

Central Police Station

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Weekly Newsletter

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Do you feel safe? Do you know your neighbor? Do you know when to call Police or other Emergency Services? Are you ready for the next "Big One?"

If you are not sure of the answers to any of the questions posed above, please read on to learn about services and resources available to you here in San Francisco. A lot of helpful information is available on the Internet on sites such as www.sfgov.org/police, (click on Special Operations information), www.72hours.org, (for SF Office of Emergency Services Information), www.sfsafe.org, (for SAFE Website and services descriptions), www.sfcdep.org, (for SF Public Health information including Avian Flu resources), and http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfnert_index.asp?id=3139, (for NERT information), the link for a preparedness information sheet from the NERT Newsletter is: <http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/fire/sfnert/home-work-carkitlists.pdf>.

If you don't have access to the Web, you can call **NERT**, (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team), at 970-2022. For Crime Prevention information, setting up a neighborhood watch or to get a home or business Security Survey, call **SAFE**, (Safety Awareness for Everyone), at 553-1984. Please take a look below at the descriptions of their organizations from SAFE's Executive Director Cindy Wandel and NERT's Lt. Erica Arteseros.

SAFE can provide businesses and residents with tools to organize and be better prepared for public safety issues. **The Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs** are intended to organize residents and merchants on a designated block or in a building, educate citizens on resources and safety tips, and empower neighbors to learn how to protect themselves, their families and their property. SAFE's Neighborhood and Business Watch groups are an ideal way for neighbors to get to know each other, look out for each other during times of crisis, and report suspicious activities to the police. Strong community bonds are formed, and SAFE's Neighborhood Watch groups have proven to be an effective deterrent to crime, and also a way to empower the community to problem-solve together. By utilizing SAFE as a facilitator for Neighborhood or Business Watch groups, residents and merchants have the skills and resources to assist one another in times of need or a citywide emergency, such as a natural or man-made disaster. We all will rely on the support of neighbors, friends and family to get us all through any type of emergency. SAFE can also arrange for an on-site security assessment of your home or business, and can give personal safety presentations to any group.

The Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training Program, (**NERT**), provides training in personal preparedness for disaster and emergency response. Since 1990 the NERT program has trained more than 14,000 San Francisco residents to be self sufficient in a major disaster. Through this program, individuals will also learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team.

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NERT training sessions are scheduled to begin April 4 at 5pm Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister; April 5 at 6pm Glen Park Rec Center, Bosworth@O'Shaunessy; April 6 at 9am County Fair Building 9th Ave@Lincoln in GG Park and May 6 at 6pm Fellowship Church, Larkin@Broadway.

NERT's City wide drill will be held Saturday April 22 9am-1pm at Marina Middle School. The public is encouraged to observe.

Upcoming Events: Two significant anniversaries are on the calendar this month. April 18th marks the **100-year anniversary of the great Earthquake**. Look for activities that day and that week in and around Lotta's Fountain at the foot of Kearny and Market and Geary Streets. It also happens to be the **30th Anniversary** of our Crime Prevention non-profit, **SF SAFE** on April 27th.

Broadway Corridor:

Central Station Platoon Commanders described Friday Night **3/31/06** as "Active" with crowds in the street at bar closing, multiple assaults and an aggravated assault. **7 arrests were made with 10 citations given and 5 drunk related detentions made.** On Saturday Night, **4/1/06**, the corridor was described as "Very Active" with traffic diversions necessary. Several fights were quelled on the 400 block of Broadway and **1 Felony arrest was made, 30 citations were issued, 2 vehicles were towed and 9 drunk related arrests were effected.** (See * listed reports in Crimes of Note section below.)

Crimes of Note:

On **3/28/06** at 9:17 PM, **Officers Nelson Artiga and Eric Valentini** responded to the 1220 block of Bush Street on a call of 2 suspects attempting to steal a car. Officers arrived and met with the witness who gave a description and direction of escape. An alert K-9 Unit of **Officer Kirk Bozin and his dog Rico** spotted the suspects and gave chase. It wasn't long before Rico chased one suspect up a tree on Austin Alley at Larkin Street. 2 other suspects fled in a vehicle described as a 2000 maroon Van/camper.

