

Northern Station Newsletter



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Captain's Comments:

Greetings Northern District Residents, Merchants, and Community Members,

I would like to start off this week's newsletter by thanking Chief Gregory Suhr for his dedicated 34 years of service to the San Francisco Police Department and the citizens of San Francisco. In his five years as Chief, he was able to launch many successful programs that that will continue to flourish in the future. I wish Chief Suhr a happy and long retirement.

I am also excited to be working for the Interim Chief, Toney Chaplin. Chief Chaplin has worked some of the toughest assignments in the San Francisco Police Department and been successful at each turn. He has experience working in the Gang Task Force, Homicide Detail, and most recently as the Deputy Chief of the Professional Standards and Principled Policing Bureau. Chief Chaplin was also formerly a patrol Lieutenant here in the Northern District and is very familiar with our community. I think that the Mayor will be hard-pressed to find a better candidate to be the next permanent Chief of the SFPD.

In my last newsletter I mentioned the rise in robberies for the month of April. We are almost at the end of May and it appears that the numbers have reduced this month. Thanks to our community members staying alert and reporting suspicious activity, Northern Station officers have been able to make numerous great robbery arrests. My next newsletter will contain the updated

crime statistics for the month of May.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to send me an email anytime. My email is listed at the top and bottom of the newsletter.

Below are the crime statistics for the City and Northern Station through April 2016.

Crime Statistics comparison through April 2016

City-Wide (Violent Crime)

	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>April 2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	4	7	75%
Rape	40	31	-23%
Robbery	215	253	18%
Aggravated Assault	200	209	5%
TOTAL	459	500	8%

Northern District (Violent Crime)

	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>April 2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	1	0	-100%
Rape	3	0	-100%
Robbery	26	38	46%
Aggravated Assault	15	19	27%
TOTAL	45	57	26%

City Wide (Property Crimes)

	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>April 2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Burglary	478	388	-19%
Auto Theft	448	429	-4%

Theft from Vehicle	1595	1389	-13%
Arson	23	27	17%
Other Theft	2882	2569	-11%
TOTAL	4948	4414	-10%

Northern District (Property Crimes)

	March 2016	April 2016	Difference
Burglary	63	45	-29%
Auto Theft	48	53	10%
Theft from Auto	308	265	-14%
Arson	1	4	300%
Other Theft	532	419	-21%
TOTAL	952	786	-17%

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=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.**

Burglary Vehicle, Warrant Arrest, Fillmore/Pine, 5-1-16, 1950hrs

Northern Station Street Crimes Unit were working in plainclothes capacity and patrolling the Northern District in an unmarked vehicle. The officers were parked on Steiner Street when dispatch broadcast an auto burglary that just occurred at the above location. A minute later a beige Lexus drove south on Steiner at the same time that SFPD Dispatch put out the description of the suspect vehicle. The officers saw the vehicle that passed them on Steiner matched the description that dispatch gave. The officers followed and caught up to the vehicle and pulled in front of it. The officers got out of their vehicle and identified themselves as police officers and took custody of the driver and passenger without further incident. Several other officers arrived on scene to assist. Officers located several witnesses at Fillmore and Pine who positively identified the occupants of the vehicle as

the ones who broke into the parked car. Officers located a small flashlight and a window punch device on the suspects. The suspects often carry these items to easily break glass windows of vehicles during the commission of an auto burglary. The officers took photos of the suspects and vehicle and transported them back to Northern Station for further investigation. Other officers located the victim vehicle and the owners of the vehicle. The victim informed the officers that they were missing several items from their vehicle. The officers searched the interior of the suspect vehicle and located the victim's items that were stolen. The victims were able to get their property back. The officers did a computer check on both suspects. One of the suspect's had a suspended license, and the other had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. After a thorough investigation the suspects were transported to County Jail for booking. The suspect's vehicle was towed to Auto Return.

Robbery with Force, Probation Violation, 1100 Fillmore, 5-5-16, 1437hrs

Officers were informed by an Inspector from our investigations team of a subject who was wanted for a robbery that occurred on 5-4-16. The officers gathered the suspect description and photo of the suspect and went out on patrol. The officers spotted a suspect who matched the description standing on the 1100 block of Fillmore Street. With information in hand the officers stopped and detained the suspect. The photo the officers were carrying matched the suspect. The officers took custody of the suspect without incident and walked him back to Northern Station. The suspect was wearing some of the same clothing that he wore when he committed the burglary. The officers seized the suspects clothing for evidence and gave him a property receipt. The Inspector handling the robbery case was notified that the suspect was in custody and took over the investigation. The suspect was later transported to County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

Firearm Possession, Van Ness/Golden Gate, 5-6-16 0410hrs

A Northern Sergeant was in uniform and patrolling the area when he spotted a male subject riding a bmx bicycle in front of him. The officer observed the male traveling through three different stop signs without stopping. The officer stopped and detained the subject and asked him for his California Identification which the subject stated he could not provide. The officers asked several other questions to figure out his identity to be able to issue him a citation. The officer noticed that the longer he was talking to the subject the more nervous the suspect acted. Due to this behavior the officer requested a backup unit to respond. When the suspect saw the backup unit pull up on scene the suspect took off on his trying to escape. The officers chased after the suspect for several minutes. The suspect got off his bike and then started running. While he was running he took off the back pack that he was wearing and threw it over a fence. The officers were able to catch up to the suspect, tackle him to the ground and take him into custody without further incident. The officers retrieved the backpack and located a loaded firearm and additional ammunition. The officers searched the subject and located a clear plastic baggie containing suspected Methamphetamine in his front pocket. The officers transported the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. A computer check of the suspect revealed he was on felony probation and had multiple prior felony convictions for a variety of other offenses. While at Northern Station the suspect complained of shortness of breath and pain to his back. The officers called for an ambulance to respond and the suspect was transported to the hospital for treatment. After the suspect was treated and released from the hospital the officer transported him to County Jail for booking.

