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# Central Police Station Newsletter

## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

My name is David Lazar and I am now serving as the new Commanding Officer of Central Police Station. I want to start by thanking Chief Suhr for giving me the best assignment, working with a supportive Central District community and along side an incredible team of Officers.

Commander Garret Tom set the standard at Central Station by working very closely with members of the Community. As he indicated in last week's newsletter, this assignment was really the highlight of his remarkable career. I am thankful that the Commander made the switch in command a smooth transition for me. I am committed to maintaining the same level of service to the members of our community.

I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation San Franciscan and live in San Francisco where my wife and I are raising our three children ages 18, 16 and 6. San Francisco is my home on and off the job. I am concerned about the same issues as many of you are such as public safety, crime, traffic, and quality of life. The Central district has always been called home for me as my family history dates back to the late 1800's in North Beach. My Great Grandmother, on my Mother's side, Rose Portelli, was born in 1890 and resided in North Beach. My Grandmother, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, was also raised in North Beach. She was married in 1938 at St. Peter's and Paul Church and owned a cigar store where Victoria's Pastry's is now located on Filbert Street. My Mother was also raised in North Beach, attending Galileo High School, Class of 1964. I was baptized at St. Peter's and Paul Church in 1971 and 21 years later, returned to this community as a brand new 21 year old Police Officer. This past Saturday marks my return to Central Station since 1992.

This is my 23<sup>rd</sup> year in the Department and I am in my 7<sup>th</sup> year as a Police Captain. I have had a great career serving at 8 of the 10 district stations, held 7 separate investigative assignments, and represented the Department on all homeless related issues for three years. As a Captain, in addition to working in the Investigation's Bureau, I was the Night Supervising Captain, served at Southern and Ingleside Station, the Crime Lab and in 2012 planned the America's Cup. During the last 17 months, I served as the Commanding Officer of the Department's Training Division overseeing training for the new Recruit Officers coming through the Academy. The benefit of this latest assignment is that I know many of our newer Officers arriving at Central Station from their time in the Police Academy.

This has been an exciting first week at Central Station. These Officers are some of the most dedicated, professional, hard working Officers in the Department. The vast majority of the Officers have waited many years to come to Central Station and all want to be here to provide service to our community. The leadership among the Sergeants and Lieutenants are second to none. I have known and worked closely with many of these leaders dating back over 20 years.

I am committed to working closely and collaboratively with the residents, merchants, visitors, schools, business community, and all stakeholders of the Central Police District. I will partner with our District Supervisors and I want to spend the next several weeks meeting the various community and business groups. I am interested in learning about crime and the quality of life issues which affect all of us. Language access is very important to me. All members of the Community must feel comfortable speaking in their native language and reporting crimes to the police. This will be one of the cornerstones of my work at Central Station.

Working with our district youth is extremely important as I see our Officers as role models and mentors. Whether we visit kids at their sporting events, help them with their homework, read to kindergartners or just get to know them, Officers positively interacting with our youth is essential and is directly in line with Chief Suhr's vision for our Department.

We must partner together to identify crime problems and then work closely together to identify the solutions. We will continue to address robberies and property crimes such as residential and commercial burglaries and auto boostings.

Traffic safety is important to me and soon we will begin our ongoing traffic enforcement and education program. I will be relying on the community's support to get the word out as part of our Department's overarching goal of "Vision Zero" reducing traffic collisions and "Focusing on the Five," the five most prevalent violations and at the top five locations in the district.

I will be letting our readers of this newsletter know in advance where we will be stepping up traffic enforcement. I am confident that all of us working together will reach our public safety goals, keeping in mind crime prevention, intervention, enforcement, education and collaborative community involvement.

Working closely with the Community is one of my most important tasks. In addition to the great work planned with my Community Police Advisory Board and crime prevention efforts with San Francisco SAFE, I look forward to attending the numerous community group meetings of the Central District. I am accessible to all those who would like to speak with me. Attendance at the Central Station Community meeting is important so that we can maintain open dialog and it provides me an opportunity to report on recent crime trends. I invite you to attend this meeting which is usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

I look forward to working with all of the communities that make up the Central Police District and using this newsletter to provide you with the most relevant, up to date and useful information possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and I thank all of you who have reached out to me this week, welcoming me to Central Police Station!

