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Captain's Comments

Congratulations to the Fisherman's Wharf Association on their PIERsafe Emergency Drill this past week at the old Cannery. Months of planning for the exercise included several hotels, businesses and public partners such as Police, Fire, US Park Service, the American Red Cross, and the Department of Emergency Management. The drill started at 7 AM and concluded at 9 AM. The operation was successful in setting up a command post, organizing rescuers and caring for victims. The planning fills the requirement to be self sufficient for 72 hours or more in the event of a disaster. If you have not participated in such an event or planned with neighbors or businesses, check out the SFFD NERT website to get started.

Halloween Safety Tips from SAFE:

It's almost time to "Trick or Treat"! Halloween is a time of candy and fun... but kids (as well as adults) should also think about safety, and how to avoid the bad tricks and treats. Here are some general safety tips to follow so you can enjoy yourself and have a ghoulish night!

1. Costumes should fit correctly so kids won't trip on them. Wear light-colored costumes so you can be seen easily at night.
2. Kids should not try to Trick or Treat by themselves. They should go with an adult and a group of friends.
3. Map out where you and your friends will be going. Visit only the well-lighted houses.
4. Trick or Treat while it is still light out; always bring a flashlight, it may get dark. Wear a reflective costume or stickers.
5. Pick well-lighted streets. Walk on the sidewalks. Do not take shortcuts or alleys!
6. Only accept candy at a person's front door. Do not go inside of a house or into someone's car.
7. Have a back-up plan in case you get separated from your group. Carry a cell phone or a walkie-talkie or money for a pay phone, and the number of a trusted adult.
8. Don't eat any candy until you get home. Have an adult check to make sure there are no tricks in your treats! If there is any suspicious candy, call 311 or 911.

Central Events

October 27 will be a big staffing day for the SFPD. An Anti-War Demonstration and protest will take place in the Mission District and will wind its way to Civic Center Plaza in the Northern Police District. Meanwhile, we will be facilitating a march by **Friends of Falun Gong at 11 AM from Justin Herman Plaza** along Market, to Grant, to Pacific, to Stockton, to Columbus, to Beach Street, to Powell, along

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Jefferson, onto Hyde and into Aquatic Park. The march is expected to attract a few hundred people and will conclude at 5 PM.

October 31 is of course, Halloween and we can expect, as we have experienced in the past, for an overflow crowd from other venues to end up in our district. As is always the case, no public drinking will be allowed.

Community Policing Spotlight

Community Policing is a concept that is often talked about, sometimes in esoteric terms. Ask ten people what it means and you may get ten different responses. Some may give the canned answer that it is “a partnership between the police and the community,” but what exactly does that mean? To some, like **Dawn Trennert** and others in the **Mid-Polk Neighbors**, it means bringing everyone together to tackle a crime problem.

Residents in the area along Polk and Larkin from Geary to as far north as Sacramento Streets had noticed an increase of prostitution activity. Ms. Trennert and a few others called both Northern and Central Stations because activity occurred along the district border of Larkin Street. The group grew in response to new violence between prostitutes, pimps and others muscling in on the activity. Soon all those with a stake in the problem were gathered in Supervisor Aaron Peskin’s office, including Police, Vice Crimes Detail, the District Attorney’s office, City Attorney and neighbors. Subsequent meetings in the district at “It’s a Grind” coffee shop on the third Monday evenings included representatives from Superior Court and the Mayor’s Office.

The result has been increased police in the area, a task force of officers from the Central Station, Northern Station and Vice Detail and follow-up by the District Attorney’s Office. **Sergeant Arlin Vanderbilt of Central Station** leads the effort and follow-up. We have certainly made many more arrests and prosecution is crucial in successful cessation of the problem. The citizenry effort is also renewed and revitalized. The group has grown to several dozen and has a usual attendance of approximately 35-40 at each meeting. They have been helpful in reporting activity and in coordinating meetings. Their persistence and tenacity towards this and other problems in their neighborhood is noteworthy. They now have a forum where contacting police and other affected City agencies is streamlined and effective. I applaud their effort.

Broadway Corridor

Friday October 19, 2007:

Felony arrests made 1

Misdemeanor arrests made 1

Saturday October 20, 2007:

Felony arrests 0

Misdemeanor arrests made 0

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Drunk related arrests made	3	Drunk related arrests made	7
Moving citations	23	Moving citations	23
Parking citations issued	14	Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	17	Towed vehicles	15

See Gun related arrest at the bottom of this report from 10/20/07, 1:54 AM at Broadway and Kearny.

