

Northern Station Newsletter



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Captain's Comments:

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Northern Station officers worked hard through late June and the month of July hosting the Gay Pride events at Civic Center and the Fillmore Jazz Festival the Fourth of July weekend. The Pride festivities drew upwards of 750,000 additional visitors to the city for the festivities and officers working the festival and patrol we're busy keeping the streets of our city safe. Overall, I was extremely proud of all the officers who worked that weekend as they exemplified professionalism and dedication to public service while maintaining public safety during some challenging times. The Fillmore Jazz Festival was a well attended and overall successful event the Fourth of July weekend where we saw tens of thousands of people enjoying great food, great music, and great activity. There was very minimal criminal activity in the area and the organizers and the public we're able to enjoy a festive and safe event enjoyed by many. This weekend the Northern District will host the J-Pop Summit and Street Fair in Japan Town. The J-Pop street fair celebrates Japanese culture in film, music, dance and fashion. The event will take place both Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm and will occur in Peace Plaza and on Post Street in Japan Town. During the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd, Japan Town will also host the Nihonmachi Festival. The festival will also celebrate Japanese culture and will have crafts, food, and activities from the Japanese culture. I encourage anyone who is interested in these great events to attend and partake in the rich culture of the Japanese community.

The department is in the process of updating the programming system which provides our crime statistics and thus the crime statistics for the month of June are delayed. I expect they will be out shortly and I will provide the current crime statistics for Northern station in my next newsletter. Below are the crime statistics both city wide and in the Northern

District through May 31, 2014.

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%
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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 August 8th 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.**

Burglary, Store, Unlawful Entry 1700 Van Ness Ave 07/13/14 1721Hrs

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Van Ness Ave and Sacramento Street when they were flagged down by a citizen. The citizen was very upset and pointing at a grey vehicle telling the officers that his store was just burglarized. The officers saw two male

suspects get into a vehicle and speed away. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle by activating their lights and siren, but the driver of the vehicle refused to stop. The officers broadcast the description of the vehicle and requested additional officers to the area. The vehicle continued to flee from the officers. The passenger of the vehicle got out and started to run on foot. One officer got out on foot and chased after the subject while the other officer continued after the driver of the vehicle. With the assistance of additional officers both suspects were taken into custody without further incident. The victim from the store was able to positively identify the suspects. The suspects were transported to Northern Station for further investigation. The suspects were later booked at County Jail for several charges.

Methamphetamine Offense, 100 block of Fell Street 07/14/14 0026hrs

An officer was on routine patrol in the area and has prior knowledge of ongoing complaints from the residents in the area regarding narcotic sales during the day and night. The officer has made numerous arrests in the area due to street level sales and use of illegal narcotics. The officer spotted a suspect who she has had prior contact with. The officer saw in plain view that the suspect had a baggie of suspected crystal Methamphetamine. The officer placed the suspect under arrest and transported him to Northern Station for further investigation. The officer tested the suspected narcotics which had a positive test result for Methamphetamine. The officer completed a thorough investigation and later booked the suspect at County Jail for the narcotics offense.

Driving under the influence of Alcohol, Webster/Fell Street 07/14/14 2336hrs

Officers were in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle when they were dispatched to Webster and Fell Street regarding a vehicle stopped in the intersection. When the officers arrived they approached the vehicle and saw that the driver was unconscious behind the wheel. The officers could immediately smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's breath and interior of the vehicle. The driver showed obvious signs of someone who is intoxicated. The officers detained the driver for further investigation. The officer conducted a field sobriety test on the driver, which the driver was unable to perform successfully. The officer placed the driver under arrest for suspected DUI. The suspect was transported back to Northern Station for further investigation and later booked at County Jail.

Theft from Building, Warrant Arrest, Fillmore/O'Farrell 07/15/14 1007hrs

Officers were in full uniform and working routine patrol when they were dispatched to Starbucks Coffee regarding a theft. When the officers arrived they met with an employee who told them that a male suspect took an orange juice and left without paying for the juice. The employee followed the suspect outside and told him to give back the juice. The suspect refused and threw the juice at the employee and kicked her in the leg. The employee struggled with the suspect and told the other employee's to call police. The officers arrived and took custody of the suspect. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest. The officers transported the suspect to County Jail where he was later booked.

Stolen Property, Theft from Building, 300blk Fulton Street 07/15/14 0743hrs

Officers were in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle when they were dispatched to the 300 block of Fulton Street regarding a theft. When officers arrived they met with the victim who stated that a male suspect took her green jacket and computer tablet. The suspect ran out of the door. The victim chased after the suspect but then lost him in the area. The victim walked back to her apartment and called the police. The victim provided the officers with a good description of the suspect. Officers searched the area and located the suspect a few blocks away. The victim positively identified the suspect as the one who took her property. The officers recovered the victim's property and returned it to her. The suspect was transported to Northern Station for further investigation. The officers conducted an interview with the suspect and he told the officers that the property did not belong to him. The suspect was transported to County Jail and booked accordingly.

Probation Violation, Methamphetamine Offense, 400 blk of Page 07/15/14 1314hrs

Northern Station housing officers were in full uniform and on patrol in the area when they saw two subjects they recognized and knew were on probation. The officers also had prior knowledge that one of the suspects has a stay away order from the area the officers saw him walking in. The officers stopped and detained both subjects. The officers did a computer check on the subjects which revealed they were on probation. The officers conducted a probation search of the subject and located unknown pills, suspected marijuana, and suspected methamphetamine. The officers transported the subjects to Northern Station for further investigation. At Northern Station the officers conducted a presumptive test on the narcotics which revealed a positive result. The subjects were later transported to County Jail and booked accordingly.

Resisting Police Officer, Restraining Order Notification Grove/Buchanan 07/15/14 1416hrs

Officers were in full uniform and on routine patrol when they were dispatched to the above area. When officers arrived they met with the victim who informed them they had a restraining order against the subject. The suspect was violating his restraining order as he was in the building of where the victim lived. The officers detained the suspect to investigation the restraining order. While the officers were talking with the suspect they did a computer check on him. The computer revealed the suspect had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The officers told the suspect to put his hands behind his back but he refused. After several attempts to gain compliance the suspect clenched his fists and started to yell and fight with the officers. The officers called for additional officers to respond and were finally able to take him into custody without further incident. The suspect continued to yell and scream and was showing signs of altered mental status. The officers called for an ambulance and had the suspect transported to SFGH. The officers followed and cited and released the suspect to the hospital for a medical and psychiatric evaluation.

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/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.

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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