Sincerely,

Captain David Lazar

## CRIMES OF NOTES:

### Robberies

05-26-14 4:30am      **Robbery, Attempt**      **600 block of Geary**

Victim was waiting at the Muni stop when suspects attempted to pull away victim's purse. Victim refused to let go. However during the struggle she was hit in the face with an unknown object. Suspect ran away. Victim suffered several bone fractures. Case is under investigation.

05-26-14 3:50am      **Robbery with Force**      **California Street and Grant Ave**

Victim was walking when he was approached from behind by two suspects. Suspect hit victim on the head with a blunt object. Suspect were able to take victim's wallet. Suspect fled the scene. Victim is currently on life support. Case is under investigation.

05-27-14 5:11pm      **Robbery, Chain Store**      **100 block of Post**

Suspect was stopped by loss prevention agent for shoplifting. After being stopped, suspect began assaulting the loss prevention officer. Suspect was arrested.

### Assault/Battery/Violent Crimes

05-24-14 10:10am      **Battery**      **Jefferson Street/Taylor Street**

Victim was attacked by suspect for handing out flyers. Suspect was cited.

05-24-14 2:05pm      **Battery**      **400 block of Geary Street**

Limo driver and suspect got into a verbal argument about transactions made to suspects card. Suspect pushed victim.

05-24-14 3:30pm      **Battery**      **300 block of Jefferson Street**

Suspect got angry at Victim for not having his food station organized. This led to an argument where the suspect and hit victim in the face. Case is under investigation.

### Narcotics Related

05-25-14 8:58am      **Methamphetamine Offense**      **300 block of Kearny**

Suspect was found screaming in a park. When asked if he was ok, he stated he was "high and having a panic attack". He was admonished and sent to the hospital.

05-26-14 7:00am      **Cocaine Possession for sale**      **900 block of Post Street**

Suspect was parked in a "Tow away" zone. Enforcement stop was conducted and drugs were seen on suspects legs.

05-26-14 8:44pm      **Vehicle Tampering/Methamphetamine offense**      **300 Block of Kearny Street**

Suspect gained entry into victims car. Victim confronted the suspect and located his jewelry inside his hat and drugs.

## Thefts/Shoplifting

5-23-14 10:00pm **Theft, Pickpocket Columbus/Pacific**

A wallet and miscellaneous cards were stolen.

5-23-14 11:30am **Theft from a Building 200 block of Stockton**

A wallet, credit cards and US currency was stolen.

5-24-14 8:15am **Theft from a locked vehicle Lombard Street/Hyde Street**

Broken hatch window of parked vehicle. Loss was two bowling balls.

5-24-14 11:00am **Theft from a locked vehicle Chestnut Street/Sansome Street**

Window was broken on parked vehicle. Loss was a purse and miscellaneous clothing, keys and credit cards.

5-24-14 1:00pm **Theft from a Building**

A wallet and credit cards were stolen from an AT& T Store.

5-24-14 5:30pm **Shoplifting 200 block of Powell Street**

A belt was stolen from a display case. No arrest made.

5-25-14 11:56am **Theft from a Building 300 block of Powell Street**

Three pair of pants were stolen.

## Miscellaneous

05-23-14 6:00pm **Burglary 300 block of Pine Street**

Building was not locked over the weekend. Suspect gained entry thru the side door and gained access to all six floors of building. Several items were taken from the building.

05-26-14 6:00pm **Burglary, Safe 100 block of Sutter Street**

Victim was unable to locate safe key at restaurant. Supervisor responded and realized that someone had taken money from the safe. The establishment does not have working cameras. No suspect information at this time.

