

Northern Station Newsletter



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Captain's Comments:

The past couple of weeks have seen unprecedented times in San Francisco with the Super Bowl Fifty events. Large crowds descended upon San Francisco to enjoy the festivities at locations such as Super Bowl City and the NFL Experience. In addition, many restaurants and clubs enjoyed increased activity with events related to Super Bowl Fifty. Here in the Northern District we hosted the ESPN Broadcast at the Marina Green, and ESPN Party at Fort Mason, the NFL owner's dinner at City Hall, and the NFL Honors celebration at the Bill Graham Auditorium. I am pleased that all the events occurred without significant crime and safety issues and I believe our city and our department were shown in a very favorable light. That having been said we did see some issues such as displaced homeless, some property crime, and raucous crowd in the Lower Polk neighborhood on the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl. I have outreached to that community and will be attending a meeting tonight in the Lower Polk to discuss Saturday's event and to confer about public safety issues in the area moving forward.

As we move into 2016 I'm pleased to announce that our staffing numbers in the Police Department and at Northern Station have steadily increased. We currently have sixteen additional officers in training at Northern Station and additional officers on the way with upcoming Academy graduations. When these officers complete their training and are dispersed amongst all the stations I'm confident that our permanent staffing will rise and afford me the opportunity to re institute at least one or two more foot beats to the district. These foot beats will complement the already re instituted foot beats in the Lower Polk and Lower Fillmore area that were put back in place about six months ago. I will update the community on the foot beats within the next few months.

As many of you may have heard the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Service) program, through the Department of Justice, has agreed to a review of the policies and practices of the SFPD as we move towards 21st century policing. Over the next few months there will be a number of community relations meeting, run by the COPS coordinators, for input from the community on policy,

procedure, and police relations. At least one of the meetings will be in the Northern District and everyone from the community will be invited to attend. A specific date and time should be solidified in the next couple of weeks and I will publish the meeting through the newsletter email list.

Lastly, now that we have moved beyond the Super Bowl Fifty events we will be refocusing our attention on traffic related issues in the district. If you have traffic concerns or locations you would like to see receive education and enforcement please email me the location so that we can address it with our traffic education and enforcement program.

[NOTES OF INTEREST FOR February 2016](#)

- The Line-Up is a crime prevention tool that allows the public to get involved through social media. The goal is to get the public involved in solving cold case files by watching and identifying video surveillance of suspects committing crimes. Contact information will be listed on the site and the public can be anonymous if they choose. The San Francisco Police Department will be releasing one video per week of suspect(s) involved in a criminal act. Remember, you have the power to make a difference in our community. Be a crime fighter and help us in identifying these criminals. The weekly videos can be accessed at the sf-police.org website and by clicking on the "line-up" icon at the bottom of the first page.

San Francisco Police Foundation

The SFPD is involved in many types of community events, and actively participates in a variety of philanthropies. Groups are always asking the department for donations of money or to provide some level of involvement in their activities. We recently started the San Francisco Police Foundation to help with the funding of many of these requests. If you would like to donate to the Department's philanthropic endeavors please make checks payable to the SF Police Foundation: Checks can be mailed directly to the following address: San Francisco Police Foundation, C/O Markun, Zusman, & Compton LLP. 465 California Street, SF, CA, 94104. With your help, the Foundation can, and will, make a difference for our City and in the lives of everyone touched by its police officers.

Note: The Northern Station Police Month Crime meeting is held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held Thursday February 11th at 6:00pm at Northern Station's Community Room.

