

Central Police Station

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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

There always seems to be some controversy here in the Central District. It is great to work in the area with an engaged community. If nothing else, we are not apathetic! People in this community have an opinion and take a stand. Remember the saying: "He who stands for nothing, will fall for anything." Community participation on several recent issues has been healthy and gives us a sense that we, your local police, are supported on issues that we work hard on.

I talked a while back about **Community Policing really meaning Community Problem Solving.**

Sometimes police work seems thankless and unrewarding, but oftentimes we are supported with good words and deeds from the neighborhood and business community in the Central District. There are three phases of Community Policing and I have seen the development from the first stage to the last.

The first stage is where people of a community ask: "What is the Police Department doing to stop this problem?" The second stage is Community Involvement in the problem, realizing that the Police cannot solve problems by themselves. The third and most important stage is when the Police, Community and other City Departments truly work together to solve problems with long term solutions. Sure, I still hear the occasional: "What are you doing about this problem?" but I also hear more commonly: "What do you *need* from us?" I'd like to say thank you to all of you who have been involved in the betterment of our Community. I'd like to name names, but I am sure I'd leave several of you out. Thank You.

Two milestones achieved last week in the Central District: #1: The lights have been fixed and reinstalled at Coit Tower! #2: The American flag is waving once more at Washington Square! Nice to have it back after the 4 month hiatus.

Upcoming Events: Tuesday **August 1, 2006** is **National Night Out** across the country. It is a special night dedicated to safety at night in the community and aimed at kids in particular. We kicked a few ideas around at my last Community Meeting. Some of the ideas for the 8 pm event were: Community walk with flashlights and lanterns followed up with a BBQ at a Community park such as DiMaggio's playground or Portsmouth Square. Other ideas included a Fun Run with lights or safety blinkers, a litter pick up, Bocce Ball Night Tourney, a family movie night outdoors and other night time activities. Please chime in, we'd love to hear your ideas. Community organizer Jessica Look and Cindy Wandel agreed to help with a committee. We are looking for volunteers to join and help plan our Community National Night Out.

Broadway Corridor:

On Friday 06/16/06 the corridor was described as 'Active,' however, for the first time in recent memory, there were no related drunk arrests made there. Other statistics included 24 moving citations issued, 32 parking cites and 17 towed vehicles. **On Saturday night, 6/17/06** there were 3 misdemeanor arrests made, 21 moving citations, 17 parkers issued and 15 towed vehicles. The area was 'Very Active' and 9 drunk related arrests were made.

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Other stats related in the area of the festival:

On 6/17/06 there were 9 Arrests made on Columbus and Green, Filbert, 1400 Stockton, Stockton and Green, Grant and Green, 1300 Grant, Grant and Vallejo. Several other drunk related detentions were diverted to 39 Fell Street, the McMillan House.

A Minimum 20 cites were issued for open containers in public or drinking in public.

Crimes of Note:

You hear about thankless jobs all the time, but being a parking control officer for DPT is truly one of them. **On 6/13/06 at 3:15 PM**, a parking controller was chalking tires of vehicles on the **400 block of Chestnut** when a double parked motorist became enraged and struck him in the face with some type of metal bar. The officer suffered a painful facial injury that was thought to be a broken jaw and possible concussion. School Resource Officer Steve Matthias did a great follow up investigation that provided details of the suspect vehicle and description who had since fled the scene. Eventually the suspect was taken into custody in the Bayview District and charged with Felony Assault.

On 6/14/06 at 1 PM, beer vendors were unloading their truck at **Columbus and Grant** Streets when a suspect approached a started making death threats for no apparent reason. At one point the suspect pulled a knife/box cutter and made slashing gestures at the delivery men. The suspect was held at bay until **Officer Phil Welsh** drove by and noticed the commotion. Officer Welsh drew his weapon and ordered the suspect to drop the knife. No injuries were sustained and the only casualty was a case of beer that was thrown at the suspect during the melee; the brand was not specified.

Officers have been aware of auto burglaries on Jones Street north of Broadway. **On 6/15/06 at 3 AM**, **Officers Dave Frias and Christina Pena** heard a broadcast of an Auto Burglary in progress on the **1100 block of Jones Street**. They met with the caller who indicated that the suspect fled down Pleasant Alley. Officers stopped and detained the suspect who was bleeding from a cut on his hand that he apparently sustained while breaking the vehicle window.

On 6/15/06 at 4:45 AM, **Officers Sam Yuen and Joe Porta** captured a Burglary suspect from a Bakery on the **1300 block of Stockton Street**. The suspect was described as "smelling of a strong odor of sweet bakery scent," and glass fragments were found imbedded in his shoes. The front glass door of the bakery had been kicked in.

On 6/15/06 at 2 PM, a 67 year old female tourist from Tennessee was inside a cookie shop on the **400 block of Pine** when a white male suspect reached inside and grabbed her purse from atop a chair. The suspect fled with the purse and the victim shouted for him to stop. An off duty security officer from the 300 block of Montgomery heard the shouts and chased the suspect. He was assisted by a co-worker and 2 other Good Samaritans. **Officers Mary Godfrey and Kim Koltzoff** arrived to find the suspect sitting on the ground, surrounded by the helpful citizens. The purse and all contents were

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recovered.

On **6/18/06 at 1 AM** Officers **Chris Cotter, Bob Kellogg, Martin Garay, Warren Lee and Sgt. Henry Woo** responded to **Vanderwater Alley** on a report of a Burglary in progress. Officers located two white male adult suspects inside a fenced area under construction. One suspect held a bag of tools and a flashlight. Both suspects had prior arrests for theft and Burglary and were on Parole. Both suspects were booked for Burglary, Conspiracy and possession of Burglar tools.

On **6/18/06 at 8 PM**, a 20 year old male rode home on a MUNI bus that broke down near 4th Street. The victim believes that at least 4 young black males observed him using his laptop computer on the bus and transferred to another bus and separated into different seats. The victim was almost home on **Bush near Stockton** when he was surrounded by the same suspects and the laptop was taken from him by force. The suspects were described as 25-28 years old, with the main suspect being 6'2" 200 wearing a blue and white baseball cap, short afro hair, long white t-shirt and saggy blue jeans. The Muni Response Unit is investigating.

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**

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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**

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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