

Northern Station Newsletter



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Captain's Comments:

Due to recent changes in district boundaries the crime statistics, City Wide and for the Northern District, are not currently available. As the incidents are updated, and based on new boundaries and compared to last year, they will be provided. However, in review of incidents over the past few months I'm confident that we have seen a reduction in both violent and property crimes. While we continue to be up in property crimes such as burglary, auto theft, and theft from autos, when compared to last year, we've seen a recent dip in crime for all three areas. I attribute these reductions to increased education, increased enforcement and arrests, and increased police visibility in and around areas affected by these crimes.

As it relates to visibility and police presence I'm pleased to announce that our staffing levels both city wide and at Northern Station are steadily rising. As of last Friday, with the graduation of the newest Academy class, Northern Stations staffing level has risen to one hundred and twenty patrol officers. At this time last year our staffing level was about fifteen percent less with a staffing level around one hundred and five patrol officers. What this means besides a visible presence is an increase in two foot beats, an additional school resource officer, two additional public housing officers, and two additional homeless outreach officers. As we move into 2016 this number will increase further resulting in additional foot beat officers and regular patrol officers in all areas of the district to fight crime and provide a visible deterrent to criminal activity.

Many of you may have heard about the tragic traffic collision a few weeks ago in the Marina District which injured two twelve year old students from Marina Middle School. While the students sustained significant injuries we are hopeful that both will make a full recovery. As a result of the collision we are reminded about the need for all of us to be aware of our surroundings and to adhere to the rules of the road. Whether in a vehicle, on foot, or on a bicycle, the rules of the road are for everyone and should be adhered to so that incidents such as this can be prevented. While there will be changes coming to the traffic pattern where the collision occurred so that a

situation like this may be prevented in the future we must all remain cognizant that we all play a part in preventing tragedies such as this from occurring.

As part of our efforts in education and enforcement to prevent incidents such as this Northern Station officers, and officers from our traffic division, will be focusing on five areas and factors with both education and enforcement in December. The locations are listed below and you can expect to see a police presence at these locations to address the traffic concerns.

1. Oak and Octavia (Red Light and Illegal Turns)
2. Gough and Golden Gate (Red Light Violations)
3. Geary Street Corridor (Speeding)
4. Bay and Laguna (Improper Turns and Pedestrian Right of Way Violations)
5. Broadway and Van Ness (Speeding)
6. Union and Van Ness (Pedestrian Right of Way Violations)

Lastly, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. I'm hopeful that your holiday is filled with joy and safety for you and your loved ones. Please remember that this weekend will be exceptionally busy and crowded in San Francisco and we remind you to be aware of your surroundings and any activity that you deem suspicious. If you see something that concerns you please contact our department immediately so that we can investigate.

[NOTES OF INTEREST FOR November 2015](#)

- [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 December 10th 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)

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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)

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Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGcVZ501GFq>

****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.**

[Assault Aggravated/force, Polk/Clay St, 11/01/15 0117hrs](#)

Officers were in full uniform and patrolling the area on Halloween night when they were flagged down by a witness regarding a possible aggravated assault. A witness told the officers that the suspect was a white male, wearing a white shirt and carrying a tennis racket. The officers searched the area and located the suspect matching the description. The officers attempted to detain and speak with the suspect. The suspect pulled away from

the officers and ran away from them. The officers chased the suspect for two blocks yelling for him to stop running. The suspect stopped running and turned and faced the officers. The suspect would not comply with the officers verbal commands to get on the ground and continued to resist arrest. After a brief struggle the officers were able to take the suspect down to the ground and take him into custody without further incident. With help from other officers on scene they gathered further information regarding the incident. Witness and victim information was obtained. The victims told the officers they were standing outside of a bar when they got into an argument with the suspect. The suspect put one of the victims in a headlock and was punching him in the face. Two other victims were assaulted when they tried to help pull the suspect off of the victim. The police were called and that is when the suspect walked away before he was later located by the officers. The victim and witnesses positively identified the suspect. The suspect was transported to Northern Station for further investigation and later transported to County Jail for booking. The victims received medical treatment from medics and were released.