[FOLLOW US ON YOU TUBE:](#)

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 2](#)(crime prevention with focus on car break-ins)
If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following
Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WN5E4a5AxM>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 3](#)(crime prevention tips with a focus on street robberies)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajY25XDNi-Y>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 4 Part 1](#)(crime prevention tips with a focus on identity theft)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5nl6cyf8Co>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 4 Part 2](#)(more on identity theft)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGcVZ501GFg>

****The officers of Northern Station work hard each and every day to keep the streets safe for everyone. They are making some excellent arrests. Here is a **small snapshot** of what they are doing. I encourage you to log on to the SFPD website and under 'compstat' you will find a link to 'crime maps' that will provide very timely crime information and a greater accounting.**

Theft, Other Property, 600blk Eddy, 2-1-16 1715hrs

Officers responded to the above location on a report of a theft. When officers arrived they spoke to the caller who stated that he met a male friend in a hotel to have sexual relations with him. Both the male caller and the male friend agreed to meet and spend time together. The caller informed the officers that after he arrived in the hotel room, which was only occupied by him and the other male, they engaged in a brief conversation. They took off their clothes to engage in sex acts. The caller's clothes and wallet were left on the floor of the hotel room. Both males then got into a verbal argument about whether or not to use a condom. They continued to argue as the caller started to get dressed. When the caller checked his wallet he discovered that \$160.00 dollars was missing from inside. When the caller confronted his friend about the missing money he denied taking it. The caller informed the officers that the room was dark while the wallet was out of his possession and his friend was the only other person in the room with him. The caller stated when he confronted the friend about taking his money he said he was keeping his money to compensate for "wasted time". The officers interviewed the friend who denied taking the callers money. The officers were unable to determine if the money was taken by the friend. The caller insisted on pressing charges on the friend for theft. The officers accepted a citizen's arrest form from the caller and cited and released the friend for theft. Both parties left the area and the officers completed a police report documenting the incident.

Burglary, Unlawful Entry, Bush/Gough, 2-1-16, 0206hrs

Officers were patrolling the area when they were flagged down by a citizen regarding a burglary. When officers arrived on scene they were flagged down by the 911 caller who was waving his arms frantically and pointing towards a garage door. The officers saw the suspect that the 911 caller was

pointing to run into a garage. The garage door fell preventing the suspect from escaping further. The officers took custody of the suspect without incident. The officers learned the suspect was on probation and did a probation search on him. The officers located a glass pipe which is used to ingest methamphetamine. The paraphernalia was later booked into evidence. The 911 caller told the officers that he was working in his basement when he heard banging in front of his building. He looked outside and saw a suitcase sitting in front of the garage and then the suspect appeared out of the opening of the garage door from inside. That is then the 911 caller saw police driving by and flagged them down. The officers completed their investigation at the scene and transported the suspect to Northern Station. The suspect was later booked at County Jail.

[Narcotics Paraphernalia, Polk/Alice B Toklas, 2-3-16, 1345hrs](#)

Officers were on foot patrol in the above area when they observed a female standing on the north side walk of Alice B Toklas. The officers watched and observed the female for several minutes and saw that she was trying to place an off white brittle or waxy substance into a glass pipe. The glass pipe had black burn marks along the cylindrical part of the pipe along with a copper mesh which was lodged in the pipe. The officers recognized this as a pipe used to ingest rock base cocaine. The officers approached the suspect on foot and detained her without incident. The officers seized the glass pipe from the suspect and cleared her of any warrants. The officers cited and released the suspect from the scene. The off white brittle substance which the officers suspected to be rock base cocaine was not collected as evidence due to the small unusable amount. The officers booked the glass pipe into evidence at Northern Station and completed a police report.

[Theft from Locked Vehicle, Burglary, Fulton/Pierce, 2-5-16, 2027hrs](#)

Northern Station police service aid was working station duty at Northern Station when a reportee came to the counter to report that his vehicle was broken into at 1700hrs. The victim stated that he parked his car at Fulton and Pierce street and when he returned he saw that his window had been shattered and items from his vehicle was stolen from inside. The items stolen were of significant value as one of the rings were a super bowl ring valued at 30,000 dollars and the second ring was a Penn State Football Outback Ring valued at 1,000.00 dollars. The victim's passport, Apple tablet and duffle bags were also taken. The police service aid took the report and gave the victim the proper follow up forms. The police aid notified her supervisor of the incident. The supervisor notified Northern Station's plain clothes team of the incident. Within hours the team set up surveillance in the area of Fulton and Pierce Streets due to the recent rash of auto burglaries. At 1945hrs officers spotted two male suspects casing a Lexus SUV that was parked at Fulton and Pierce Street. The officer can see the suspect have a flash right up against the window of the vehicle. The suspect walked away and entered a gold vehicle and drove away. The officers followed the vehicle and did a records check on the license plate. The officers learned that the register owner of the vehicle is a familiar suspect to them and is known for committing auto burglaries and is a known gang member. As the officers were following the vehicle the driver of the vehicle started to speed away and going through stop signs. The officers fearing that the driver was going to hurt an innocent citizen they stopped following them. The officers knew the location of where the registered owner of the vehicle lived and set up surveillance at the residence. The officers waited for the vehicle to return which it did a few hours later. The officers with caution approached the vehicle and detained everyone inside. After a thorough investigation done by the officers they located the super bowl ring inside the vehicle along with a couple thousands of dollars. The suspects were booked accordingly at County Jail.

