

Central Police Station

766 Vallejo St. San Francisco, CA 94133 (415) 315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

This past weekend I had the opportunity to venture into the snowy hills southwest of Denver, Colorado for a few days of snow shoeing with friends. Little did I know that I could have enjoyed similar weather had I stayed home. While checking out a local newspaper I read the headline that said that Denver was experiencing a severe shortage of Police Officers. I could have stayed home to experience that as well. We are in a similar situation here in San Francisco and are operating approximately 20% short of optimum staffing. With that said, the Officers at Central Station continue to perform at a high level at all ranks.

Lieutenant Ernie Ferrando runs the Night Watch at Central Station and was tasked with the Problem Solving Project regarding a Robbery Spree of small area hotels. Strategies included educating the community and those affected by the robberies. Beat Officers showed copies of video stills of the suspect and the Robbery Detail tracked the pattern. Lt. Ferrando constructed an enforcement plan

When I returned on Monday I read a series of reports from the past week. The first one was about another small hotel on the 2600 block of Mason Street that was robbed at knifepoint on 3/9/06. The suspect description and movements fit the pattern. My heart sank until I turned to the next report dated 3/10/06 at 10:30 PM. It was an **“On-View” Robbery** arrest by **Officer Kevin Richins** on the 600 block of Post Street. **Officer Jesse Heredia** responded to the initial report of a robbery on the 600 block of Post Street and immediately broadcast the suspect description of the suspect, who fit the serial robber profile. En route to the location, Officer Richins spotted the suspect on the 400 block of Sutter Street. The suspect attempted to discard clothing in a street garbage receptacle and dropped his logo cap when the Officer finally grabbed him. Several key items to this robbery and several items were recovered by the officers. The suspect was identified as the suspect in the recent robbery and had outstanding arrest warrants for auto theft. The Robbery Detail Inspectors responded to follow up the investigation. The suspect may be responsible for more than 10 hotel robberies. This is a good example of outstanding police work and coordination by the Officers involved.

Upcoming Events:

This weekend promises to be filled with non-stop activity with several venues celebrating St. Patrick's Day beginning Friday afternoon **3/17, through early 3/18**. Most Officers will be expected back to police an Anti-War Demonstration beginning at Civic Center. At the time of this newsletter, the march route is still undetermined. On Monday **3/20**, a protest is expected at 7am near Market and Montgomery Streets.

Broadway Corridor

A meeting is scheduled with the Entertainment Commission, Police, Fire, the ABC, the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Task Force and Vice to discuss forming an Entertainment Task Force to take action with out of compliance venues. We have been advocating a coordinated multi-agency response to a problem that is rooted in a saturation of alcohol related venues in one concentrated area.

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We continue to run squads of Officers on Broadway each weekend and post no parking but we need help from the Entertainment Commission and the permitted establishments as well.

Last weekend was described as “Active” on both Friday and Saturday Nights. Arrest, citations and Drunk related crime statistics were not available at the time of this report.

Crimes of Note

Officers Paul Doherty and George Perez stopped known suspicious individuals standing by a car parked in front of Public Housing on 3/9/06 just before midnight. When Officers began to question their actions, one of the suspects ran down the street shouting that he had to use the bathroom.

Officers gave chase and ultimately arrested the suspect for possession of suspected marijuana and a stolen handgun.

O 3/10/06 at 11 PM, Officers responded to the 100 block of Post on a report of a Burglary in progress. **Sergeant Tim Oberzier** responded and located the suspect inside, carrying a box filled with numerous stolen items. **Officer George Perez** assisted and all told, Officers recovered burglar tools and property ranging from a tv, vcr, clothing and electronics to a hand truck and duffle bag. The suspect admitted to the crime and described how he broke into several doors within the commercial building.

On 3/12/06 at 2:20 AM, **Night Captain Steve Tittle** was flagged down by several individuals who told him that suspects who just stabbed their friend were driving away. Captain Tittle conducted a traffic stop of the suspects in their vehicle at Filbert and Sansome Streets. Two suspects were taken into custody after they were identified. A bloody knife was recovered on Battery Street and the victim responded to SF General Hospital for treatment to a stab wound to his back.

On 3/13/06 at 5 PM, **Officers Marc Chan and John Ferrando**, worked a plainclothes detail on Fisherman’s Wharf. The Officers apprehended 5 suspects who had bilked tourists out of money playing “Three Card Monty.” We have received several complaints from area business owners who see the illegal fraud schemes being run in the area.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Cell phone 911:	553-8090
Central Station:	315-2400

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Web: www.sfgov.org/police
(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

Captain James I. Dudley 315-2480 james.dudley@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line 392-2623 SF SAFE 553-1984
Graffiti Abatement 278-9454 **Graffiti Fax** 278-9456

Central Events: 315-2440 **Sergeant John Colla**
Central Permits: 315-2423 **Officer Fred Crisp**
Code Abatement: 315-2417 **Sgt. Mark Hernandez**
Deputy City Attorney: 554-3906 **Niall Vignoles**

Dept. Parking & Traffic: 553-1943
DPW: 695-2020 **Dispatch**

Quality of Life Liaison: 298-0903 **Officer Kim Koltzoff**
Chinatown Beat: 315-2400 **Off. Leon Sorhondo & Jonathan Tong**
Union Square Beat: 315-2400 **Officer Carl Payne & Dan Gallagher**
Wharf Beat: 315-2400 **Officer Pete McLaughlin & Dan Wynn**
North Beach 315-2400 **Officer Mark Alvarez**

Community Liaison: 421-6443 x37 **Jessica Look (Tel-Hi)**

Phone numbers and web sites:

San Francisco Police Department Emergency 9-1-1 or non-emergency (415) 553-0123

Web site : www.sfgov.org/police

Central District Police Station main phone. # 415-315-2400

Central Station's web page : www.sfgov.org/police, and link to "Central Station".

Captain Dudley's e-mail address: james.dudley@ci.sf.ca.us

Central District Anonymous Tips Hotline: (415) 392-2623

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