOPLIFTING

9/24	11:15am	<b>Theft, From Building</b> <b>800 block of Columbus</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's laptop that was left unattended on a table.
9/24	12:00pm	<b>Theft, From Building</b> <b>100 block of Jefferson</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's fanny pack, containing driver's license, social security card and money, that was left unattended on the floor outside a photo booth.
9/24	6:25pm	<b>Theft, From Building</b> <b>400 block of Kearny</b>	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole the victim's unattended cell phone on the counter.
9/25	4:00pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>200 block of Bay</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole clothing.
9/25	11:00pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>Unit block of August</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side window and stole sunglasses.
9/26	12:30pm	<b>Theft, From Building</b> <b>400 block of Geary</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's cell phone from the hostess podium as the victim was seating customers.
9/26	12:50pm	<b>Theft, Bicycle</b> <b>700 block of Columbus</b>	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole a bicycle that was placed in a corner.
9/26	7:00pm	<b>Theft, Other Property</b> <b>1400 block of Stockton</b>	An unknown suspect withdrew money out of the victim's bank account at the ATM machine after the victim used the machine to withdraw money.

9/26	8:00pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>Grant/North Point</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window and stole a bag, containing a passport, electronics and money.
9/26	9:45pm	<b>Theft, From Person</b> <b>500 block of Powell</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's cell phone that was on the bar table as the victim turned to sign a credit card slip.
9/26	10:00pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>Unit block of Broadway</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side window and stole a bag, containing electronics and a passport.
9/27	5:30am	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>Kearny/Bay</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole cameras and cell phones.
9/27	6:30am	<b>Theft, From Person</b> <b>Commercial/Montgomery</b>	An unknown suspect asked to use the victim's cell phone and when the victim was talking to friends, the suspect walked off with the cell phone.
9/27	2:28pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle</b> <b>600 block of Pine</b>	The two suspects unlocked the vehicle and stole backpacks and a suitcase, containing clothing, books and personal items. <b>Arrest made.</b>

## Theft/shoplifting

9/27	7:00pm	<b>Theft, Shoplifting 400 block of Bay</b>	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole bags of coffee.
9/27	8:00pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle Van Ness/North Point</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/27	10:30pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle 200 block of Broadway</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side windows and stole purses, containing wallets, electronics and jewelry.
9/28	3:00am	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle Mason/Clay</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole sunglasses, radio faceplate, money and vehicle documents.
9/28	3:50am	<b>Theft, From Person 500 block of Broadway</b>	An unknown suspect grabbed the victim's cell phone out of the victim's hands.
9/28	11:00am	<b>Theft, From Person Stockton/Washington</b>	An unknown suspect cut and stole the victim's wristlet, containing driver's license and money, that was hanging on the victim's wrist.
9/28	12:30pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle Montgomery/Chestnut</b>	An unknown suspect punched the passenger side door lock with an unknown object and stole suitcases, containing clothing, passport and electronics.
9/28	3:00pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle 2300 block of Stockton</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/28	8:30pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle 800 block of Stockton</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole a bag, containing miscellaneous items.
9/28	9:30pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle 700 block of Taylor</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/28	10:30pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle Jones/Bush</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/29	1:35am	<b>Theft, From Building 400 block of Geary</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's purse, containing money and keys, that was hung on the chair the victim was sitting on.
9/29	7:20pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle Chestnut/Sansome</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole a briefcase, containing electronics, passports and personal items.
9/29	8:00pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle 2700 block of Taylor</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side rear window and stole a bag, containing clothing.
9/29	11:30pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle 1500 block of Sacramento</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/30	2:30pm	<b>Theft, Vehicle 800 block of Jones</b>	Stolen vehicle.
9/30	3:45pm	<b>Theft, Pickpocket Jefferson/Jones</b>	An unknown suspect stole the victim's wallet, containing money and credit cards, from the victim's rear pants pocket.
9/30	8:50pm	<b>Theft, From Locked Vehicle Pier 5</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side rear window and stole a briefcase, containing a laptop, passports, and credit cards.