Theft, Other Property, Franklin/Chestnut, 5-9-16 0933hrs

Officers were on uniform patrol in the area when they were dispatched to a possible mail theft in progress. While en route the officers were flagged by the 911 caller who pointed out two female suspects that he saw taking mail. The officers took the two female suspects into custody without

incident. The 911 caller told the officers that he was out walking his dog when he saw both female suspects opening mailboxes taking the mail inside and placing it into their back pack. The officers did a computer check on both suspects and learned that one of the suspects also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest for theft. The officers also located a screwdriver and Allen wrench on one of the suspects. These types of tools are often used to commit thefts or burglaries. The officers took photos of the mail and mailboxes. There was no damage to the mailboxes. After a thorough investigation the officers transported the two female suspect to Northern Station. The suspects were later transported to County Jail for booking.

Warrant Arrest, Narcotics Paraphernalia, Polk/Ellis, 5-12-16 0230hrs

Officers were on uniform patrol in the area and driving a marked police vehicle. The officers observed two males behind a vehicle inside of a parking lot making a hand to hand exchange of an unknown object. The officers know this area to be a high volume area for narcotics, narcotic deals, and vehicle burglaries. The officers believed the two males were possibly making a narcotics transaction. The officers entered the parking lot and detained the two males without incident. The officers identified one of the subjects by his California Driver's license. The officers did a computer check on him and cleared him of any outstanding warrants. The subject was advised and released from the scene. The second suspect was positively identified through his San Francisco Mugshot photo. A computer check revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest for parole violation and burglary. The officers took custody of the suspect and conducted an arrest search. The officers located a clear glass pipe with a burnt end inside his front pants pocket. The also located a spark plug chip inside his pocket. Based on the officers' training and experience they know that glass pipes are commonly used to smoke crack cocaine and spark plugs are used as tools to break windows of vehicles. The officers transported the subject to Northern Station and later booked at County Jail.

Warrant Arrest, Geary/Fillmore 5-12-16 1539hrs

Northern Officers were on uniform patrol in the area when they saw a subject standing in the area of Fillmore/Geary. The officer recognized the subject from prior contacts and his San Francisco Mugshot photo. The officers had prior knowledge that the subject was on parole and had an outstanding parole violation warrant. The officers stopped and took the subject into custody without incident and transported him to Northern Station. The officers confirmed the warrant. The subject was later transported to County Jail for booking.

Burglary, Vehicle 3601 Lyon Street 5-12-16 1300hrs

Northern Station undercover street crimes unit were in the area doing a surveillance operation for auto burglaries that have plagued the area. The officers took position and spotted a green Honda driving slowly through the Palace of Fine Arts and park in an open parking spot. The driver of the vehicle got out and the officers immediately recognized the driver from prior arrests and he is known as a habitual auto burglar. The officers watched him as he walked up to a blue Toyota that was parked. The suspect kept looking around and over his shoulder. Then he cupped his hands over his eyes and looked inside the vehicle. He walked away and then returned to the Toyota. The suspect approached the rear window and with an unknown object pushed against the window causing it to shatter. The suspect then reached inside the vehicle and pulled something out. He got back into his green Honda and drove away. The officers moved in and conducted a traffic stop. They took custody of the suspect without incident. The officers searched the vehicle for stolen property to no avail. The officers located the owner of the victim vehicle who informed the officers that nothing appeared to have been missing from inside the vehicle. The officers transported the suspect and the green Honda he was driving to Northern Station. A computer check revealed the suspect has two open burglary court cases and is currently out on bail. After a thorough investigation the suspect was

booked at County Jail and the vehicle was released to the registered owner from Northern Station.

[Controlled Substance, Possession for Sale, 240 Golden gate Ave, 5-12-16 1820hrs](#)

Officers were on routine patrol in the area when they were flagged down by a citizen. The citizen told the officers that he was walking down the street and accidentally dropped his headphones on the sidewalk. The citizen stated a male suspect picked up his headphones and refused to give it back to him. At that moment the citizen saw the officers and informed them of the incident. The citizen pointed out the suspect to the officers. The officers stopped and detained the suspect. The suspect told the officers that he didn't have the headphones and said "Man I was just trying to do some crack!" The suspect then displayed a tiny amount of white rock like substance of suspected cocaine on his finger and then dropped in on the ground. The officers believed the suspect had additional cocaine on his person and took him into custody. The officers searched the suspect and located a bag that contained multiple individual wrapped baggies of suspected cocaine, twisted in knots, and suspected black tar heroin. The suspect did not have any narcotics paraphernalia on his person. Based on the amount of suspected cocaine and suspected heroin, and the way the narcotics were individually weighed and packaged, the officers believed the suspect was in possession for sales. The officers did not locate the citizen's headphones. The citizen did not want any further police action. The officers seized the narcotics and transported the suspect to Northern Station for further investigation. The officers completed their investigation and transported the suspect to County Jail for booking. The narcotics were booked into evidence.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS: Union Street Fair June 4th and 5th 10AM-6PM each day. On Union between Gough and Fillmore Street. Juneteenth Parade and Festival June 18th 10AM-6PM. On Fillmore (Turk to Sutter)

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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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/sffdner 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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