

# Annual Community Policing Plan

General Crimes Unit



**CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

Police Department

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# General Crimes Unit Overview

The General Crimes Unit is an investigative unit composed of the General Work Detail and the Night Investigations Unit. These investigative units conduct follow up investigations of crimes including, but not limited to:

- Shootings
- Stabbings
- Aggravated Assaults
- Vandalisms
- Criminal Threats
- Weapons Crimes

## General Work Detail

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00AM-5:00PM

Current Investigative Staffing: 20 Sergeant/Inspectors

Phone: (415) 553-9192

## Night Investigations Unit (NIU)

Hours: Everyday 8:00PM-6:00AM

Current Investigative Staffing: 13 Sergeant/Inspectors

Phone: (415) 553-1201

# Goals and Objectives

The Five Goals and Objectives of the SFPD Community Policing Strategic Plan are:

- Goal 1: Communication
- Goal 2: Education
- Goal 3: Problem-Solving
- Goal 4: Relationship Building
- Goal 5: SFPD Organization

# Goal 1: Communication

Honest, transparent, and empathetic dialogue between the SFPD and San Francisco Community.

- **Objective 1.1:** Create a diverse set of communication channels between the SFPD and community: The General Crimes Unit will diversify avenues of communication by having representatives of the unit attend district police station community meetings/events.
- **Objective 1.2:** Respond to request for service and information in a timely and transparent manner: The General Crimes Unit will utilize retired investigators to minimize response times to citizen inquiries.

# Goal 1: Communication

Honest, transparent, and empathetic dialogue between the SFPD and San Francisco Community.

- **Objective 1.3:** Solicit conversation, input, and collaboration from historically underrepresented groups: The General Crimes Unit will coordinate with District Station Captains to attend events designed to increase communication with underrepresented groups.
- **Objective 1.4:** Transparently communicate, publicize, and educate community about SFPD goals and policies: The General Crimes Unit will be available at the events to educate the community about the investigative process as well as to field questions and concerns voiced by members of the public.

# Goal 2: Education

SFPD both trains and is trained by the communities it serves

- **Objective 2.1:** Train the community to empower them to improve community safety: The General Crimes Unit will collaborate with the captain of each district station to better understand the specific concerns of their respective communities prior to the district station meeting/event. They will utilize their expertise to prepare educational information and tips for the public.
- **Objective 2.2:** Invite third party and community instructors to contribute to SFPD training: The General Crimes Unit will collaborate with outside resources to prepare their educational information and seek to have these resources attend meetings/events when possible.

# Problem Solving

By educating the public at community meetings we intend to assist them in safeguarding themselves and other members of the community from a variety of crimes including:

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- Assaults
- Robberies
- Burglaries
- Thefts
- Vandalism/Graffiti
- Other crime concerns of the community



# Community Events

The General Crimes Unit plans to attend a minimum of one event at each District Station yearly in coordination with that district station's Commanding Officer. The venue is not limited to traditional meetings and could include any of the following:

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- Community Meetings
- Coffee with a Cop
- Virtual (Zoom) Meetings
- National Night Out

## Metrics

The goal of the General Crimes Unit Community Policing Plan is opening a more direct avenue of communication and education between the investigative division of the department and the public. The following is a breakdown of progress made in 2023:

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| • Number of community events attended                | ➔ | • 2 Community Meetings attended.                                     |
| • Locations of community events attended             | ➔ | • Southern Station, Park Station                                     |
| • Outside resources brought to assist                | ➔ | • SF Safe presented.                                                 |
| • Concerns expressed by each district's stakeholders | ➔ | • No specific concerns brought to us by stakeholders.                |
| • Educational information provided at each meeting   | ➔ | • Overview of our unit, the investigative and prosecutorial process. |

# Review and improvement

By tracking the events (meetings) that the General Crimes Unit attends, we will review on a semi-annual basis our goal of attending at least one event in each district. Feedback from the community members and station captains will be utilized to improve content.

**Community feedback has been positive. Since the implementation of the Community Policing Plan, General Crimes has attended meetings at 5 of the 10 district stations. We plan to continue to attend events and provide information to the community stakeholders and solicit any feedback that will assist us in better serving our communities.**

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Thank you.

Any questions?

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