Assault, Aggravated on Police Officer, Polk/Fern, 2-7-16 0147hrs.

On the above date and time officers were dispatched to the intersection in regards to vandalism of a vehicle and a large group of individuals fighting on the 1200 block of Polk Street. When the officers arrived they saw about 200 people fighting in the intersection of Polk and Bush Street. Multiple fights were simultaneously occurring in the streets so the officers called for additional officers to respond to assist. Police unit's city wide responded to assist the large crowd that was in the streets fighting. Multiple individuals approached officers yelling obscenities and spitting at officers and taunting and becoming more aggressive. Innocent citizens that were driving through the area were getting their vehicles kicked and jumped on by the people in the street. At one point a group of individuals flipped over an Ice Bear Trike Scooter that was parked and set it on fire. The crowd became more aggressive towards the officers on scene and individuals began throwing bottles at officers. No officers were directly hit by any of the thrown bottles during the incident. Officers put on their riot gear and formulated a plan to control the crowd. The officers deemed this as an unlawful assembly and ordered for everyone to disperse and leave the area several times. Officers moved in and formed a scrimmage line and cleared the streets. The fire department was called in to put out the fire of the burning scooter. The officers did a thorough investigation to see if there were any injuries to this incident but none was reported. Several victims came forward and reported that their vehicle had been damaged as a result of people climbing on the vehicles and throwing bottles at them. No arrests were made as no one could be positively identified. The officers took photos of the scene and completed a police report for documentation.

Burglary, Vehicle, 1500blk Pine Street, 2-7-16 0313hrs

Officers were dispatched to the above area regarding a security guard detaining a Latin male. When the officers arrived they spoke to the security guard who stated that two victims were chasing the suspect and helped detain him. The victims informed the officers that the suspect just broke into their vehicles and has their back packs. The suspect was breathing heavily and sweating from being chased and running so fast. The officers took the back packs off of the suspect and placed him under arrest. The suspect had in his possession a window break tool, small flash light, a bicycle that he stole from the victim and the back pack. The victim identified the items as stolen as being his. The victim told the officers that he was inside a building where he parked and locked his vehicle. He heard what sounded as glass breaking and an alarm going off. When he looked out the window he saw the suspect taking his items and his bike from the vehicle. The victim went outside to stop the suspect but he jumped on the bike and tried to get away. The victim chased after him until he caught him with the assistance from the private security guard. The officers completed a thorough investigation and transported the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. At Northern Station the officers cleared the suspect of any outstanding warrants. The suspect was later booked at County Jail. All the evidence was booked at Northern Station and the officers completed a police report documenting the incident.

Robbery, Street or Public Place, 2100 blk of Laguna, 2-8-16 1050hrs

Officers were on routine patrol when they responded to Lafayette Park regarding a report of a theft. The officers met with a female victim who told them she was robbed and someone stole her purse. The victim told the officer she was babysitting and had placed her purse inside her vehicle which has a third row seat. The purse was in the second row as she was seat belting the child in the third row seat. The victim stated she could feel someone pushing on her thigh. The victim saw that an unknown black male suspect had pushed against her pulling at her purse. The victim tried to struggle for her purse back but then stopped in fear that the suspect might harm her and the child. The suspect's hat fell off during the incident and he jumped into an unknown grey sedan. The suspect fled the area and the victim called 911. There were no injuries during this incident. The

officers conducted a thorough investigation and seized the hat as evidence. The victim stated she would not recognize the suspect if she saw them again. The officers completed a police report documenting the incident and notified our stations investigation team.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (on-going): 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. there is a farmer's market on O'Farrell Street between Fillmore and Steiner.