## Miscellaneous

9/24	1:00am	<b>Solicit for Prostitution Post/Powell</b>	The suspect was soliciting for prostitution. <b>Arrest made.</b>
9/24	10:10pm	<b>Burglary, Commercial 800 block of Filbert</b>	An unknown suspect pried open the front door and stole money.
9/25	12:30am	<b>Burglary, Commercial 1000 block of Sutter</b>	An unknown suspect removed the window panels and stole money and the security camera system.
9/25	8:00am	<b>Burglary, Residence 1100 block of Jackson</b>	An unknown suspect pried open the rear door and stole electronics and money.
9/25	9:55am	<b>Recovered Vehicle 800 block of Bush</b>	Recovered vehicle.
9/25	8:00pm	<b>Burglary, Garage 1600 block of Leavenworth</b>	An unknown suspect broken into a shared residential garage and shattered the passenger side front window of a vehicle and stole a GPS. No signs of forced entry into the garage.
9/26	9:00am	<b>Burglary, Residence 100 block of Pfeiffer</b>	An unknown suspect entered through an unlocked window and stole electronics.
9/26	1:48pm	<b>Recovered Vehicle 1200 block of Broadway</b>	Recovered vehicle.
9/26	5:15pm	<b>Burglary, Commercial 300 block of Sansome</b>	An unknown suspect entered through the unlocked door and stole iPads and cash registers with money.
9/26	5:41pm	<b>Recovered Vehicle 700 block of Pine</b>	Recovered vehicle.
9/26	8:26pm	<b>Traffic Violation Sansome/Embarcadero</b>	The driver was stopped for a broken brake light and a computer check shows the driver was driving on a suspended license. <b>Citation issued.</b>
9/27	9:26am	<b>Warrant Arrest California/Hyde</b>	The suspect was sleeping on the sidewalk and a computer check shows the suspect with an outstanding warrant. <b>Arrest made.</b>
9/27	10:50am	<b>Traffic Violation 400 block of Union</b>	The driver was double parked on the street and a computer check shows the driver had an expired license. <b>Citation issued.</b>
9/27	3:12pm	<b>Graffiti, Building Unit block of Drumm</b>	An unknown suspect graffiti the wall and sidewalk.
9/27	5:00pm	<b>Vandalism, Building 600 block of Post</b>	An unknown suspect shattered the front window.
9/27	7:50pm	<b>Traffic Violation Sansome/Broadway</b>	The driver was driving with broken headlights and a computer check shows that the driver was driving on an expired license. <b>Citation issued.</b>
9/27	8:06pm	<b>Warrant Arrest 200 block of Geary</b>	The suspect was urinating in public and a computer check shows the suspect with an outstanding warrant. <b>Arrest made.</b>
9/29	12:30am	<b>Traffic Violation Broadway/Stockton</b>	The driver was stopped for expired registration and a computer check shows the driver was an unlicensed driver. <b>Citation issued.</b>
9/29	7:01pm	<b>Recovered Vehicle 700 block of Taylor</b>	Recovered vehicle.
9/29	7:16pm	<b>Warrant Arrest 1200 block of Greenwich</b>	The suspect was loitering in the park and a computer check shows the suspect with an outstanding warrant. <b>Arrest made.</b>

# CENTRAL COMMUNITY CALENDER

## OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 -10-10 Parade	6	7	8	9	10	11 Fleet Week with the Blue Angels
12 Italian Heritage Day Parade	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Auxiliary  
Law  
Enforcement  
Response  
Team

Are you someone who is interested in disaster preparedness and wants to help out your community while working hand in hand with law enforcement? Then the ALERT program is for you!

**SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)**



ALERT Training Instructor, Officer Roly Canales with K-9 partner Pyro.

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**What is the ALERT Program?**

The San Francisco Police Department has developed a volunteer citizen disaster preparedness program. The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is modeled after and works in partnership with the San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). The ALERT program will train members of the public to assist law enforcement in essential tasks after a major disaster. Such tasks may include: traffic control, foot patrol of business and residential areas, and reporting criminal activity. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

**Three steps to becoming an ALERT volunteer:**

1. Complete NERT training and receive certification. To register for NERT training courses please visit [www.sfgov.org/sfnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sfnert)
2. Once NERT certified, forward a copy of your NERT ID card to the ALERT program. [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org)
3. After clearing a basic background check the individual is eligible to register for ALERT training.

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**Important Dates:**

- An informational meeting about our program will be held on September 18th, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow. This is not a mandatory meeting for interested volunteers. Come have your questions answered!
- Our next training class is scheduled for August 9th, 2014, from 8:00am-5:00pm. This class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow.\*\*

\*\*To view a detailed explanation of the pre-requisites, please visit [www.sanfranciscopolice.org/alert](http://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/alert)



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<b>Non-Emergency:</b>	<b>553-0123</b>
<b>Cell phone 911:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Customer Service Center:</b>	<b>311</b>
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<b>SFPD Tip Line</b>	<b>575-4444</b>
<b>Text a Tip:</b>	<b>847411 (Tip 411)</b>
<b>Graffiti Abatement</b>	<b>278-9456</b>
<b>Central Events:</b>	<b>315-2440 - Sergeant Dominic Panina</b>
<b>Central Permits:</b>	<b>315-2423 - Officer Steve Matthias</b>
<b>Code Abatement:</b>	<b>315-2417 - Sergeant Alex Takaoka</b>
<b>Deputy City Attorney:</b>	<b>554-3820 - Jill Cannon</b>
<b>Dept. Parking &amp; Traffic:</b>	<b>553-1943</b>
<b>DPW Dispatch</b>	<b>695-2020</b>
<b>Homeless Issues:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Joseph Siragusa &amp; Eric Caracciolo</b>
<b>Chinatown Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Howard Chu, Sam Yuen , William Po David On</b>
<b>Union Square Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officer Tom Cunnane</b>
<b>Fisherman’s Wharf Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers John Van Koll and Troy Courtney</b>
<b>North Beach:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Mark Alvarez, John Torrise &amp; Pete Schlegle</b>



**W**e, the members of the San Francisco Police Department, are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. In order to protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, **we will provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.**

