

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, September 2, 2008
Captain James I. Dudley

“Arm yourself....with knowledge!”

Captain’s Comments

Despite being a bit superstitious....

To date, we have had no vehicle related accident fatalities in the district.

Also to date, we have had no, zero homicides in the district for the year 2008.

In our fight against auto burglary, one property manager who oversees a garage on Fisherman’s Wharf reports that they have had only one auto boost over the past 3 months since installing several large signs warning patrons to secure valuables out of sight in their parked and unattended vehicles.

Occasionally we experience crimes series of different sorts. We attempt to identify them through police reports or by officers who notice trends in their sectors or on their beats. Information communication is key when it comes to solving a series. That means we need to hear from the community when they notice something unusual or when they experience a crime. Sometimes I am told about crimes that occurred, but the witness or victim did not report them. It is important to track crime trends and statistics by documenting occurrences as much as possible. Sometimes patrols and staffing decisions can be made by the number of calls for service or number of incidents reported in an area during specific times.

Recycling Thefts

We continue to see thefts of opportunity and theft of precious metals such as copper and bronze. Please see the attached SAFE Flier at the end of this newsletter for additional tips and information.

Broadway Corridor

Friday August 29, 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 August 30, 2008:

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

8/24/08 stats: 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 drunk arrest, 12 vehicle tows, 159 citations issued.

8/25/08: 5 Misdemeanor arrests, 34 citations issued, 4 towed vehicles.

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8/30/08 Traffic Stats: 3 arrests, 3 towed vehicles and 43 moving citations issued.

Saturday Night was unusually active with several developments occurring simultaneously. **Central Officers responded to the 300 block of Bay Street** on a call of several party goers from a club fighting with security on the street. Several people were involved with several injuries reported including 2 women hit with bottles and several people sprayed with pepper spray. There was also a report of someone being hit with brass knuckles.

***At 2:30 AM the Specialist Robbery Abatement Team consisting of Sgt. Burke and Officers Paine, Cahill, Garden, Jones, Liberta, Ng and McKinney**, were assigned to the Broadway area and were on-scene when a fight and gunshots rang out on the **500 block of Broadway**. The officers observed a vehicle fleeing with suspects inside and blood smeared across a window on board. A 19 year old black male **victim was seen lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to the face**. The officers gave chase and apprehended the suspects at Broadway and Van Ness. Suspects, including the shooter were identified by witnesses and evidence. All 5 suspects were from Union City, Patterson and Hayward, California. The victim was given transport and treatment for a gunshot wound to his face.

On Friday at 2 AM near 450 Broadway at 2 AM, Officers Sam Yuen and Howard Chu observed a man in a wheel chair being knocked to the ground. Two Hispanic males were detained and one was found to be **dumping a loaded, stolen handgun** into a trash can.

Prostitution

Officer Rene Nielsen made 4 separate arrests on **8/24/08 from 10 PM- 4 AM** on Larkin Street between Post and Sutter. Three of the women gave SF addresses while the fourth said she was from Las Vegas, Nevada.

8/28/08 at 2:20 AM, Officer Martin Garay arrested a woman for loitering for prostitution at Pine and Larkin Streets.

Crimes of Note

8/27/08 at 4 PM, Officer Tom Cunnane, the Union Square Beat officer responded to Post and Hyde on a report of a man who just shattered the glass partition inside a Muni bus shelter. Officer Cunnane met a man on the street who pointed out the suspect. The white male 42 year old suspect pulled out a razor knife and brandished it at the officer and threatened himself and the officer, shouting "Shoot me!" The officer grabbed a folding chair to use as a shield and attempted to calm the suspect. When approaching sirens could be heard, the suspect became agitated and lunged at the officer with the knife. Officers subdued the suspect and took him into custody.

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8/27/08 at 6:15 PM, Officers responded to Embarcadero and Washington on a possible road rage incident. One driver was described as brandishing a hand gun. The officers found an unloaded handgun on the seat of one of the motorist's truck compartment.