Last Tuesday of each month (on-going): Second Chance Legal Clinic. 6pm, 1290 Fillmore Street. Questions, call 415-814-7610. Bring a recent RAP sheet.

ALERT (Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team): The SFPD version of NERT. For more information call 415-832-8419, or email: sfpdalert@sfgov.org.

NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Training) Training:

To find out the most current class dates and locations or to enroll call 970-2024 or go to: www.sf-fire.org.

San Francisco Police Activities League (PAL)

Want to learn more check out: <http://www.sfpal.org/Cadets>

Note: If you would like your Community Meeting agenda listed in our Newsletter, please send the information to my email address. If you want it posted for the same week you must email me by Wednesday for the Thursday newsletter. Additionally you can email any questions, comments, and crime concerns that are occurring in your community. If you would like to reserve the Community Room at Northern Station please contact Linda at 415-614-3402.

Domestic Violence Information

The San Francisco Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) is a centralized police investigative unit located at the Hall of Justice- 850 Bryant Street, Room # 500. A staff of inspectors at the SVU reviews 350 to 400 incident reports of domestic violence each month.

The SVU investigates all felony arrest cases involving abuse committed against any person, who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, in a current or former dating relationship, in a current or former engagement, or have a child in common. This includes boyfriend/girlfriend and same sex relationships. The SVU also investigates elder abuse cases (neglect and physical) and

stalking cases.

All non-arrest reports are also reviewed by the SVU. The SVU Inspectors telephone every victim in an attempt to advise her/him about follow-up procedures and referrals. A message is left if voice mail is available. **It is important to note that attempts are made to contact all victims in every domestic violence, elder abuse and/or stalking case. Likewise, no SFPD domestic violence report is “just filed”. All reports are reviewed; computer checks on alleged suspects for parole/probation violations are completed; victim notifications are conducted and the results of all of the work are logged.** The SVU works closely with Victim Services, Adult Protective Services, and Safe Start I. If you are a victim or know someone who is a victim of domestic violence, please contact the SFPD’s Special Victims Unit at 415.553.9227. In an emergency, dial 911. Please be safe and remember that reporting domestic violence doesn’t just assist the victim but the victim’s family as well.

SFPD Recruitment Information

www.sfpdcareers.com and www.sfgov.org/police.

SF Police Activities League Is an organization that runs programs for youth to include: the Junior Giants, Seahawks football and cheer, police cadet training, basketball teams, boxing training, soccer teams, etc. Chances are that if you grew up in San Francisco at some point you played a sport for a PAL team. Right now they are going through serious funding issues and are actively seeking donations. Visit their WEB site today to find out more and donate if you can at www.sfpal.org

Hayes Valley News Letter As a police department we cannot fight crime without the help and cooperation of others, I am fortunate to work with many great, proactive community groups and this one (Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association) worked hard in the creation of a one page resource for small businesses to help in their crime fighting/prevention efforts. Just click on “Hayes Valley News Letter” below to get to the sheet.

Are you a resident of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood, and do you want to receive their monthly newsletter? Send your contact information/email to voice@hayesvalleysf.org.

SF SAFE:

Watch streets become communities, and neighbors become friends. Watch crime go down, as security goes up. Watch police become partners as you join with them in making your neighborhood a better place to live. Start a **Neighborhood Watch** on your block and see all these things happen and more! SF Safe (Safety Awareness for Everyone) will give you the knowledge and tools to create a stronger, more cohesive and resilient community, and teach you how to be prepared and empowered at work, on the streets or sidewalks, and in your home.

Contact SF Safe at (415) 553-1966 or please visit the SAFE website and explore all of the great crime prevention information that they

provide. www.sfsafe.org.

