

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Captain James I. Dudley

Captain's Comments

One of the basic steps in **Community Policing** is breaking down large communities into smaller ones. The cops get to know the community and the community gets to know their cops. Management is handled by the Captain and Lieutenants. We go to meetings, make sure we have enough cops, guns, cars and radios. We make sure the officers get the training that they need. We study the crime patterns and make sure we put officers at the places and times where they are needed most. The philosophy works well in the Central District. I attend several regular meetings in the community and my Lieutenants attend several as well. Our foot beat officers do a good job. The people in the areas that they work in, Union Square, Chinatown, North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf know most of them by name. I have heard from several faithful readers of the newsletter that they like the reporting of local crime and information on marches and events. For me, it is a good opportunity to promote the excellent work done by officers on a daily basis.

Recently, I was told that several of the district stations, including Central Station was not inviting to visitors and that parking was a problem in accessing station services. Central Station is actually centrally located in the district and easily accessible by MUNI, walking in most cases and even by Cable Car. In an emergency you should call 911. Non-emergency calls are taken at 553-0123. You are able to make routine police reports by phone with our Teleserve Service or On-line at our www.sfgov.org/police website. In many cases or issues that do not involve a crime, call 311 for other City services, including for trash, parks, lighting, abandoned autos and graffiti.

In a City as large as San Francisco, we have distributed the workload of 49 square miles and 800,000 people into ten district stations. The Central District is unique to the other nine. Our crimes and issues are different than the others and our interactions with the community are different as well.

Broadway Corridor

Friday May 9, 2008:

Felony arrests made	5
Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	0
Moving citations	22
Parking citations issued	25
Towed vehicles	11

Saturday May 10, 2008:

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	8
Parking citations issued	11
Towed vehicles	10

The night Captain David Lazar allocated outside district units to assist with large crowds at closing. The Traffic Company supplied excellent support in the area. On 5/10/08, Captain Greg Coralles of the Traffic Company reported 35 moving citations issued and a stolen vehicle recovered. **On 5/11/08 at**

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midnight, Traffic Sergeant Bonnet broadcast a description of a young black male lifting his shirt to people on the street on Broadway to show a gun in his waistband. **Officers Tom Costello and Kevin Richins** spotted an 18 year old male in line for a club who fit the description. The suspect was detained and found to be carrying a long knife concealed in the sleeve of his jacket.

Prostitution Activity

On 5/6/08 at 10 PM, plainclothes Officers Kevin Lee and Jeff Smetherst worked the prostitution operation at California and Hyde when Officer Lee was propositioned by a 19 year old woman from Hercules, CA. The woman asked for an amount of cash for sex in a car. The officer arrested her, identifying himself as a police officer. The woman spontaneously said: "Are you serious? I am taking criminal justice classes. Will this affect my chances of becoming a detective in the future?"

On 5/8/08 at 1 AM a suspected prostitute and her suspected handler were arrested by Beat Officers Rene Nielsen and Matt Sullivan at Post and Larkin for loitering for the purposes of prostitution. The suspected pimp told officers that he stayed nearby the woman as she solicited men in cars to "make sure she wasn't messed with." Both suspects gave SF addresses.

On 5/13/08 at 2 AM at Pine and Leavenworth, Officers Jeff Smetherst and Kevin Lee arrested a woman from Fairfield, CA for loitering for the purposes of prostitution. The woman told officers that they couldn't arrest her because she made her arrangements via 'craigslist' an on-line classifieds service. The suspect said she listed the act, the price and even the length of the 'date' on her posting.

Crimes of Note

5/4/08-11:30 PM- Geary Corridor Beat Officers Rene Nielsen and Matt Sullivan arrested a black male from SF with possession for sales of crack cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana at Geary and Larkin Streets.

5/7/08-11 PM- Officers Nielsen and Sullivan made an arrest of a woman on probation on the 800 block of Geary in possession of suspected methamphetamine.

5/8/08-1 AM at 1100 block of Pine Street. Plainclothes Officer Martin Garay spotted a suspected auto burglar near a parked vehicle with a broken window. Officers Lynn Pomatto and Dave Frias assisted in the detention and determined that the suspect, a transient was on probation for auto burglary. The suspect said he only took a necklace from the car after seeing it had a broken window.

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5/8/08 at 3:40 AM, Officers Jeff Olsen and Jeremy Cummings noticed a man in a vehicle on the 800 block of Geary with music blaring from the open windows. As they approached they could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the sole occupant. After investigating the man from Pacifica, CA, they discovered a loaded handgun in the vehicle that belonged to the suspect.

5/9/08, midnight at Jones and Union Street- Officers Eric Letsch and Kevin Worrell arrested three men for assaulting a cab driver. The driver asked the men and a woman to leave his cab after they became abusive. They responded by attacking him.

5/11/08- 1:45 AM, Officers responded to a call of a fight inside a club on the 300 block of Bay Street. One individual required medical aid due to cuts to his head and face. A short while later, Officer Eric Letsch arrested a drunk male with blood on his shirt after the suspect spit blood on his patrol car.

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
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- Nights	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days	

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Officers Scott Korte, Ed Carew- Nights
Wharf Beat: 315-2400 Officer Nick Rainsford and Bob Merino
North Beach 315-2400 Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison: 421-6443 x37 Tel-Hi- Kelly Komasa

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 Citizen's 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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