Burglary, Vehicle, Stolen Property, Austin/Van Ness, 11/1/15 2130hrs

Officers were dispatched to the above location regarding a person breaking into vehicles. The 911 caller described the suspect to SFPD Dispatch as a black male, wearing a black jacket and a black back pack. Several officers arrived on scene and immediately located the suspect who matched the description. The officers searched the suspect and located a screwdriver, pry tool, and drug paraphernalia in his front pocket. The officers located the victim vehicles and saw two vehicles were damaged and broken into. There were disheveled items in the passenger seat and the center consoles were left open. A third vehicle had pry marks on the window, but it was not broken into. A computer check on the suspect revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The officers searched the suspects backpack. The officers discovered the items in the back pack belonged to the owner of the two vehicles that were broken into. The officers attempted to contact the owners of the two vehicles with negative results. The vehicles were towed to Auto Return due to being unsecured. The officers transported the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. The suspect was later booked at County Jail.

Assault, Non-Aggravated, 800 block of Franklin Street, 11/2/15 2039hrs

Officers were on patrol when they responded to a call of a group of men fighting on the sidewalk in front of 880 Franklin Street. Dispatch informed the officers that one of the suspects involved was throwing objects at people. When the officers arrived on scene they saw the men fighting and broke it up. One of the suspects was very agitated and yelling profanities. The officers detained both suspects without incident. The officers learned that the men were arguing over one of them ringing all the door bells to the building attempting to get in. The suspect does not live there and was told to leave several times. The suspect then threw a plastic cup almost hitting the victims head. The victim told the officers he wanted to sign a citizen's arrest form which he did. The suspect did not have identification so the officers transported the suspect to Northern Station where he was positively identified. The suspect was later cited and released from Northern Station. The officers completed a police report documenting the incident.

Narcotics Paraphernalia Possession, Fern/Polk Street, 11/4/15, 1639hrs

Officers were on patrol in the area when they spotted a male who was sitting on the north sidewalk on Fern Street. The male was hunched over facing the wall and sitting close to the building line. The officers approached the male and saw over his shoulder that he was holding a glass smoking pipe to his mouth while using a lighter to heat the bulbous end of the pipe. The officers recognized the pipe to be used to smoke/inhale controlled substances, specifically stimulants like methamphetamine. The officers detained the suspect and told him to put the pipe on the ground. The suspect told the officers that he had a second pipe in his pocket. The officers seized both pipes and confirmed the suspect's identity at the scene. The suspect did not have any outstanding warrants so he was cited and released at the scene for possession of drug paraphernalia. The glass pipes were later booked into evidence.

Vehicle Tampering, Warrant Arrest, Gough/Oak, 11/4/15, 1653hrs

Several officers were dispatched to Gough and Oak Street regarding a vehicle burglary that just occurred. While en route dispatch advised the officers that the victim was chasing the suspect and were now on Mission Street. Officers went to the area and detained the suspect. The victim told the officers he walked out to his parked vehicle and saw the suspect inside his car sitting in the driver's seat. The suspect was going through the compartments of the vehicle. The victim ran up to his car and yelled for the suspect to get out. The suspect got out of the car and ran away. The victim chased after the suspect while calling the police. The victim told the officers that the suspect had a black bag as he exited the vehicle and then threw the bag while he was running away. The victim told the officers he never lost sight of the suspect while chasing him and positively identified him to the officers as the suspect who was in his vehicle. The officers located the bag which did not belong to the suspect. The suspect and the bag were transported to Northern Station. The victim informed the officers that nothing was missing from his vehicle. At Northern Station the officers did a records check on the suspect and learned that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The officers completed their investigation and later transported the suspect to County Jail.

