

## Northern Station Newsletter



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

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The Holiday Season is upon us and I want to first wish everyone in the community a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday season to come. Within our department we are thankful for a decline in both violent and property crime throughout the year but we are also mindful that during the holiday season crime can increase and can be especially unkind to victims who lose holiday gifts to thieves. With that in mind I am listing below a few tips to be mindful of during the holiday season that can help prevent you, or a loved one, from becoming a victim of a holiday Grinch while out shopping for gifts.

### **Shopping Crime Prevention Tips**

- The Holiday season is a time when many people will be busy shopping and running errands in preparation for the season. Criminals will also be out and about looking for easy targets and to make a big score.
- Even though you may be rushed and have many things on your mind, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend.
- Never park in an unlit lot or area; no matter how convenient it is.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. Keep your vehicle's doors locked

and windows closed; this is especially relevant for SUV's.

- Have your keys readily available in your hand before you go to your car.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit card, or debit card when possible.
- When possible, leave all your gifts at a store and retrieve the gifts when you are done shopping so as to not leave any gifts in your vehicle. If you must leave gifts in your vehicle the trunk is the best place for storage. Blankets thrown over gifts in a vehicle are often an inviting sign to thieves that valuable gifts are being hidden. It is not a great deterrent.
- To discourage purse-snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages.
- Have your purchase(s) delivered whenever practical. Be mindful, however, of gifts being dropped off for delivery and left at your doorstep. If possible, set up delivery which you sign for to ensure packages aren't stolen.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm.
- Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket; not a back trouser pocket. Do not leave purses or handbags unattended in a shopping cart.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. During this time of year, con-artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money and/or belongings.
- Be careful of Holiday scams. Scammers try to take advantage of online shoppers to steal their identity, make bogus gift offers, or pose as a charity. Do not give out any personal information, credit card information, and do not open e-mails or click links from people you do not know.

**AND REMEMBER.....DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

In addition to all that we are thankful for, the Holiday Season is an excellent time to give to others. During the holiday season the SFPD takes the opportunity to give back to the community, especially to the underprivileged, by participating in "Operation Dream." Operation Dream is similar to the Firefighters Toy Drive where unopened gifts are donated by the community and delivered to underprivileged youth during the Holidays by officers throughout the city. This year is especially hard on the program as one of our biggest sponsors, the San Francisco 49ers, have moved to Santa Clara, and we are unable to collect gifts at Candlestick Park as we were in the past. To help lighten the loss of this generous partner we are looking at alternative ways of receiving donations and Northern Station is partnering with the Marina District Community and Supervisor Mark Farrell's office to support the efforts of Operation Dream. Attached to this email is a flyer outlining how you can assist in this effort by donating unwrapped gifts or cash donations to one of the Chestnut Street businesses on December 6, 2014. From the hours of 10am and 3pm, many of the businesses on

Chestnut Street will be accepting gifts in Toy Bins. Operation Dream will then collect all the gifts, wrap them, and deliver to the underprivileged youth in the Northern Community during the holiday season. This is an excellent opportunity to provide to the less fortunate and an excellent gift of giving by the community, back to the community. I hope you will consider donating.

Violent Crime continues to be down in the City and the Northern District compared to the same time last year and we are hopeful the downward trend will continue into 2015. Here are the crime statistics for the City and the Northern District through October, 2014.

**Crime Statistics comparison through October 2014**

**City-Wide (Violent Crime)**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Homicide	38	31	-18%
Rape	248	223	-10%
Robbery	3499	2715	-22%
Aggravated Assault	<u>3181</u>	<u>2259</u>	<u>-29%</u>
TOTAL	6966	5228	-25%

**Northern District (Violent Crime)**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Homicide	4	2	-50%
Rape	32	31	-3%
Robbery	395	290	-27%
Aggravated Assault	<u>329</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>-31%</u>
TOTAL	760	551	-28%

**City Wide (Property Crimes)**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Burglary	4610	4482	-3%
Auto Theft	4850	5446	+12%
Theft from Vehicle	13921	14925	+7%
Arson	188	178	-5%
Other Theft	<u>16104</u>	<u>14800</u>	<u>-8%</u>
TOTAL	39637	39831	0%

### **Northern District (Property Crimes)**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Burglary	655	679	+4%
Auto Theft	573	605	+6%
Theft from Auto	2517	2678	+6%
Arson	25	20	-20%
Other Theft	<u>2196</u>	<u>2037</u>	<u>-7%</u>
TOTAL	5966	6019	+1%

### **NOTES OF INTEREST FOR NOVEMBER 2014**

- 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 December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. 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)

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**\*\*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.**

*Possession of Stolen Vehicle, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Stolen Property, Probation Violation Arrest, 11/1/14 10:57 Pm Eddy/Webster*