8/30/08 at 2:45 AM, Officer Ed Anzore was driving near Stockton and Francisco Streets when he heard a broadcast of a stolen yellow cab in the area. He spotted the cab and gave chase. The black male driver sped off until it collided with a parked car at Columbus and Chestnut. A search of the area yielded two suspects from the cab; they were arrested for auto theft and hit and run.

8/31/08 at 10:20 PM on the 900 block of Jones Street, Officers Dave Frias and Lynne Pomatto responded to a call of an auto burglary. Upon their arrival, they observed an individual dressed as the suspect was described. Further investigation revealed the suspect to have a probation search condition and in possession of drug paraphernalia and stolen property from the vehicle.

8/31/08 at 10 PM, Officers Matt Sullivan and Rene Nielsen investigated an individual on felony probation on Dashiell Hammett Street. A search revealed a bag of suspected methamphetamine, narcotics paraphernalia and suspected counterfeit currency. A 33 year old white female was arrested on 3 felony counts.

9/1/08 at 9 PM, a homeless man on the sidewalk at Chestnut and Columbus said he was kicked in the head and assaulted by 3 juveniles from a nearby housing complex. **Officers Paul Doherty, Jesse Heredia, George Perez** and others searched the area. Heredia and Perez detained 2 suspects at Francisco and Taylor Streets. One suspect was positively identified as the one who assaulted the victim. The victim was treated by ambulance for a laceration to his head.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Cell phone 911:	553-8090
Customer Service Center:	311
Central Station:	315-2400
Web:	www.sfgov.org/police
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480 james.dudley@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623 SAFE 553-1984 www.sfsafe.org

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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

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Public Safety Advisory Theft of Recycling Materials



Theft of Recycling Materials

Recycling materials are being stolen at an increasing rate in San Francisco and around the Bay Area. Materials range from copper wire and pipe to auto parts, to curbside recycling materials to even decorative yard fixtures. You can avoid theft by taking measures such these:

- Park your vehicle inside whenever possible, use a steering wheel lock and/or alarm system if possible
- Consider etching your driver's license number on parts that have been targeted by recyclers, such as catalytic converter.
- When re-piping or remodeling, have pipes and/or wire installed in the interior of your building or home
- Paint, insulate or firmly secure existing pipes and wires in several places to make it difficult for theft.
- Decorative outdoor metallic fixtures should be securely fastened, bolted or cemented.
- Wait until the morning of scheduled pick up to put out recyclable materials
- Lock or secure dumpsters and bins when possible

Theft of Curbside Recyclables

Recycling poachers look for items of value such as aluminum cans, bottles and personal information. This problem has a far-reaching and negative impact on neighborhood public safety, the environment and recycling efforts. As a result, you and your neighbors are exposed to increased noise, litter and possible trespassing on private property.

Taking recyclables is in violation of local and state law. Municipal Health Code Sec. 293.1 states that it is unlawful for any person other than an authorized City employee or the City's authorized curbside recycling collectors to take, remove, move or otherwise appropriate the container in which recyclable materials are placed for collection and the matters contained therein. Upon conviction, a person is subject to the following penalty:

- Infraction - fine not exceeding \$250.00 for the 1st offense. 2nd or additional offense by a fine of not less than \$100 or not exceeding \$250.
- Misdemeanor - a person can be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$500, or both.

You and your neighbors can prevent the theft of recyclables by:

- ♻ Placing your recyclables on the curb by 6 am the day of pick-up.
- ♻ Shred paper with personal information.
- ♻ Organize a **SAFE Neighborhood Watch** on your block and communicate with your neighbors and the police regularly. Call **SAFE** at (415)553-1984.
- ♻ **Never confront or stop poachers!** If they are aggressive or threaten your safety, call 9-1-15
- ♻ Observe and report recycling poachers to the SFPD by calling (415)553-0123.
- ♻ Call Sunset Scavenger at (415) 330-1300 or Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling at (415) 626-4000 during business hours to report the theft of recyclables.