

## Northern Station Newsletter



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### **Captain's Comments:**

Northern Police Station will be hosting the next Police Commission Hearing in the district. During the hearing I will be making a brief presentation on the state of the Northern District including crime trends, staffing, and community events and interests. In addition, the meeting is a platform for community input and discussion on outfitting San Francisco Police officers with body cameras. The public is welcome at the meeting and is encouraged to attend and review the current "draft" policy and to provide input on concerns of the community with the proposed program. The Police Commission has indicated that community input is vital and welcomes anyone in the community who would like to attend to hear about the current proposal and to speak about the draft policy as it currently stands. The meeting will take place next Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Korean American Community Center at 745 Buchanan Street. I hope to see many of you there.

On Tuesday September 22, 2015 I will be participating in a town hall public safety meeting in the Marina district. At the meeting we will discuss current crime issues affecting the Marina district including both violent and property crimes as well as community concerns surrounding the homeless and mentally ill. The meeting is sponsored by Supervisor Mark Farrell and representatives from the District Attorney's Office and the Homeless Outreach will also be attending. I encourage any Marina residents or others concerned with public safety to attend and be heard. The meeting will take place on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium at Marina Middle School, 3500 Fillmore Street.

While crime remains up year to date we have seen a decrease over the last reporting period in both violent and property crimes. Here are the crime statistics for the City and Northern Station through July, 2015.

### **Crime Statistics comparison through July 2015**

**City-Wide (Violent Crime)**

	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Homicide	23	28	+22%
Rape	222	223	+0%
Robbery	1842	2124	+15%
Aggravated Assault	<u>1549</u>	<u>1608</u>	<u>+4%</u>
TOTAL	3636	3938	+10%

**Northern District (Violent Crime)**

	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Homicide	2	5	+150%
Rape	33	17	-48%
Robbery	203	238	+17%
Aggravated Assault	<u>152</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>+11%</u>
TOTAL	390	429	+10%

**City Wide (Property Crimes)**

	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Burglary	3210	3069	-4%
Auto Theft	3786	4298	+14%
Theft from Vehicle	9757	14187	+45%
Arson	128	176	+38%
Other Theft	<u>10035</u>	<u>10937</u>	<u>+9%</u>
TOTAL	26916	32667	+21%

**Northern District (Property Crimes)**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Burglary	507	454	-10%
Auto Theft	430	517	+20%
Theft from Auto	1623	2784	+72%
Arson	15	27	+80%
Other Theft	<u>1333</u>	<u>1716</u>	<u>+29%</u>
TOTAL	3908	5498	+41%

### **NOTES OF INTEREST FOR September 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](http://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 October 8th 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.**

#### **[Mental Health Detention, Chestnut/Richardson, 8-25-15, 0720hrs](#)**

Officers were in full uniform when they were flagged down by a female victim who told them she was just hit in the arm with a tennis racket. The victim told the officers that she was walking with a cup of coffee in her right hand when an unknown female suspect hit her in the hand causing her to drop her coffee on the ground. The suspect was yelling and talking "crazy" and continued walking away. The female victim was not injured and refused any medical attention. The victim gave the officers a description of the suspect and direction of travel. The officers searched the area and spotted the suspect on the median. The suspect was walking in and out of traffic hitting cars with tennis racket. Several cars had to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting her. The officers caught up to the suspect who attempted to run away from them. The officers detained the female suspect and tried to get her name. The female suspect appeared to have altered mental status and would not answer any of their questions. The suspect did not have any identification on her and refused to cooperate with the officers. The officers determined the female suspect was a danger to others and detained her for a mental health evaluation. The officers transported the female suspect to California Pacific Medical Hospital and the staff took custody of her.

#### **[Burglary, Vehicle, Theft from Locked Vehicle, Divisadero/Turk, 8-26-15 0117hrs](#)**

Officers were in full uniform when they were dispatched to the above location regarding two unknown suspects breaking into a white van and removing a bicycle. When the officers arrived on scene they saw a suspect matching the description walking away from the area pushing a motorized bicycle possibly involved in the burglary. When the officers attempted to stop and talk with the suspect, the suspect took off running and jumped a fence. The officers set up a perimeter and within minutes located and detained the suspect. The officers contacted the 911 who told them she was sleeping and woke up because she heard loud arguing outside her window. She went to her window and saw two male suspects breaking the window to a white van and then going to the rear of the vehicle. The 911 caller watched as the two suspects were taking bicycles from the van. That is when the 911 caller called police. The 911 caller positively identified one of the suspects as the one who took the bicycle. The other suspect got away prior to officer's arrival. The officers conducted a thorough investigation by taking photos and collecting evidence. The suspect was later booked at County Jail.

