

# Central Police Station



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## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
Captain James I. Dudley

**“Arm yourself....with knowledge!”**

### **Captain’s Comments**

**Situational awareness is a phrase making the rounds these days. It simply means that you should be aware of your surroundings, behaviors of others and what the history is in the area that you are or will be at.** That means that if you are in an area where cars are being boosted, to keep valuables out of the car or at least out of sight. It means that if there is a rash of robberies at a particular area at a specific time, to be mindful of others, have keys at the ready and take a buddy with you whenever possible.

Today is the ‘Big Drill’ day for Earthquake preparedness. At noon, seek out a safe spot in your home or business and get there to practice. Make sure it is reinforced, away from windows and away from falling lights, shelves and other objects. If you live in California, and San Francisco in particular, situational awareness means that you should be ready for an earthquake happening sometime soon. They always say “It’s not if, but when...” That means like death and taxes, the next quake will indeed happen. It is also a good time to know your buildings evacuation plan and your own plans for transportation and re-unification with family after such a big event.

**Personnel Changes at Central Station:** Last week **Lt. Larry Minasian** retired after 38 years of dedicated service. On Friday afternoon we learned of additional **Lieutenant Jones Wong** being transferred to the Fraud Unit and two new Lieutenants coming to Central Station in return. Please welcome **Lt. Richard Pate to the night watch and Lt. Vic Tsang** as the new day watch Lieutenant. Both are great members of the department, both of whom I have had the pleasure of working with in other assignments.

Lt. Wong will no doubt, have the pleasure of sorting out the **Travel Agency Fraud** case that we reported last week. An arrest was made of the suspect in question and the case will indeed be in need of untangling with over 50 reported victims out of several thousands of dollars in unpurchased airline tickets.

### **Broadway Corridor**

#### **Friday October 17, 2008**

Felony Arrests      0  
Misdemeanor Arrests      5  
Drunk Related Arrests      2

#### **Saturday October 18, 2008**

Felony Arrests      1  
Misdemeanor Arrests      1  
Drunk Related Arrests      2

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Moving Citations 43  
Parking Citations 10  
Vehicles Towed 13

Moving Citations 6  
Parking Citations 20  
Vehicles Towed 17

**It's dark early in the morning and dark early in the evening these days. Remember to wear reflective clothing or put some on someone you care about if they are traveling during hours of darkness. Remember too to put those lights and reflectors on your bike and use them. With Halloween coming, I can't stress enough the importance of traffic safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.**

### **Crimes of Note**

**10/14/08—5:40PM at Jones Street and Bush Street Officers Ngawang Bista and Nico Discenza** spotted and stopped a vehicle in violation of a 'Tinted Window' and cracked windshield. Subsequent inquiry resulted in finding the driver in violation of a 'stay away' order in the vicinity he was stopped and arrested accordingly; upon a vehicle search a unregistered loaded firearm was discovered and seized; the subject was booked for possession of a loaded firearm.

**10/15/08—11:30PM at 400 block of Jefferson Street Officers Thomas Costello and Kevin Richins** responded to a man causing physical disruption in a bar. Upon arrival at the scene, Officers Seth Riskin, Mark Milligan, and, Howard Chow were present and assisting; ultimately, the suspect was identified and arrested for aggravated assault, malicious mischief and vandalism to property.

**10/15/08—11:00PM Officer Kimberly Koltzoff** responded to a report of a trespasser at a hotel on the 400 block of Geary Street. The hotel employee identified two possible suspects who were detained and held at the scene by assisting Officers Ciudad and Brandolino; one subject was ultimately booked for an active parole violation.

**10/17/08—1:40AM at a night club located in the 400 block of Broadway Street Officers Matt Sullivan and August** responded to a report of an assault on a female employee of adult entertainment; the victim was interviewed and the assailant's description noted.

**10/17/08—6:40AM Officer Thomas Cunnane** responded to a report of an aggressive panhandler at a hotel on the 400 block of Geary Street. The suspect was identified and questioned by the officer. This suspect known by the officer as having a felon record of violent behavior became agitated and aggressive, fleeing down Taylor Street. Back up having been called by the officer caught and detained the subject who was arrested for resisting, delaying and obstructing officer duties and aggressive solicitation.