Plain clothes officers were working in the above area driving an unmarked police vehicle. Officers spotted a vehicle parked in the area. They knew that there has been a recent spike in the amount of recovered stolen vehicles in the area that they were patrolling. The officer's attention was drawn to the vehicle due to its poor parking job and the fact that the vehicle is one of the most commonly stolen vehicles. They decided to run a computer check on the car. The car returned to have been stolen out of Burlingame. The officers "set up" on the vehicle to conduct surveillance and hopefully arrest the thief when they return to the car. They saw a female subject come out of a nearby house. The subject walked to the car with keys in hand. She stuck the key into the door lock and unlocked the car. She sat down in the car. The officers approached the car, identified themselves, and quickly had her detained before the subject could start the car and flee. A female officer searched the subject and recovered a set of keys from inside the subject's undergarment. One of the keys was grinded down slightly. This "shaved" key is commonly used to steal cars. The officer also recovered suspected methamphetamine from the subject's pockets. The officers attempted to contact the owner of the car to come and recover their vehicle. The subject was booked on the above charges after contacting the subject probation officer.

*Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Traffic Violation Arrest, 11/1/14 2:23 Pm Union/Van Ness Ave.*

Officers responded to the above area regarding a possible drunk driver. The caller told dispatch that the subject had stopped his Volvo in the bus zone, and fell asleep. The caller stated that he watched as the subject slept in his car for about five minutes. The caller went over to the car and attempted to awaken the subject; with negative results. The officers arrived and again tried to awaken the male. They were able to do so and they told the male to place the vehicle in park and exit it. The male put his car into reverse and backed up almost hitting a parked vehicle and running up onto the curb. They removed the subject from the car and saw an open bottle of whiskey which was half empty. As the officer was speaking to the male he noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath and person. The officer told the subject that he is going to give the subject a series of field sobriety tests to determine his fitness to drive a vehicle. The officer explained and demonstrated each test prior to the subject doing them. The subject was unsuccessful. The subject was also given a preliminary alcohol screening test. The result was in excess of triple the legal limit for driving. The subject was arrested and given a blood test for alcohol. He was booked at county jail.

*Theft from Unlocked Vehicle >\$950 Arrest, 11/1/14 1100 Am 1500 Block of Jackson St.*

Officers were called to the above area regarding a male who had just broken into the caller's vehicle. The caller had parked his vehicle, went to a restaurant, and was sitting at an outside table approx 100 feet from his car. He noticed a male walk by with what he believed was his backpack. The victim ran to his car to find the back pack missing from the vehicle. The victim called 911. He was

able to locate the subject again and demand his property back. The subject gave the stolen items back. The victim followed the subject, updating police of his location. The police arrived and detained the male. The victim was certain that they had the correct subject detained. He was later booked at Northern Station.

*Methamphetamine, Possession for Sales, Methamphetamine Transport, Conspiracy Arrest, 11/2/14 10:14 Pm Ellis/Hyde*

Northern Station street crime unit members were on plain clothes patrol when they spotted a vehicle driving recklessly in the above area. The car was running multiple stop signs, and red lights. The officers had a marked police unit make a vehicle stop on the car. One of the occupants told the officers that he was currently on active probation, with a search condition. The officers searched the subject and found a baggy of suspected methamphetamine in his pants pocket. The subject was arrested. Officers spoke with the rear seat passenger and noticed a knife sticking out from her beltline. The officers recovered the knife as well as another knife she had on her person. The rear passenger also had a "meth pipe", and three baggies of meth. She was arrested. On the rear floor board of the vehicle the officers saw a black lock box. No one in the car claimed to know anything about it and they all denied that it was their property. The officers were able to open the box and discovered a large amount of methamphetamine in it. The subjects had over \$1,400 in small denominations. The officers had discovered and put a stop to a mobile meth dispensary. All narcotics were field tested; positive and later booked into evidence. The subjects were booked at county jail.

*Aggravated Assault, W/ Force Arrest, 11/4/14 7:03 Pm Polk/Broadway*

Officers were called to a parking lot in the above area, regarding an assault victim. They arrived on scene and observed a male holding his head. The victim had a large hematoma on his forehead which was currently bleeding. The officer called for SFFD medics for treatment of the victim. The victim told the officer that he is a parking lot attendant and he monitors the lot, making sure individuals pay for parking there. The subject pulled his car into the lot and refused to pay for parking. He said "this lot is for Walgreens customers, I'm not paying you for parking here". The subject began to verbally assault the victim, getting increasingly angry and using foul language towards the victim. The subject went into the store. When he returned the subject seemed even angrier. He walked towards the victim and started to punch and kick a nearby vehicle. Then he attacked the victim. The victim was struck on the head, and he fell to the ground. The subject began to kick him while he was down. Numerous people in the lot broke up the fight, and the subject fled in his vehicle. The officers put out the subject and vehicle description, and assisting officers were able to locate the car and detain the driver. The victim was able to identify the subject prior to being transported to the hospital. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

*Theft from Unlocked Vehicle, Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Police Officer in Their Duties, 11/5/14 5:05 Pm Hyde/McAllister*