Theft from locked Vehicle, Octavia/Page, 11-6-15 0119hrs

Officers were on routine patrol in the area when they spotted a male subject rummaging through a trunk of a parked white vehicle. Several items were strewn across the sidewalk next to the vehicle. The subject was using a light to look through the items in the trunk of the vehicle. Due to the increase in auto boosts in the area the officers believed the subject was breaking into the vehicle. The officers stopped and attempted to detain the subject as he walked away from them. The officers ordered the suspect to stop but he continued walking leaving all the items from the trunk on the sidewalk. The officers detained the suspect without incident and asked him if the vehicle was his, which he replied no. The suspect told the officers that the trunk was open so he looked through it taking some duct tape and paint supplies. The officers attempted to contact the owner of the vehicle with negative results. The officers locked and secured the vehicle. The officers took custody of the suspect and transported him to Northern Station for further investigation. A computer check of the suspect revealed he is on felony probation for receiving stolen property. The officers completed their investigation and transported the suspect to County Jail for booking.

Methamphetamine Offense, Eddy/Gough, 11-8-15, 1412hrs

Officers were in plain clothes and driving an unmarked police vehicle when they saw a subject walking on Eddy Street crossing at Gough Street jaywalking. The officers stopped and detained the subject and identified him through his California Driver's license. The officers did a computer

check on the subject which revealed he was on probation. The officers conducted a probation search of the suspect and located two baggies of suspected methamphetamine in his jacket pocket and three baggies of suspected marijuana. The officers placed the subject under arrest. The officers also located additional items on his person that belonged to other people. Ex credit cards, mail, birth certificate, and debit cards. The officers believed these items were stolen as they did not belong to the suspect. The officers transported the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. The suspect was later booked at County Jail and booked accordingly.

Found Person, Warrant Arrest, Avila/Marina Blvd, 11-12-15 0008hrs

Officers were on routine patrol in the area when they observed a white male standing on the corner with his pants down. The officers stopped and detained the subject. The officer conducted a computer check which revealed he had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was also reported as a missing person since 9-19-15. The officers took custody of the subject and transported him to Northern Station. At Northern Station the officers confirmed the warrants and the subject identity. The subject was later transported to County Jail where he was booked.

Warrant Arrest, False ID to Peace Officer, O'Farrell/Larkin, 11-11-15, 1440hrs

Officers were in the above area and noticed two subject's smoking cigarettes near the doorway to the entrance of a liquor store, in violation of the SF Health Code 1009.22(d). The officers informed them that they can't smoke there and asked for their identification which only one of them provided. The officers did a computer check on the first subject which revealed he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The second subject did not have identification and gave the officers two fake names. The officers transported both subjects to Northern Station for further investigation. The officers confirmed the identity of the second subject and discovered that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Both subjects were later transported to County Jail and booked accordingly for the warrants.

Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Property, 1800blk of Pine, 11-13-15 0425hrs

Officers were on routine patrol when they were dispatched to the above location regarding a male who had sprayed a fire extinguisher into an apartment and set off the fire alarm in the building. The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 32 years old and wearing blue clothing. The officers arrived on scene and searched for the suspect. The 911 caller informed the officers that the suspect used to be his friend and he used to let him stay with him. The suspect went to his door and started pounding on it demanding to be let in. The 911 caller refused to let him in because there is a stay away order against the suspect due to prior altercations. The suspect kept pounding on the door wanting to be let in. The 911 caller said that is when he saw smoke coming inside his apartment from underneath the front door. That is when he called police and the suspect ran away. The officers conducted a thorough search of the building and located the suspect standing in the stairwell. The suspect refused to comply with the officers orders to get on the ground several times and put his hands in his pockets. Fearing the suspect may have a weapon the officers tackled the suspect to the ground. The suspect continued to fight and refused to comply. The suspect clinched his fists and kept tucking them under his waistband. The suspect bit the right hand of an officer while they were trying to take him into custody. After a brief struggle and help from several

other officers they were able to put handcuffs on him. The 911 caller and owner of the building signed a citizen's arrest form for trespassing and vandalism. The officers transported to suspect to Northern for further investigation and requested an ambulance to evaluate the suspect. The suspect was cited for the violations and transported by the medics to SFGH due to his altered mental status.

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 LetterAs 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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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, Julie Christensen; 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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