

Northern Station Newsletter



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Captain's Comments:

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As we move into the summer months our event calendar is in full season. Over the past few weeks the Northern District has hosted the Union Street Festival and Juneteenth and will host the Pride events this upcoming weekend in the Civic Center area. In addition, the Northern will be busy next weekend with the Fourth of July festivities as well as the Fillmore Street Jazz festival on Saturday and Sunday July 5th and 6th. Also over the next few weeks will be the conclusion of the World Cup soccer events which will add people to our bars and restaurants and to the Civic Center area where free viewing of the games will take place. With the addition of these events to an otherwise busy summer season, traffic and congestion on city streets will be greatly increased with both vehicles and pedestrians. With the increase comes the chance for more traffic collisions and crime opportunities and I ask that you be remain vigilant whether operating a vehicle or walking our streets to avoid becoming an unnecessary victim. Operating vehicles in a safe and prudent manner and walking our streets with awareness of your surroundings and your activity will decrease the chance that you will be involved in an incident and will help ensure your safety and the safety of others throughout our city.

Crime in the City and in the Northern District continues to be down year to date. While we still see incidents occurring at random times and locations we are not seeing the same level of criminal activity as we saw at this time last year. I attribute the decreased activity to increased police presence due to recent hiring's, strategic deployment of personnel to hot spot locations and activity, and public education campaigns for which you, the public, have embraced as a requisite to remain safe.

Here are the most recent crime statistics for the City as a whole and for Northern Station through May of this year.

Crime Statistics comparison through May 2014

City-Wide (Violent Crime)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	14	9	-36%
Rape	107	113	+6%
Robbery	1653	1228	-26%
Aggravated Assault	<u>1514</u>	<u>1506</u>	<u>-1%</u>
TOTAL	3288	2856	-13%

Northern District (Violent Crime)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	2	1	-50%
Rape	15	19	+27%
Robbery	194	136	-30%
Aggravated Assault	<u>159</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>-19%</u>
TOTAL	370	285	-23%

City Wide (Property Crimes)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Burglary	2248	2324	+3%
Auto Theft	2212	2481	+12%
Theft from Vehicle	6257	6674	+7%
Arson	96	87	-9%
Other Theft	<u>7661</u>	<u>7096</u>	<u>-7%</u>
TOTAL	18474	18662	+1%

Northern District (Property Crimes)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Burglary	333	375	+13%
Auto Theft	259	297	+15%
Theft from Auto	1219	1138	-7%
Arson	9	11	+22%
Other Theft	<u>1089</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>-9%</u>
TOTAL	2909	2811	-3%

NOTES OF INTEREST FOR June 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 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 July 10 at 6 pm 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.**

Store Burglary, False Personation, Possession of Stolen Card Arrest, 6/2/14 11:20 Am 1300 Block of Van Ness

Officers responded to a local store regarding a fraud incident in progress. When officers arrived on scene, the store employees pointed to a male subject and told the officers that he was attempting to purchase items with a reported stolen credit card. Officers spoke with the subject and he stated that he was just picking up a table for his “friend”. Officers checked the subject’s receipt and the card

number used was one and the same as the current one that he was attempting to purchase new items with; card reported stolen. The reported known loss from the victim was over \$400.00. Officers confirmed that the credit card was confirmed stolen. The subject was arrested and booked at Northern Station on the above listed charges.

Possession of Stolen Property, Damaging Phone Line, Battery Arrest, 6/3/14 11:30 Am 2200 Block of Greenwich St.

