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Captain's Comments

I had the opportunity to attend SAFE's annual dinner and fundraiser last week. They called it **"One City- Many Safe Neighborhoods"** to highlight and honor five of San Francisco's Safe Neighborhood and Business Watch Groups. Those honored were the **Church Street Neighborhood, 6th Avenue Neighbors, the Park Merced Association, NOPNA, (North of Panhandle), and our very own Union Square Business Watch Group.** **Linda Mjellem, from the Union Square Association,** graciously accepted the honor. A member from each group spoke about how their watch group was formed and how it brought people together to share in problem solving in their community. If you would like more information about SAFE, (Safety Awareness For Everyone), you can check out their website at: www.sfsafe.org or call Executive Director **Cindy Brandon at 553-1984.** SAFE offers safety information and safety tips, does residential and business security surveys and helps organize business and neighborhood groups.

SAFE Driving

As Fall and the wet weather is now upon us, please remember to plan ahead when driving in these conditions. Plan trips ahead so you will not have to hurry. Have your car brakes, windshield wipers and battery checked to avoid problems. With darkness coming earlier, turn on your headlights at dusk and keep in mind the "Trick or Treaters" that will be out on the last Wednesday of this month.

Halloween Safety Tips from SAFE:

It's almost time to "Trick or Treat"! Halloween is a time of candy and fun... but kids (as well as adults) should also think about safety, and how to avoid the bad tricks and treats. Here are some general safety tips to follow so you can enjoy yourself and have a ghoulish night!

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.
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, call 311 or 911.

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Central Events

On October 20, 2007 at 10 AM, several events, including a Polar Plunge by members of the SFPD and a Cable Car Pull by several teams will take place at Aquatic Park to raise money for Special Olympics. Funds raised will go toward training, equipping and traveling for Special Olympians in their quest for greatness. The money is well spent.

October 27 will be a big staffing day for the SFPD. The Anti-War Demonstration and protest will take place in the Mission District and will wind its way to Civic Center Plaza in the Northern Police District. Meanwhile, we will be facilitating a **march by Friends of Falun Gong at 11 AM from Justin Herman Plaza** along Market, to Grant, to Pacific, to Stockton, to Columbus, to Beach Street, to Powell, along Jefferson, onto Hyde and into Aquatic Park. The march is expected to attract a few hundred people and will conclude at 5 PM.

Broadway Corridor

<u>Friday October 12, 2007:</u>		<u>Saturday October 13, 2007:</u>	
Felony arrests made	0	Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	4	Misdemeanor arrests made	2
Drunk related arrests made	3	Drunk related arrests made	5
Moving citations	40	Moving citations	29
Parking citations issued	15	Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	17	Towed vehicles	15

Arrest numbers are down significantly from last year. That said, fourteen arrests in the limited timeframe and geographical area is still pretty high. Thanks go to the officers who have maintained their vigilance and to the Sheriff's vans and deputies who take custody of the arrests. Thanks too, to all the business owners and merchants who have implemented business practices to help the former situation.

Fisherman's Wharf

Beat Officers Noel Deleon and Bob Merino on Day Watch and Kevin Richins and Tom Costello on Night Watch continue to do a great job on the wharf. Auto break ins continue to be a large problem in the area. Please remember to take time to secure valuables out of sight or take them with you. Use a steering wheel lock if you have one and remove any wires, charges and cradles from sight. GPS units, laptops, MP3 players and cameras are the most often reported stolen items.

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Crimes of Note

On 10/15/07 at 2:47 PM, on the unit block of Northpoint, Inspector Mark Gamble of the Special Investigations Division observed two men flee in a vehicle after breaking into a parked car. With the assistance of **Officers from Central Station**, both suspects were taken into custody and booked on burglary and conspiracy charges. One suspect was on active parole, the other on active probation.

On 10/11/07 at 8:50 AM, on the 600 block of Hyde, a construction worker doing work in an apartment building sexually assaulted a tenant. **Officers Matt Fambrini, Daryl Fong and Robert Merino** responded and arrested the suspect, still inside the building. The suspect was booked on multiple felony charges.

On 10/14/07 at 1:36 PM, in Union Square, Officer Tom Cunnane was diligently on foot patrol when he observed an individual in violation of a Park Code ordinance. Officer Cunnane conducted a warrant check and determined that he had an outstanding warrant for burglary and theft violations.

On 10/10/07 at 2:12 AM, on the 400 block of Broadway, Officers Brian Oliver and Hector Morales saw an individual acting strangely in front of a business. After some savvy questioning from the Officers, the subject admitted to being in possession of powder cocaine. The subject was promptly arrested.

On 10/11/07 at 1:46 AM, on the 500 block of Broadway, an individual entered a liquor store and stole a six-pack of beer. Upon being confronted by store employees, the suspect assaulted them and attempted to strike them with the bottled beer. **Officer Brendan O'Connor** arrived on the scene and arrested the suspect.

On 10/14/07 at 2:21 AM, on the 500 block of Jackson, three men attempted to unlawfully enter the side door of a building. A witness called the police and was able to direct **Officers Brian Oliver, Hector Morales, Robert Kellog and Charlie Ng** in the direction where the suspects had fled. The Officers located the suspects in a nearby parked car. A handgun and significant amounts of Methamphetamine, and Marijuana were found in the suspects' possession.

On 10/11/07 at 10 AM, on the 1200 block of Columbus, four suspects were arrested at a hotel on charges related to credit card fraud, possession of stolen property, and narcotics possession. Arresting **Officers Al Ciudad and Eric Balmy** determined that all four suspects were on active probation!

On 10/9/07 at 4:04 PM, at Pacific and Grant, a suspect used force to rob a victim of two dollies used to collect cardboard. **Officers Steve Matthias and Robert Merino assisted Officer David On** in arresting the suspect nearby. Although this suspect was booked on robbery and aggravated assault charges stemming from this incident, he proceeded to commit crimes in the area again only days later. **On**

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10/12/07, on the 800 block of Pacific, he left a victim bleeding from the head after striking him several times with a 4' long bamboo stick. **On 10/14/07** this same suspect was found trespassing on the Public Housing Projects on the **600 block of Pacific**. Central Station personnel will seek to obtain a Stay Away order through the District Attorney's Office to prohibit this individual from being in the area of the 600-800 blocks of Pacific.

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	SF SAFE	553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	Sgt. Steve Shanahan	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	steven.shanahan@sfgov.org	
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:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff	
Homeless Issues:	850-6146	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, Cathy Daly and Vic Silveira	
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino	
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at Tel-Hi	

The Police Community Meeting is held on the third Thursday of Each month at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street from 6-7 PM

Megan's Law Website Access:

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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

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