A Northern Station Lieutenant stopped and parked his vehicle in the above area. He was going to go on foot patrol in the area. The Lieutenant saw a male subject running towards him. Then he saw another male running behind the subject yelling, "Help police, that guy just stole my laptop!" The Lieutenant ordered the male to stop, but he continued running. The Lieutenant was able to catch up to

the subject and stop him. The subject continued to struggle and attempt to pull away, so he was taken to the ground. Officers arrived and were able to handcuff the subject. The subject spontaneously stated, "I don't have the bag, I dropped it on Hyde Street". The officers were able to locate the victim who said that he was driving in the area in his open topped Jeep. He said as he came to a stop, the subject ran out from the sidewalk and grabbed his backpack (containing his laptop), from the rear of the Jeep. The subject then attempted to run away. The victim got out and chased the subject. The subject dropped the backpack, and the victim recovered it. At this point the victim noticed the Lieutenant and notified him about what had happened. The victim was able to identify the subject and he was booked at Northern Station.

*Search Warrant Service, Theft From Locked Vehicle, Stay Away Oder Violation, Conspiracy, Warrant Arrest, 11/6/14 7:17 Am 1200 Block of Eddy St.*

Officers had reviewed video evidence of an auto burglary which had occurred earlier that week. They saw the subject, whom they knew from numerous prior contacts. They wrote a search warrant for the subject's residence, which was signed by a San Francisco Judge. The officers executed the search warrant. They gave "knock notice", identifying themselves and why they were there. There was no answer to the door. They used a department authorized ram to breach the door. They detained several subjects, including the auto burglar. The officers searched the apartment and found two "clips" containing live rounds of ammunition, but no handguns. They secured the ammunition. They knew the primary subject had a warrant and a stay away order from the area, where he committed the auto burglary. That information was confirmed and the subject was booked at Northern Station. The two other subjects were released per 849(b) PC.

*Hallucinogenics Offense, Possession of Narcotics, Warrant Arrest, 11/7/14 5:37 Pm Cedar/Larkin*

Officers on patrol were driving in the above area. They noticed a male sitting on the sidewalk. They decided to do a well being check on the male, who provided them with his name and birth date. The officers ran a computer check on the information. Dispatch returned that the male had several warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and an arrest search revealed three hallucinogenic mushrooms and methamphetamine in his pockets. A field test of the drugs was positive. He was booked at Northern Station.

*Methamphetamine Offense, Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia, Warrant Arrest, 11/9/14 11:16 Am Geary/Polk*

Officers responded to the above area regarding a possible auto burglary. Officers on scene had a subject detained. They had observed a male jamming a wire into the window of a car. He stated that the car was his and that he had locked the keys in the car. Officers ran a computer check on the car and the registered owner's name did not match the name that the subject had provided. Officers noticed the subject exhibiting the objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. They asked him if he had anything to drink today. The subject stated, "I had A LOT to drink today". He was placed under arrest for being drunk in public, and unable to care for himself. A search of the subject revealed a satchel which contained a meth pipe, and some suspected methamphetamine powder. The



satchel also contained three credit cards that did not belong to the subject. Officers conducted a computer check on the subject, and it revealed an outstanding drug related warrant. A field test of the meth tested positive. He was booked at Northern Station.

***Theft from Locked Vehicle, Probation Violation Arrest, 11/9/14 8:44 Pm 1500 Block of Geary St.***

Officers were called to the above area regarding an auto burglary. Dispatch advised them that the subject was running and the victim was chasing him. Dispatch updated the officers on the subject's clothing and direction of travel. The officers were able to get in front of the subject and detain him. The victim approached the officers and told them that they had the correct person detained. The victim told officers that he was returning to his car from shopping with his children. The victim approached his car, and noticed the subject sitting in his car putting items into a bag. The victim approached the subject and asked what he was doing in his car. The subject immediately stated, "I'm innocent, it wasn't me". The subject then climbed out of the car through the rear, newly broken window, and started to walk away. The victim called 911 notified dispatch of the incident, and followed the subject. The subject began to run away. Officers also located an independent witness who gave police the same series of events. A computer check on the subject revealed that he was on felony probation on theft related charges. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

**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>	
<b><u>Commanding Officer</u></b>	
Captain Greg McEachern	614-3400

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<b><u>Station Investigations Team</u></b>	
Anonymous Tip-Line	614-3443
	614-3451
<b><u>Special Events</u></b>	
Officer Lynn Pomatto	614-3421
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<b><u>Permits/ Code Enforcement</u></b>	
Officer Vincent Etcheber	614-3405
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<b><u>Homeless Issues</u></b>	
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Officer Patrick Cesari	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](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/sffdnet](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnet) 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.

### **Public Service Information:**

Be advised....Parking meters will be enforced on all holidays and both weekend days, EXCEPT Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com).

### **District Supervisors**

The Northern District covers 5 different supervisory districts, as follows: District 2, Mark Farrell; District 3, David Chiu; 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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