On the above date and time officers had located a reported stolen vehicle. They were attempting to return the bike to its rightful owner. The owner showed up to the scene without keys, or a motorcycle helmet. The officers called and made arrangements to have the bike towed. The officers released the bike to its owner. While the owner was waiting for the tow truck, the alleged thief returned to the bike and was attempting to take the bike again. The subject explained that he had purchased the motorcycle for \$600 and he knew it was stolen. He returned the key to the rightful owner and begged him not to call police. The owner was calling for 911 when the subject slapped the phone out of his hands and it fell to the ground. At this point the police arrived on scene and detained the subject without further incident. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

Vehicle, Stolen/Recovered, Traffic Violation Arrest, 6/5/14 12:30 Am Buchanan/North Point

Dispatch sent officers to the above area regarding a stolen vehicle. The caller/victim told dispatch that he left his vehicle running and went inside his building briefly. When he returned, he discovered the car was stolen by an unknown subject. Officers took the vehicle info and description. They broadcast it to dispatch, which put out the vehicle description city wide. Northern officers soon had spotted the car and shortly had the driver detained, without further incident. The victim came and recovered his car. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

Vehicle Burglary, Malicious Mischief, Vandalism, Breaking Windows Arrest, 6/8/14 7:22 Am Olive/Van Ness

Dispatch sent officer to the above area regarding an auto burglary where the witness was following the subject. The witness directed the officers to the subject and he was detained carrying the bag he took from the car. The subject said that the clothing in the bag was his and that his wallet was inside the jacket in the bag. Then the subject appeared to get more nervous. He said that he found the clothing in "the dumpster". He could not tell the officers which dumpster. Then he said he found the clothing on the street. Officers contacted the caller who had witnessed the subject smash the window to an unknown vehicle. The caller was able to come to the scene and identify that the officers had the correct person detained. The witness told the officers the location of the victim vehicle. They were able to locate the vehicle but, the computer check on the car returned to a PO Box not an address, so they were unable to locate the owner at this time. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

Possession of Burglary Tools, Probation Violation Arrest, 6/9/14, 2:00 Am 1300 Block of Post St.

Officers were called to the above area regarding a bicycle theft in progress. The caller, (security guard) was viewing the incident via

building security cameras. He gave dispatch the description of the subject, his location, and said that the subject appeared to be stripping parts off of a bike. The subject had a distinct "Cal" hooded sweatshirt. Officers arrived and quickly had the subject in custody. The subject admitted to stealing the bike parts and admitted that he was currently on probation. He was booked at Northern Station.

Street Robbery, Aggravated Assault W/ Force, Conspiracy, False Id to Police, Parole Violation, SF Warrant Arrest, 6/9/14 8:05 Am O'Farrell/Larkin

Officers went to the above area regarding a call of a robbery in progress involving a knife. The suspect description was a female wearing a blue sweatshirt and jeans. She had a large knife in her possession which she had used to rob a male. Prior to the officer's arrival, a witness advised that the subjects had entered an address on the 700 block of Ellis St. Officers were able to locate the victim and get further details from him. Officers noticed that the victim had spots of blood on his head and shirt. Officers summoned SFFD medics for the victim. The victim told officers that he had been hit in the head by the subjects and they stole \$95 from him. Meanwhile, the officers who had been searching the building located two subjects that match the description provided. Officers performed a "cold Show", and the victim was able to identify the subjects. They were arrested, transported separately, interviewed by Northern SIT members, (station investigative team), and later booked at County Jail.

Vehicle Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Conspiracy, Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Police Officer in their duties, SF Warrant, Probation Violation Arrest, 6/10/14 5:06 Pm Eddy/Polk

Plain clothes SFPD officers were working in the above area. They observed a subject pulling what appeared to be a guitar case from a vehicle door. The subject removed the case and began running away from the car. As the officers drove closer for a further investigation they saw broken glass on the ground next to the car. They believed that they had just witnessed an auto burglary. They began to follow the subject in an attempt to detain him. The subject ran S/B on Polk St. He met up with another individual and both ran away on Polk. The officers believed this second subject was working with the first; possibly as a look out. As the subjects continued running, another subject joined them. Officers gave chase and attempted to stop them. One officer announced "Police, Stop". The first individual dropped the guitar case and ran away at top speed. The other two ran as well, one dropping a backpack. Northern Station personnel were able to stop and detain all subjects without further incident. As the officers were getting the identities of the subjects, the apparent owner of the stolen property arrived on scene. He told the officers that his car had been broken into and the items in question had been stolen. The officers photographed the items and returned them to their owner. The subjects were booked on the above charges at Northern Station.

Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Streetcar or Bus, SF Warrant Arrest, 6/13/14 7:43 Pm Fillmore/Bay

Officers responded to the above incident regarding a male subject vandalizing a Muni bus. Officers arrived on scene and quickly had the semi intoxicated male in custody. The bus driver told officers that it was his break time and he parked his bus to use the restroom.

The subject got on the bus from the rear door. The driver was able to escort him off of the bus. The driver left the parked bus to have his break. When he came back the subject was kicking and had kicked out both main door windows to the boarding door. The subject was booked at Northern Station.

Robbery, W/ Gun, Possession of Stolen Property, Reckless Evasion of Police Ofc, Conspiracy, Criminal Gang Member Carrying a Loaded Firearm, Member of a Street Gang Carrying a Concealed Firearm Arrest, 6/20/14 7:50 Pm 2700 Block of Octavia St.

Officers were called to the above area regarding an armed robbery of a nail salon. As the officers arrived, they began their investigation. The thieves had already fled in a vehicle. Officers got their clothing and vehicle descriptions and broadcast it throughout the city. Officers spoke with over twenty witnesses/victims. They all had a similar story. Basically the three young male robbers came in with handguns, pointed them at the numerous victims and ordered them to the ground. The astonished victims stood frozen as the males walked around the room and stole purses, laptop bags, wallets, and jewelry from the terrified female victims. Numerous victims/witnesses believed that they would be able to identify the subjects if seen again. As the officers continued their interviews, another police unit believed that they had spotted the getaway car. As the officers followed the car, they saw three occupants inside. The rear passenger would pop his head up and watch, as the patrol car got closer. The officers knew that they had the correct vehicle as the license plate and description of the car matched what was provided by witnesses. Officers called for additional units due to the dangerous and volatile nature of the robbery. As assisting units responded to the area, the first police unit attempted to perform a traffic stop on the car. As the officers effected their lights and siren the vehicle took off a high rate of speed. The units pursued the car throughout the Northern and Southern police districts. The car was lost in the area of 8th and Folsom. Southern Station units located the car in the area of 9th and Mission Street. It had crashed into another vehicle and become disabled. The numerous SFPD units descended into the area and soon had the three subjects detained. Numerous people witnessed the subject's crash and flee from the car. The witnesses that could identify the subjects fleeing the car, and witnesses that were victimized in the robbery were able to positively identify the subjects even though they had changed clothing. Criminals will often do this in an attempt to disguise themselves and not be identified by police. Numerous stolen purses, property, cell phones, and firearms were recovered from the getaway car. The subjects were interviewed separately by members of the Northern Station Investigative Team. They were booked at Northern Station.

Carrying a Loaded Firearm W/ Intent to Commit a Felony, Possession of a Loaded Firearm/By Prohibited Person, Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Police Officer in their Duties, Reckless Evasion of Police Officer Arrest, 6/21/14 2:20 Pm 700 Block of Turk St.

Dispatch received a call from a citizen advising that there was a gray car driving in the above area that possibly had four males with guns aboard. One of the subjects was possibly wanted. Officers noticed several mechanical violations on the vehicle. The officers attempted to pull the vehicle over when it accelerated. Due to the heavy traffic conditions at the time of this incident the vehicle was slowed down by other vehicles. Officers attempted to remove the occupants. The right rear passenger bolted from the vehicle, he was quickly detained. The remaining passengers were removed and detained, without further incident. A protective search of the vehicle

was performed and officers discovered several loaded handguns and an assault rifle with a large capacity magazine (60+ rounds). The subjects and evidence was transported to Northern Stations. One of the subjects was already on federal probation for possessing a short barrel shot gun. They were 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.

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 2013, to find a date that works for you go to: www.sfgov.org/sffdert 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.

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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