

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
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September is National Preparedness Month, 2008

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During National Preparedness Month, we underscore the important responsibility Americans have to be ready for emergencies in our homes, businesses, and communities. The Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign highlights preparedness steps, including having an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, and becoming informed about different types of emergencies. After preparing themselves and their families, Americans can take the next step and get involved in helping to prepare their communities for all types of emergencies. For more information, citizens may visit www.ready.gov and www.citizencorps.gov. During National Preparedness Month, we also honor our Nation's police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their hard work and commitment to protecting others. As first responders, they have demonstrated the true meaning of heroism by taking great risks to safeguard our communities, and all Americans are grateful for their efforts.

In San Francisco we have several ways to get ready. Check out www.sfgov.org and backslash police or fire for good tips. You can also check out www.sfsafe.org or www.72hours.org for more information. Be a NERT! Check out the SFFD web page for information on how/when and where you can join the free Neighborhood Emergency Response Team.

Community Court Panelist Training

Certainly as in almost everything in life, there should be priorities and consequences. In crime issues, not every offense can or should be taken to a jury trial. That is not to say that somehow, every crime that involves a victim should be addressed. Be a part of a team to make our community whole after an offense. Take a spot on one of our three Community Courts after attending panelist training.

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Where: CCDS, 502 7th Street (cross Bryant Street)

Details: Community Court was established as an active collaboration among City departments, neighborhood residents and merchant associations to improving the quality of life in San Francisco through restorative justice programs. The purpose of Community Courts is to discourage criminal violations that impact our City's neighborhoods. Through the program, a panel of local residents hears each case, makes clear to the offender the neighborhood impact of the crime, and determines a mix of community service, direct restitution and/or fines. In this way, trained neighborhood stakeholders exercise community-based solutions that allow the victim, the offender and representatives of the community to address the harm caused by quality of life offenses. For more information and to register, please contact Jackson Gee at 415.551.9531 or jackson.gee@sfgov

Beginning this edition, the 'Crimes of Note' section is submitted by Central Station Volunteer and Central District resident, Jesse Martinez. We appreciate his help.

Crimes of Note

9/02/08 at 1:30 PM, Officer Eric Caracciolo responded to California at Montgomery regarding a citizen's arrest involving a possible burglary. The officer met the reporting party (citizen) near the location (fitness center) who was holding the suspect, a white male. The citizen, manager of the gym, apparently observed the suspect enter the locker room and saw him break open a locker and take a wallet. The citizen confronted the suspect and took the wallet, noticing a gym member's name on the wallet. The suspect fled the premises with the citizen giving chase and successfully catching the suspect, holding him for the officer. The citizen requested that the suspect be placed under arrest for burglary under the 'citizen arrest' protocol.

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The citizen also indicated that he had noticed another white male acting as a 'look out' as part of this burglary. This second suspect was identified and questioned by officer Caracciolo and subsequently found to be on probation in Los Angeles County. Both suspects were taken into custody.

9/03/08 at 10:00 AM, Officer Carl Payne responded to a department store at Post Street near Kearny Street regarding a report of several thefts of computers. Subsequent check of the store's security film revealed that the building's employee was seen leaving the building carrying what appeared to be stolen items. This suspect was booked for burglary and unlawful entry.

9/03/08 at 11:10 PM, plain-clothes Officer Rene Nielsen was patrolling on foot the area on Bush Street between Hyde Street and Larkin Street known for a high incidence of street level prostitution. He noticed a female waving at various vehicles attempting to gain their attention. Consequently this person propositioned the officer for sex at which time he identified himself as a police officer; a warrant check on this person proved negative therefore, was cited for loitering and soliciting for the purpose of prostitution.

9/04/08 plain clothes Officer Nielsen was on foot patrolling Pine Street between Hyde Street and Larkin Street, an area known for high incidence of prostitution. At between 1:15-1:29 AM an individual waved to numerous vehicles and engaged in behavior corresponding to prostitution soliciting. The suspect was detained and a warrant check made which showed an outstanding warrant. The suspect was booked for loitering for the purpose of prostitution and the warrant.

9/04/08 at approximately 4:26 AM, Officers Patterson and Chow were dispatched to Pier 45 to remove a male from underneath a delivery truck. It appeared that this suspect (a large male of about 6' feet tall and approximately 270 pounds) after being roused from sleep by the truck company's supervisor adamantly refused to leave. The two officers made their way underneath the truck to coax the suspect out and immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The suspect continually refused to leave voluntarily, swearing profusely at the officers. The officers tried to remove the suspect at which time he swung and kicked at the officers. A violent struggle ensued with the suspect violently causing abrasions and multiple bruises to an officer. The suspect was ultimately subdued; he remained uncooperative by giving a false identification. He was booked on battery of an officer, resisting and obstructing peace officers duties.