# Upcoming Events

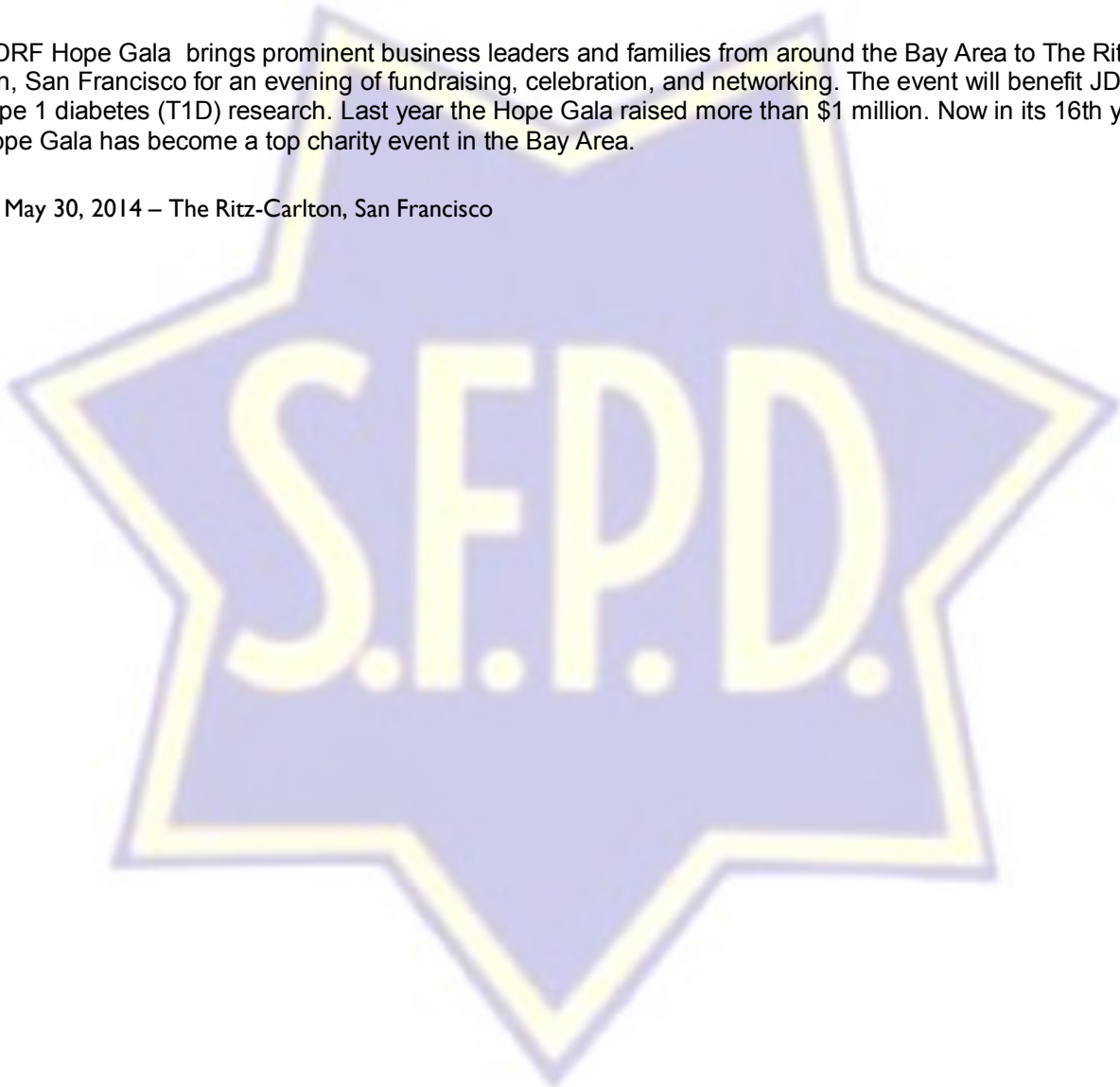
**HOPE**  **2014 GALA**

**An evening for all friends and families to unite as one**

Benefiting the Greater Bay Area Chapter of JDRF

The JDRF Hope Gala brings prominent business leaders and families from around the Bay Area to The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco for an evening of fundraising, celebration, and networking. The event will benefit JDRF and type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Last year the Hope Gala raised more than \$1 million. Now in its 16th year, the Hope Gala has become a top charity event in the Bay Area.

Friday, May 30, 2014 – The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco





# 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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<b>EMERGENCY:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency:</b>	<b>553-0123</b>
<b>Cell phone 911:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Customer Service Center:</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Central Station:</b>	<b>315-2400</b>
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<b>Anonymous Tip-Line</b>	<b>575- 4444</b>
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<b>Website:</b>	<b><a href="http://www.centralpolicestation.org">www.centralpolicestation.org</a></b>
<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>Graffiti Fax</b>	<b>278-9456</b>
<b>Central Events:</b>	<b>315-2440 - Sergeant Philip Pera</b>
<b>Central Permits:</b>	<b>315-2423 - Officer Steve Matthias</b>
<b>Code Abatement:</b>	<b>315-2417 - Sgt. 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 Cathy Daly &amp; Eric Caracciolo</b>
<b>Chinatown Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Howard Chu &amp; Sam Yuen -</b>
<b>Union Square Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Tom Cunnane</b>
<b>Fisherman's Wharf Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers John Van Koll</b>