

DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

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"Hunter's Chest"

Hunter's Chest is a program that was created in 2017 by Sergeant Richard Jones and Sergeant Jenni Hennessey-Jones to address a need observed with families making crime reports. Frequently, parents bring children into District Stations to make reports that involve the loss of property, such as an auto burglary. In many cases, the children have also had their belongings stolen. In these challenging circumstances, parents struggle to keep their children feeling safe and happy, and the children are often anxious without snacks, toys or basic necessities like diapers.

Hunter's Chest fills that void. At every District Station, and at many bureaus, a black plastic chest has been established. These "Hunter's Chests" have been stocked with snacks, water and toys. The chests also contain supplies for babies, such as diapers and wipes. Many of the chests include larger toys and books for children who are at the stations for an extended period of time.

The Department has created the attached YouTube video explaining the program in greater detail. Members are encouraged to hand out contents of the chests to the children and to the parents of children in need. These positive contacts can establish lasting goodwill between the SFPD and the children and families we serve.

Members may contact Sergeant Richard Jones at <u>richard.jones@sfgov.org</u> when supplies in the chest are running low.

Helping Kids with Hunter's Chest Video: http://youtu.be/txEtmZo26WU

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