

Central Police Station



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

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

A lot has been said in the press recently regarding ‘**Quality of Life**’ crime and public drunkenness. **In March we made over 65 drunk related arrests at Central Station.** That number accounts for those booked for drunk in public only. It does not account for those picked up by MAP, (the **Mobile Assistance Program**), or those taken directly to 39 Fell Street, (**MacMillan Center**), or for those charged with another crime, mental health detentions and/or those transported by ambulance for medical treatment. All told, I am sure we had over 100 drunk related contacts last month. Each incident takes an officer or officers off the street for a minimum of one hour. Some bookings that require medical screenings may take several hours. It is an issue that is primarily medical in nature with no criminal charges to be filed, yet we deal with it every day, several times a day. As we progress in meetings to discuss the **Serial Inebriate Program, (SIP)**, we still meet with resistance from ‘advocates’ that say, in essence, that people have a right to that condition. In a **Community Policing** issue such as this, we can use help from impacted communities such as ours, in having support for a program like the SIP.

Public drunkenness impacts us all. We see it in several street crimes, auto-pedestrian accidents, petty crimes such as shoplifting, petty theft and aggressive panhandling. I am sure you have seen inebriated people passed out on the street. It is also a problem that saps our **Emergency Medical System, (EMS)**, as well. Drunk individuals take up hours of EMS service from falls, accidents, as victims of crimes, or from the chronic effects of alcohol on their own bodies. Please support our request for help in this issue.

In a related issue, we had **22 formal Mental Health Detentions in January, 23 in February and 19 in March.** Again, these are custody cases where individuals are noticed by Officers, or called in by the public. In most of these cases, they are not crime related, but require an officer to transport and individual to San Francisco General Hospital because they are a 1) Danger to themselves, 2) Danger to others, or 3) Gravely Disabled, (unable to care for themselves.) The detentions may be for only a few hours to 72 hours or more in extreme cases.

Every once in a while, we get caught ‘flat footed’ (pun intended), regarding spontaneous events. **Easter Sunday** was such an occurrence when Officers came upon a crowd swelling from 200-400 in size at **Hyde and Lombard.** Several individuals were dressed in costume and “Big Wheel” races were being held down our own ‘**Crookedest Street in the World.**’ The crowd in the immediate area grew to a few thousand by estimate and traffic was impacted for approximately one hour. A police report was made regarding damage done to the flower beds.

Fraud Scams

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While searching on the Internet for a car for my son, I noticed that several people selling cars on the 'Net are from out of the area and ask for cash up front for the car to be shipped later. Believe it or not, a friend of mine told me that her son sent a "broker" in New York cash up front for a promise to take the car for more than the asking price. Needless to say, the "broker" took off with the cash, and was never heard from again. Beware of out of area Internet sales with individuals who ask for cash, check, or money order 'up-front.'

April is Kid's Month!

At Central Station we are partnering with Rec and Park to start our **T-Ball Fun League** at where else? **Joe DiMaggio Playground**. Know of any kids, boys or girls 5-7 years old who would like to learn and play? Give **Tel-Hi Community Coordinator James Knoebber** a call at 421-6443 at extension 16 to sign up. Practice and games will be played on the black top at JD's Playground **Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM** beginning **April 24, 2007**. I or another officer from Central Station will be on hand to help out.

The SF Department of Children, Youth and Families have several events for kids for this month as well. Check out the DCYF web site for all of the events!

www.dcyf.org

Police Community Meeting: Thursday 4/19/07 at 6 pm sharp at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday April 6, 2007:

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

Saturday March 31, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
2 Misdemeanor arrests made
2 Drunk related arrests made
32 moving cites issued
46 parking citations issued
10 towed vehicles

Crimes of Note:

On 4/3/07 at 4:20 PM a passerby saw an individual lighting papers in the lobby of a building on the unit block of **Belden Alley**. The witness called police and stomped out the fire before it could spread.

Officers Paul Yep and David On interviewed the Asian male suspect and arrested him on an outstanding criminal warrant as well as charges for **Arson**.

On 4/7/07 at 2:30 AM Officers David Serrano and Sam Yuen responded to a grocery store at **Hyde and California** on a call of a 62 year old White man brandishing a knife at security there. The suspect

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was treated by an ambulance after he was pepper sprayed for displaying the knife. Officers arrested the suspect for outstanding warrant and charged him with trespassing and brandishing the knife.

On 4/8/07 at 1:50 AM a Security Officer for a hotel near **Portsmouth Square** asked a skateboarder to stop riding in their driveway. The Officer was set upon by up to 8 White, Asian and Hispanic individuals aged in their teens to early 20's as they assaulted him with their skateboards. The suspects fled prior to police arrival.

On 4/8/07 at 1 AM, Officers were called to **Hotaling Alley** regarding a group of young men who were fighting and damaging vehicles outside a nearby club. The suspects kicked over 4 motorcycles, damaging them before they could be stopped. Officers booked two Indian males for drunk in public and Felony Vandalism. Two minors were detained and released.

On 4/9/07 at 3:45 AM, Officers Derek Brown and Martin Garay responded to an Auto Burglary in Progress at the **1400 block of Clay Street**. Tenderloin Station Officers arrived first and detained the suspect who had just broken a window of a parked auto and was seen taking property from it. A search of the Black male 53 year old suspect revealed Burglary tools and suspected marijuana as well.

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

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Quality of Life Liaison:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	850-6416	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, 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.

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 .

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