9/04/08 at 1:21 PM, Officers Browne and Khan responded to 100 block of Maiden Lane regarding a theft from a person. At the same time officer, Vales had a suspect in custody the scene for possession of a crack pipe and a stolen cell phone. Upon arrival, we met the victim who described the suspect as having entered the business premises 'rubbed against her, and touched her leg.' The suspect then promptly left the business area. It was during this time officer Vales was flagged down by a witness who asked for help, pointing to the suspect. Vales then detained the suspect.

It was found that the suspect was on probation and a further search of the suspect revealed the stolen cell phone and drug paraphernalia. The victim identified the cell phone as being hers and the one stolen earlier. The suspect was booked for possession of a stolen cell phone, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and parole violation.

9/05/08 at 2:52 AM an officer, Garay in plain clothes and unmarked vehicle working the prostitution abatement program near California Street and Polk Street spotted a female around walking the area. When the officer drove near the suspect she smiled and waved at him subsequently soliciting and proposing sex. The officer identified himself as an police officer showing his star and detained the suspect. A computer check revealed no arrest San Francisco record. The suspect did state that she had been arrested in Sacramento for prostitution as a juvenile. The suspect was cited for loitering for the purpose of prostitution.

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9/05/08 at 2:40 PM officers Ferrando and Naval were dispatched to Sutter Street at Stockton Street on a report of a subject with a gun. The officers interviewed the victim who described the situation: the victim was in his vehicle attempting to turn right from O'Farrell Street onto Grant Street when a male started to yell racial hateful shouts at the victim ultimately pulling out what appeared to be a gun. Fearing for his safety, the victim quickly drove off. The officers searched the area but were unable to find the suspect.

9/06/08 at 8:39 PM, Officers Naval and Smethurst were on duty in full uniform and in a marked patrol vehicle driving westbound on Broadway passing Kearny Street when they observed a Lexus without a front license plate. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the Lexus and as they approached the vehicle, they observed what appeared to be a firearm underneath the front passenger seat. The suspect was ordered to place his hands on the vehicle roof however at this time the suspect quickly accelerated and drove away. The officers initiated a pursuit but lost visual contact and cancelled the pursuit.

At approximately 8:45 PM, Officers Perez and Heredia reported a suspect identified by a witness to have been the driver of the Lexus. Officer Smethurst was unable to make definitive identification as the suspect driving the Lexus. The suspect was released but the Lexus was held for Gang Task Force and Crime Scene Investigations for fingerprinting.

9/09/08 at 10:26 PM, Officers Dittmer and Discenza were dispatched to 1000 block of Sutter Street on a report of a burglary of bicycles from a basement. Two suspects were identified by the victim and relayed this to the dispatcher. It was also noted that the victim confronted the suspects while they were attempting to walk off with the stolen bicycles, a confrontation occurred and after a brief struggle, the suspects left the bicycles and walked off, southbound on Larkin Street. Ultimately, the officers located and detained the suspects with the victims making clear identification of the burglars. The suspects were booked on burglary and theft charges.

Captain's Commendation

On 8/13/08 Officer Kimberly Koltzoff was reviewing the wanted teletypes and noticed a subject known to her as having failed to register as a sex offender. She and Officer Daly located the subject, arrested him for the warrant and for violation of a stay-away order concerning the Embarcadero Center. Officer Koltzoff has consistently demonstrated excellent police work reflecting attention to duty and demanding work throughout her 10-hour duty day.

Broadway Corridor

Friday September 5, 2008:

Felony arrests made	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	0
Moving citations	52
Parking citations issued	20
Towed vehicles	12

Saturday September 6, 2008:

Felony arrests	5
Misdemeanor arrests made	4
Drunk related arrests made	2
Moving citations	43
Parking citations issued	11
Towed vehicles	14

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Cell phone 911:	553-8090
Customer Service Center:	311

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Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984 www.sfsafe.org
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:	554-3820	Jill Cannon
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943	
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch
Quality of Life Liaison:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days Sam Yuen- Jonathon Tong- Nights
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days Officers Scott Korte, Ed Carew- Nights
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Nick Rainsford & Bob Merino-Days Officer Tom Costello and Kevin Richins-Nt
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443x16	Tel-Hi- Danika Choe

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.

Join the SFPD: www.sfgov.org/police

Join the SFPD Community Police Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check: www.sfgov.org/police_index.asp?id=20182

Call 3-1-1/TTY: 415-701-2323. If outside of San Francisco, call 415-701-2311/TTY: 415-701-2323 to reach any of the following: Abandoned Vehicles----DPT Dispatch ----DPW Street Cleaning----Graffiti Hotline--Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)----Pothole Repair----Street Signs (missing/damaged)---Street Lighting