

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Beats!

I attended a press conference with the Chief and Mayor last week on the subject of Foot Beat Patrols. The good news is that we will be supplemented with additional personnel to help staff beats at night in Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf and Union Square.

With that news comes the news that we are losing eight Night Watch Officers who have served well in their time at Central Station. I would like to give thanks to the hardworking officers who have appeared several times in this newsletter. I invite them all back when they are able to do so. This transfer is mandatory for officers in their probationary period to be regular officers at their permanent assignments. The officers are: Steve Uang, Chris Cotter, Jared Lovrin, Frank Leonetti, Joe Porta, William Toomey, David Serrano and Christina Pena.

We lose eight officers and get 16 in return. It is a step on getting a full compliment of officers here at Central and it is in line with the rest of the department towards climbing back to full staffing.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Officer Scott Gaines, who has the unenviable task of keeping things afloat here at the second oldest station in the department. Officer Gaines is assigned to Special Events but is also the Station Facilities officer. Recent accomplishments include:

- Overseeing the building of the first ever dedicated Women's Locker Room*
- Rebuilding the Emergency Generator*
- Overseeing the Security Camera installation*
- Building a small community meeting room at Central Station*

Broadway Corridor:

Friday July , 2007:

Felony arrests made 0
Misdemeanor arrests made 0
Drunk related arrests made 2
moving cites issued 21
parking citations issued 30
towed vehicles 14

Saturday June 23, 2007:

Felony arrests made 4
Misdemeanor arrests made 7
Drunk related arrests made 6
moving cites issued 30
parking citations issued 15
towed vehicles 13

Officers working the weekend did a great job dealing with very large crowds on both evenings. At one point there was a need to deploy traffic diversions. On Saturday night officers from other districts had to be called to help with several large fights in the street on the 400 block of Broadway. One club that has been problematic had a large fight inside that spilled out onto the sidewalk. Several inebriates were arrested and three individuals were charged with battery regarding one fight and one suspect was charged in another fight after 1 AM. I am sending a copy of the police report to the Entertainment Commission and will ask for help with the management and entertainment permit at this location.

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Success with the Chronic Resource Abuser- Our "Million Dollar Murray"

Recently, neighbors around Coolbrith/Alice Marble/Sterling Park have had to deal with an individual who set up housekeeping of sorts in the park. That is, he usually sat on a park bench spewing obscenities, smoked crack and assaulted passers-by. The thirty-something white male had been arrested over a dozen times in the past months for various charges from drunk in public, smoking crack, possession of drugs, assault, disturbing the peace to assault on a police officer, as you read here last week. If you add up the expense of dealing with this individual, he would pro rate out to something like a million dollars over the year. Police, Sheriff, D.A., Public Defender, SFGH, Psych Emergency, EMT Service, Probation, Homeless Outreach Services, case management, meds, etc. - they all add up when we get 3-4 calls per weekend regarding this individual.

Several Police Officers here at Central Station, including Mary Godfrey, Dave Boyett, Al Yip, Sgt. Carl T, Cathy Daly and others have dealt with the situation for months. Tenacious neighbors and the Russian Hill Association have kept us informed of the situation, calling often. We have recently received help from the District Attorney's Office Nathan Quigley and Probation's Darren Dill. The suspect remains in custody awaiting disposition on several cases.

Chronic Offender Part II

One individual was responsible for shoplifting sprees through stores around Union Square. Sgt. Ed Garcia staked out the area in an attempt to nab him. At noon on 7/23/07, the suspect arrived and proceeded to 'grab and run' from a store on the 300 block of Powell before he was apprehended. The cases will be bundled and sent to the D.A. for prosecution and a request for a stay away order.

Chronic Offender Part III

Officer Kim Koltzoff responded to numerous complaints about a fraud scheme on the Embarcadero. One suspect in particular would stand near "self-park" parking lots and accept payment from the customers. Losses amounted in hundreds of dollars and in some cases vehicles were towed in error. Officer Koltzoff arrested the suspect repeatedly over several months. This week the suspect was prosecuted for several of the bundled offenses and sentenced to 18 months in jail. This was great work by a determined officer.

Prostitution Activity

We continue to run operations through Night Watch Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt in response to rising incidents including shootings on our West border with the Northern District along Polk/Larkin/Leavenworth and Hyde Streets. We have two dedicated solo motorcycle traffic units to help with the reckless driving and pedestrian violations by suspected prostitutes who solicit men in moving vehicles.

Community News and Events

The Mayor will be holding a policy forum on Recreation and Park issues on Saturday, July 28. The meeting will focus on issues related to recreation opportunities and local parks and open space.

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

When: Saturday, July 28 from 10am-12noon

Where: Jefferson Elementary School

1725 Irving Street (@ 18th Avenue)

Parking lot on-site

The city is trying to get guns off the street.

Gifts For Guns- Saturday, July 28th from 10am-4pm at Civic Center Plaza

No Questions Asked- No I.D. Required

Bring in an operable firearm and receive the following:

\$100 Gift Card = Rifle or Shotgun (i.e. 22 caliber rifle, 12 gauge shotgun)

\$150 Gift Card = Revolver or semi-automatic pistol

\$200 = Assault type firearm (i.e. A.K. 47, Mac 10, Tech 9)

Here's how you do it: Firearm must be unloaded- Firearm must be operable

Firearm must be in clear plastic bag and put into another container (like a gym bag). If you are turning in ammunition, it must be in a separate plastic bag from the firearm. If you are transporting by car, transport the firearm in the trunk of a car.

Crimes of Note:

7/17/07 10:30 AM- 900 block of Columbus: FRET, Fugitive Recovery Task Force members Sgt. Espinda and Oscar Barcena arrested a wanted Parolee and weapons possession.

7/19/07 1:35 AM- 600 block of Lombard: Armed Robbery- 3 Suspects, primary suspect is a black male, 19-20 years, dark clothing, armed with a 'silver' handgun, dark American vehicle used. Wallet stolen.

7/20/07 11:45 PM- Pacific and Beckett: Officers Joe Porta and Brian Oliver spotted a suspicious individual lurking in doorways on a bicycle. When he saw police, he took off in the opposite. When stopped, he declared, "I shouldn't have run, because of the weed in my backpack." A crack pipe was also taken from him at booking.

7/21/07 2 AM- Officers responded to the 300 block of Bay, outside a nightclub on a large fight that spilled out into the street. Officers Christina Pena and Joe Porta arrested an individual for aggravated assault.

7/22/07 02:30 AM- Officers Martin Garay and Derrick Brown responded to a fight in the street on the 500 block of Green Street. Four suspects from Daly City and Pittsburgh, Ca. were arrested for felony aggravated assault.

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Central Station: 315-2400
Web: www.sfgov.org/police
(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SF 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:	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 & Jonathan Tong	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Dan Gallagher	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Pete McLaughlin & Dan Wynn	
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber	

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:

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 San Francisco Citizen's Police Academy

For more information, including application process, please call Ms. Lula Magallon at (415) 401-4720, or Officer Maria Oropeza at (415) 401-4701. You can also email us at sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Graffiti Alert:

Day Watch Sgt. Steve Shanahan is Central's Graffiti Abatement coordinator. Each month he collects surveys from the various beat officers to report graffiti to DPW and our own Graffiti Unit within the police department. You can contact Sgt. Shanahan at steven.shanahan@sfgov.org.

*Captain James I. Dudley
Central Police Station
766 Vallejo Street
SF, CA 94133
415 315-2480
fax 315-2450*