Essential Numbers:

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Anonymous Tip Line:	575-4444
Customer Service Center:	311
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
<u>NORTHERN STATION NUMBERS</u>	
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Anonymous Tip-Line	614-3451
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Officer Kim La Salle	614-3400
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Text-a-Tip Set Up Instructions

Non-Blackberry Cellular Telephones: Dial 847411-then**SAVE** this to your phone contacts as a mobile number. Name this new contact **TIP411**. Now the number is ready to be used to send text messages. When sending a message,**type SFPD then leave a space**.Type your **Message** and **Send**.You will receive a reply message in seconds.

Blackberry telephones:Similar to above.First you need to add TIP411 to your mobile contact list.Select TIP411 enter.The cursor will be in blue on the #8 (847411).Click the ball and select **SMS TEXT TIP411**.Type your message starting with **SFPD (space) ... then send**.You will receive a response within seconds.

Megan’s Law Website Access:

The general public can find out information on sexual predators on line by going to the DOJ website:www.meganslaw.ca.gov or at the SFPD link at www.sfgov.org/police. You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

Emergency Preparedness:

How would you survive for 72 hours? In a major disaster it may be 3 days until vital services are restored. Visit: www.72hours.org for more information.

SFFD has on-going NERT (Neighborhood Response Team Training) training for 2014, to find a date that works for you go to: www.sfgov.org/sffdnert or call (415)970-2024

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS

During the Earthquake:

- If you are indoors, stay there. Quickly move to a safe location in the room such as under a strong desk, a strong table, or along an interior wall. The goal is to protect you from falling objects and be located near the structural strong points of the room. Avoid taking cover near windows, large mirrors, hanging objects, heavy furniture, heavy appliances or fireplaces.
- If you are cooking, turn off the stove and take cover.

- If you are outdoors, move to an open area where falling objects are unlikely to strike you. Move away from buildings, power lines and trees.
- If you are driving, slow down smoothly and stop on the side of the road. Avoid stopping on or under bridges and overpasses, or under power lines, trees and large signs. Stay in your car.

After the Earthquake:

- Check for injuries if needed, help ensure the safety of people around you.
- Check for damage. If your building is badly damaged you should leave it until it has been inspected by a safety professional.
- If you smell or hear a gas leak, get everyone outside and open windows and doors. If you can do it safely, turn off the gas at the meter. Report the leak to the Gas Company and Fire Department. Do not use any electrical appliances because a tiny spark could ignite the gas.
- If the power is out, unplug major appliances to prevent possible damage when the power is turned back on. If you see sparks, frayed wires, or smell hot insulation turn off electricity at the main fuse box or breaker. If you will have to step in water to turn off the electricity you should call a professional to turn it off for you.

311 Customer Service Center:

What is 311? 311 is a toll free, **NON-EMERGENCY** phone number that the public can call to access information about government services. A live customer service representative will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. The service is available to both wired and wireless customers. Wireless customers should call (415) 701-2311. 311 employees will be able to provide translations services in more than 145 languages and dialects and will employ a diverse staff of customer service representatives. Once your complaint is logged you will be given a tracking number to follow up on at a later date. Additionally, 311 are set up to accept calls from the hearing impaired by utilizing a TTY System. **Note:** 3-1-1 now has a victim's services website: <http://sfvictimservices.org> for more information.

How does 911 work on cell phones in San Francisco?

If you are on **surface streets** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. Once the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management determines what emergency services are needed, they will then process your call.

If you are on a **freeway** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by either by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Services or the California Highway Patrol Dispatch Center. Regardless, your 911 call will be routed to the proper emergency agency, the San Francisco Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, or the San Francisco Fire Department, including ambulance service.

District Supervisors

The Northern District covers 5 different supervisory districts, as follows: District 2, Mark Farrell; District 3, Aaron Peskin; District 5, London Breed; District 6, Jane Kim; and, District 8, Scott Wiener. Each supervisor has their own WEB site; most include a newsletter that I have found to be full of helpful and interesting information. Included are job information, event(s) information, legislation information, etc. I would advise you, if you are interested, to check their sites out.

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