

Central Police Station

766 Vallejo St. San Francisco, CA 94133 (415) 315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

If you have not seen the results from the **Neighborhood Safety Partnership Crime Survey** yet, take a look on their website or in today's SF Examiner. The Central District fared well in the survey, relatively speaking. For a large district with so many attractions and visitors, we are 3rd in the category of how safe people feel in their neighborhood. We are just behind 2 mostly residential districts. You can draw your own conclusions but I believe that we have successful communication between the citizenry and City service providers. I believe that we have an engaged community, concerned with making things better. As you may have read from previous newsletters, many of our arrests come from citizen contacts and tips. Thank you for all your help.

Do you have questions about trash, broken sidewalks, pot holes, lighting or other city service related issues? Need directions to a restaurant, movie, or show? Pretty soon, these questions and more will be answered by dialing 3 digits on your phone. Thankfully for us, the number does not begin with a '9', but instead with a '3"! 311 will be the number to call for City services in San Francisco. The service should alleviate some of the estimated 60% of non-emergency calls that are currently being made to '911.'

The service will have live operators on hand to answer questions 24 hours a day for 365 days a year. The \$4.2 million project will kick off at the end of this year and will be in full service on 3/11/2007.

The 311 Project is looking for focus group volunteers and will be hiring operators to train this July. If you are interested to volunteer or for employment you can call Tomas Lee at 554-0880 or e-mail him at tomas.lee@sfgov.org

Upcoming Events: There is a planned Immigration protest slated for today at 10 am at Montgomery and Market Streets. 50-200 protesters are expected.

Broadway Corridor:

On Friday 5/26/07 the area was described as "Active" but with assistance from our Motorcycle Traffic Company conducting a "DUI" (Driving Under the Influence) Checkpoint, fewer problems were reported. Officers made 5 Misdemeanor arrests, 33 moving citations, 21 parking citations and 15 tows were made. There were 8 drunk related arrests made and traffic diversions were used to help with vehicular traffic. **On Saturday 5/27/06** the area was "Very Active" with very large crowds requiring constant police attention and intervention. There were 3 arrests made, another 7 drunk related arrests and 26 moving cites issued, 28 parkers and 17 towed vehicles.

Crimes of Note:

On 5/21/06 sometime overnight, someone apparently broke into 2 separate vehicles on the **1100 block of Pine Street**. In one case a car stereo was taken from the dashboard. In the second, the suspect smashed the window to get a can of Coke!

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Later that same day at 4:50 PM, a suspect involved in a relationship dispute took it out on a third party victim on the **500 block of Clay** after an angry exchange with his ex-girlfriend. The suspect attacked another employee, causing significant injury to her left eye. Another patron attempted to intervene but was attacked as well. Officers Mike White and Paul Yep responded and rendered aid and coordinated with Bayview Officers, who arrested the suspect for aggravated assault.

On 5/22/06 at 4:20 PM, Officers Al Ciudad, Jesse Heredia and Phil Welsh responded to a call of a Burglary in progress on the **900 block of Vallejo Street**. After searching the area, Officers and the witness spotted the suspect coming from a side entrance to the building. The suspect was detained and found to be wanted for a Probation violation for receiving stolen property. Further investigation revealed that contents of his backpack to contain burglary tools, s metal punch tool and bolt cutters. Also found were the contents of a package delivered to the address. The suspect was booked for Burglary, possession of stolen property, burglar tools and the warrant.

SAFE Moment: In cases where you are not home to receive a package from mail or delivery service, you may ask that deliveries be left with a neighbor or held for pick up. It is not unusual to have “opportunity thefts” of shoes, packages or other property left on your door step.

Krime Karma:

On 5/25/06 tourists visiting from Australia were ‘purse picked’ in the Fisherman’s Wharf area by a suspect who took cash and credit cards. Later that afternoon, the couple was inside a record store making a purchase when they noticed a customer in front of them making a purchase using a credit card. Coincidentally, the somewhat disheveled customer had the same exact name as the theft victims. It was then that they realized the individual was the suspect who stole their property. The couple alerted security but the suspect became suspicious and fled the store. Responding Officers from Central Station including **Sergeant Ed Garcia, Steve Matthias and Dwight Lee** spotted the suspect and apprehended him at Columbus and Chestnut Streets. All the property was recovered and the suspect was apprehended for a Parole Violation, Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property and Credit Card Fraud.

Excellent Police Work and coordination resulted in the arrest of a Robbery and Drug Dealing Suspect. **On 5/24/06** just before 11 PM, Officers Lyn Masetti and Dave Frias responded to Columbus and Chestnut Streets to take a report of a robbery aboard a MUNI bus. The two juvenile victims explained that they were confronted by a suspect who demanded their IPOD and other items. While taking the description for the report, the Officers recognized the description as a local suspect that they have encountered on previous occasions. Officers Marc Chan, Jared Lovrin and Paul Doherty assisted with the follow up investigation and on 5/26/06 they spotted the suspect on the 500 block of Francisco Street at 6 PM. The officers detained the 22 year old suspect and while arresting him for the robbery, discovered that he was in possession of suspected ‘crack cocaine.’

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On **5/27/06 just after 3 AM**, **Officers Lyn Masetti and Dave Frias** were on patrol when they made contact with an individual at Pacific and Beckett. The individual told them that a suspect was inside a truck, going through the passenger compartment. The officers approached the suspect and told him to exit the vehicle. The suspect complied and dropped a screwdriver and putty knife and other property. Officers determined the vehicle did not belong to the suspect and took him into custody.

On **5/26/06** at noon, a suspect stood in front of a men's clothing store on the 300 block of Sutter Street, randomly shouting obscene remarks. The suspect became enraged when he was asked by store employees to move along. The suspect brandished a small hatchet and began smashing the door, threatening employees as he did so. **Officer Ed Browne** responded and searched the area, located the suspect on the 500 block of Bush Street and apprehended him.

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: 554-3906 **Niall Vignoles**

Dept. Parking & Traffic: 553-1943
DPW: 695-2020 **Dispatch**

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

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Community Liaison: 421-6443 x37 Jessica Look (Tel-Hi)

Phone numbers and web sites:

San Francisco Police Department Emergency 9-1-1 or non-emergency (415) 553-0123

Web site : www.sfgov.org/police

Central District Police Station main phone. # 415-315-2400

Central Station's web page : www.sfgov.org/police, and link to "Central Station".

Captain Dudley's e-mail address: james.dudley@ci.sf.ca.us

Central District Anonymous Tips Hotline: (415) 392-2623

Note: We continue to develop the e-mail list for our newsletter. Anyone wishing to receive copies is welcome. Please e-mail james.dudley@ci.sf.ca.us with your request and comments.

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