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**10/18/08 –2:30PM Officer Al Ciudad** responded to a report of a female suspect brandishing a knife on a security personnel at a hotel on the 300 block of Powell Street. The suspect was cited and released.

**10/20/08—2:15 AM Officers Brandon Thompson and Jeremy Cummings** responded to an attempted car theft; upon arrival at the scene, Sergeants Edward Anzore and Kane were there having detained the suspect while in the vehicle broken and entered by the suspect. The suspect was booked for vehicle burglary, possession of burglary tools and parole violation.

### **Prostitution**

**10/14/08—9:00PM at Post Street and Hyde Street: Officer Rene Nielsen** arrested a woman soliciting for prostitution who had been active recently in the area. During the booking search suspected heroin was discovered with the suspect charged with possession of drugs and having an outstanding warrant as well; The following day at midnight in the same area, Officer Nielsen arrested a 41 year old woman for soliciting for prostitution.

**10/16/08—11:30PM at Post Street and Larkin Street, Officers Minh Du and Rene Nielsen** arrested a 38 year old woman for loitering for the purpose of prostitution.

### **Halloween Safety Tips:**

1. Costumes should fit correctly so kids won't trip on them. Wear light-colored costumes so you can be seen easily at night.
2. Kids should not try to Trick or Treat by themselves. They should go with an adult and a group of friends.
3. Map out where you and your friends will be going. Visit only the well-lighted houses.
4. Trick or Treat while it is still light out; always bring a flashlight, it may get dark. Wear a reflective costume or stickers.
5. Pick well-lighted streets. Walk on the sidewalks. Do not take shortcuts or alleys!
6. Only accept candy at a person's front door. Do not go inside of a house or into someone's car.
7. Have a back-up plan in case you get separated from your group. Carry a cell phone or a walkie-talkie or money for a pay phone, and the number of a trusted adult.

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8. Don't eat any candy until you get home. Have an adult check to make sure there are no tricks in your treats! If there is any suspicious candy, contact your local police station.

Click on the link below for more Safety Tips during Crime Prevention Month!

[Click here for Halloween and other Safety Tips](#)

### **Be a Part of PERF's Organizational Assessment of the SFPD**

As you may know, the Controller's Office contracted with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), to conduct an organizational assessment of the San Francisco Police Department on a variety of topics including organizational structure, staffing and use of force. PERF will complete the Organizational Assessment and publish a final report in December 2008. For more information about the Organizational Assessment, visit [www.sfpolicereview.org](http://www.sfpolicereview.org).

The San Francisco Police Department and Office of the Controller invite the San Francisco community to take part in two upcoming public workshops regarding the future of the SFPD. Come hear the recommendations resulting from a year-long Organizational Assessment of the San Francisco Police Department and provide your feedback on everything from district station and investigative staffing to officer recruitment, training and use of force.

#### **WORKSHOP #1**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** UCSF Parnassus Campus - Millberry Union  
500 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco  
**Muni:** 43, 6, N-Judah

#### **WORKSHOP #2**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** Visitacion Valley Middle School  
450 Raymond Avenue, San Francisco  
**Muni:** 56, 9X, 9BX

Interpretation will be provided in Cantonese, Russian and Spanish. All sites are wheelchair accessible. Materials in large print will be available at the meetings. To request assisting listening devices, a sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please contact Alexis Ward at 415.364.0000. Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help to ensure availability.

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Visit [www.sfpolicereview.org](http://www.sfpolicereview.org) or call 415.554.5297 or email [info@sfpolicereview.org](mailto:info@sfpolicereview.org) for more information.

### Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911	
Non-Emergency:	553-0123	
Cell phone 911:	553-8090	
Customer Service Center:	311	
Central Station:	315-2400	
Web:	<a href="http://www.sfgov.org/police">www.sfgov.org/police</a>	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984 <a href="http://www.sfsafe.org">www.sfsafe.org</a>
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 Off. 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 Noel DeLeon & Bob Merino-Days Officer Tom Costello & Kevin Richins-Nts
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga- Nts Officer Dan Gallagher & Matt Fambrini
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](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov) or at the SFPD link at [www.sfgov.org/police](http://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](http://www.sfgov.org/police)

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**Join the SFPD Community Police Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check:**  
[www.sfgov.org/police\\_index.asp?id=20182](http://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