#### **Vehicle Recovered, Warrant Arrest, Marina/Fillmore, 8-26-15, 1618hrs**

Officers were in plain clothes and driving an unmarked police vehicle. The officers were conducting a surveillance operation for a wanted subject they had information on. All the officers involved were familiar with the suspect and his residence from having prior contacts and arrest. The officers are also aware of the suspect's criminal activity involving stolen vehicles, property, and illegal narcotics. During the surveillance officers spotted a male leaving an apartment building and get into a black Honda. The officers did a computer check on the vehicle which came back stolen. The officers surround the vehicle and ordered the driver to get out of the car. The driver complied and the officers took him into custody without further incident. The driver stated he just bought the car and did not know it was stolen. When officers asked who he bought the car from he revealed the name of the suspect the officers were looking for. The officers transported the vehicle and the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. The officers located the owner of the vehicle and conducted an interview of the suspect. The suspect also had outstanding warrants for his arrest. The officers transported the suspect to County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

#### **Malicious Mischief, Graffiti, Hate Crime, Fell/Octavia, 8-30-15 0500hrs**

An officer was in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle when he saw a male suspect who matched the description of a prior graffiti hate crime incident. The officer reviews several crime bulletins and videos during and prior to his shift. The suspect matched the description to one of the videos the officers viewed. The officer cautiously approached the suspect who was walking with a bicycle. They engaged in a brief casual conversation. After a few moments of talking the suspect jumped on his bicycle and started pedaling extremely fast in order to get away from the officer. The officer believing he had the correct suspect gave chase and followed the suspect several blocks before finally taking him into custody. The officers did a computer check on the suspect which revealed he had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. The officers also collected several items of evidence from the suspect that was used and worn in prior incidents. After a thorough investigation and notifications were made the suspect was booked on several charges at Northern Station.

#### **Theft of Computers or Cell Phones, 300blk Fulton, 9-1-15 1548hrs**

Officers responded to the above location regarding a theft of a cell phone. The officers met with the victim who told them she went to the restroom

and accidentally left her cell phone on top of the soap dispenser. Several hours later the victim realized she didn't have her phone and went back to the bathroom to retrieve it. When she looked in the bathroom she saw that her phone was gone. The victim informed the officers that she is positive she brought her phone into the bathroom and the bathroom was for employees only. The victim and the officers viewed the video which was directed at the bathrooms. During the time of the incident there was only one other female employee who entered the bathroom. The video shows the female suspect enter the bathroom and then come out later with a pink phone in her hand. The officers spoke with the employees who denied taking the phone. Due to the evidence of the video and the statement of the victim employee they determined the female suspect took the phone. The victim signed a citizen's arrest form and the officers cited and released the suspect from the scene for petty theft.

### **Burglary, Flat, Burglary Tools, Possession Of, Greenwich/Lyon 9-1-15 0939hrs**

An officer was dispatched to the above location regarding a possible burglary in progress. The suspect was described as a white female with dreadlocks in her hair wearing pink pants and a green shirt holding a suitcase. Another officer stated they had the 911 caller in his vehicle and can see the suspect sitting in the grass near the Presidio at Lyon and Lombard Street. The officer approached the suspect and asked her what she was doing. The female suspect would not answer the officers questions and didn't make any sense when she did. The female suspect the officer had detained also matched the description that the 911 caller gave. The 911 caller also identified the suspect. The 911 caller told the officer that he was standing outside his building when he saw the female suspect across the street sitting in a doorstep. He watched the suspect get up and go up some stairs to a building and attempt to climb over a balcony to an open window. The suspect was unsuccessful. The officers did a computer check on the suspect and learned she was on active probation for burglary. The suspect was transported to Northern Station for further investigation and later booked at County Jail.

### **Assault, Aggravated w/knife, Fillmore/O'Farrell, 9-3-15 0220hrs**

Officers were in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle when they were dispatched to the above location regarding a call of a male suspect chasing another male suspect with a knife. Several officers responded to the scene and detained both males without further incident. During the investigation the officers learned that both male suspects have known each other and got into an argument about the past. One of the suspects got angry making threats that he was going to kill the other. The suspect took a hammer and smashed the windshield of the other suspect's car. He grabbed a knife and started chasing the other suspect down the street. The officers interviewed several witnesses regarding the incident. Due to the witness statements and the evidence one suspect was transported to Northern Station where he was later booked for Vandalism, threats, and aggravated assault.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.sfpdcareers.com) and [www.sfgov.org/police](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sfsafe.org).

### Essential Numbers:

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Anonymous Tip Line:	575-4444
Customer Service Center:	311
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
<b><u>NORTHERN STATION NUMBERS</u></b>	



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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](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov) or at the SFPD link at [www.sfgov.org/police](http://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](http://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/sffdnext](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnext) 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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