On **3/30/06** at 1130 AM, the 'utility imposter' and accomplice used a ruse to enter a house on the 900 block of Greenwich to commit a Burglary. This is the 3rd known occurrence in our district. The suspect is described as a dark male 30's 5'8-5'10 and 180 pounds, wearing a dark 'uniform' and tells homeowners that he is a "water department" employee. Members of the public should ask for an identification card before allowing access to your home or property.

On **3/31/06**, just after noon, Union Square area **Beat Officer Dan Gallagher** responded to several reports of a suspect exposing himself to passersby at 430 Geary Street. One

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witness signed a citizen's arrest form and the suspect was arrested. The suspect is a Black male, 5'4" 125 pounds, brown hair, black eyes, wearing a short black dress.

On **3/31/06** at 9:30 PM, **Officers Brian Oliver and Paul Doherty** responded to Battery and Embarcadero on the report of an auto Burglary in progress. **Officer Scott Korte** heard the broadcast description of the suspect and detained him in front of Pier 29. The witness identified the detained suspect as the person who broke into a car parked on the street. Officers found bolt cutters on a strap that the suspect kept around his neck and other means of breaking into vehicles. The suspect admitted that he broke into the car with the intention of taking an Ipod that he saw inside the vehicle.

On **3/31/06** at 02:20 AM, **Officers Lyn Masetti and Nico Discenza** detained an individual suspected of 'tagging' a restaurant at Post and Jones Streets with graffiti. As the officers searched the suspect they discovered bags of suspected marijuana and illegal 'sap gloves,' (gloves with sand or lead in the knuckle area).

On **4/1/06** at 3 PM, **Chinatown Beat Officer Leon Sorhondo** heard a fight on the 900 block of Grant Ave. As he responded, he witnessed a suspect running from the area but stopped to render aid to an unconscious, supine, 43 year old male, found lying between parked cars. Witnesses told the officer that the victim was chasing and arguing with the suspect, who seemed to be calling someone on his cell phone. A few minutes later 3 other teenage Asian males appeared and assisted the suspect in assaulting the victim. Central Station Officers are following up on suspect leads.

*On **4/01/06** at 02:08 AM, **Officers Kevin Worrell and Christina Pena** witnessed 3 white males striking a 22-year-old male who was lying on the street at Broadway and Montgomery Streets. Officers broadcast the description of the fleeing suspects and rendered aid to the unconscious male. Officers in the area detained several suspects but the witnesses could not identify any of them as the suspects. The victim was transported to SF General Hospital for treatment.

*On **4/2/06**, after 1 AM, several fights broke out on the 400 block of Broadway:

1:03 AM- Broadway and Montgomery- **Officers Doherty and Jared Lovrin-**

1 Detained, 2 booked for assault and drunk in public. Injuries to 2.

1:13 AM- Montgomery/ Broadway Street- **Officers Sean O'Brien and Keith Matthews-**

Numerous males involved in fistfight at chartered bus- 2 males detained-1 treated for bloody nose.

1:35 AM- 400 Block of Broadway-**Officers Nico Discenza, Lyn Masetti-** Victim of assault in a club by a known acquaintance- hit in face with object- treated to cut on face by Medics.

Suspect information included in report.

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2:55 AM- 500 Block of Broadway- **Sergeant Mark Hernandez**-Responded to Suspect causing trouble in club, threatening the owner after being told to leave. Suspect assaulted Officers at scene. Booked Felony threats, resisting arrest and assault on Officer.

On **4/2/06** at 08:55 hours, an **off-duty Officer Charles Wong** noticed a commotion aboard a MUNI Bus at Stockton and Pacific Avenue. The MUNI operator and victims explained that 2 black female's were caught attempting to pickpocket 2 elderly Asian females on board. When caught, the suspects began to assault the women and passengers attempting to help them. Officer Wong detained the suspects for Central Station Officers, who responded and took the women into custody.

Another great job of heads up police work resulted in an arrest of a Burglary suspect on **4/3/06** just after midnight at the 1900 block of Stockton Street. **Officers Scott Korte and Paul Yep** noticed the suspect, a black male, 42 years old, 6'1", 190 pounds wearing a camouflage jacket and dark overalls, dragging a suitcase and mitre saw from a building under construction. The officers noticed the suspect was wearing gloves and was in possession of several tools.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Central Station: 315-2400

Community Meeting: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 PM

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

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Dept. Parking & Traffic: 553-1943

DPW: 695-2020 Dispatch

Quality of Life Liaison:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff
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
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x37	Jessica Look (Tel-Hi)