Fisherman's Wharf

While driving back from the PierSafe exercise I noticed an individual at Jefferson and Mason standing by a newspaper rack. He looked around from side to side as he lifted a cobblestone onto the rack and wrapped it in a free newspaper. He tucked his package under his arm and began to walk southward onto Mason Street. I stopped him and questioned him about the rock. With no good explanation for his actions, I could only assume that he was about to use the instrument to break into a shop or car window. He gladly gave me the rock and after checking his identification, he went on his way. He ambled through the Pier 39 parking garage where I alerted their security group.

It occurred to me that several people walked by as the 49-year-old man dressed in a dark grey jacket and grey sweatpants wrapped up his rock. No one paid him any attention. With all our auto break-ins Citywide, people must be witnessing suspicious behavior prior to the crime. I am not asking for anyone to step in, that's our job, but to call in suspicious behavior to 911, before the crime occurs and to be the best witness possible.

Crimes of Note

On 10/15/07 at 7:20 PM, on the 300 block of Powell, a suspect stole \$450 worth of women's lingerie. The suspect, described as a black female, 18-24 years old, wearing a black jacket with a red hood and blue jeans, was followed into the store by 15 other young black females who stood by during the theft. The group left the store together immediately after the crime. This 'swarming' technique has been used by similar groups of young men and young women across the City at various locations.

On 10/16/07 at 9:19 AM, in Union Square, Officer Tom Cunnane was on foot patrol when he observed a man acting strangely in the park. The Officer's investigation resulted in an arrest and the seizure of weapons including an 8" cleaver, a 4" folding knife, and a 17" dagger. A check of the suspect's arrest history revealed numerous crimes of extreme violence, and various weapons possession charges, including a firearm.

On 10/16/07 at 9:00 PM, on the 1000 block of Hyde, a suspect entered a liquor store, walked behind the counter, and threatened the clerk with a hunting type knife. The suspect stole \$120 in cash from the

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register and fled the scene. The suspect was described as a black male 16-25 years old, 5'11", 190 lbs., wearing a brown hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

On 10/15/07 at 1 PM, on the 900 block of Washington, a victim suffered a loss of \$4,200 as the result of a computer check fraud scam. We have experienced similar reports of theft by internet contacts across the City. Beware the "something for nothing" scams that result from a bad check being sent to you for deposit. The suspect then asks you to keep most of the money, but for you to send him a substantial amount as a processing fee. A few days later, the bank discovers that the original check is no good and you are out that cash and the amount that you sent.

On 10/17/07 at 9:35 PM on the 1500 block of Clay, a woman walking home from work was knocked to the ground when a suspect ran up from behind her and attempted to grab a laptop computer from her possession. The suspect fled the area in a waiting dark colored Honda SUV. The suspect was described as an unknown race male, 20-26 years old, 5'6", wearing all black clothing and a dark hooded sweatshirt.

On 10/17/07 at 3:04 AM, at Post & Larkin, Officers Rene Nielson and Matt Sullivan were working in an undercover capacity when they observed a suspect reach through an open window and unlock a car door. The Officers arrested the suspect for auto burglary and determined that the suspect was on active parole.

On 10/19/07 at 4:18 AM, Officers Richard Hunt and Kevin Coleman responded to Taylor and Columbus on a call of an Auto Burglary. A witness told officers that he heard three loud pops and looked outside to see a black male suspect wearing a dark hoodie, lean inside a parked vehicle with a broken window. Officers arrested the suspect who was in possession of an air gun, knife, tools and stolen property.

On 10/20/07 at 6:28 AM, Officer Matt Fambrini responded to a call of a break in on the **1600 block of Stockton Street.** The owner arrived to find the front door apparently kicked in. The officer searched inside the café and found a 24 year old white male lying on a counter. The man claimed that he knew the owner and was an employee. He did not on both counts. The man from Minnesota was booked for Burglary.

On 10/20/07 at 1:54 AM Officers Brendan O'Connor and Christopher Olson responded to Columbus and Kearny, on a call of a man shooting a gun. Traffic Motorcycle Sergeant Steve Mroz, detailed to the Broadway Corridor spotted the suspect vehicle at Pacific and Kearny. Officers stopped the vehicle and located the large caliber gun inside the car. The gun was reported stolen from Daly City over a year ago. The suspect told officers that he was inside a club on the 500 block of Broadway and fought with four individuals inside. He went to his car to get the gun "for his own protection."

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EMERGENCY:	911	
Non-Emergency:	553-0123	
Cell phone 911:	553-8090	
Customer Service Center:	311	
Central Station:	315-2400	
Web:	www.sfgov.org/police	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	Sgt. Steve Shanahan
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	steven.shanahan@sfgov.org
Central Events:	315-2440	Sergeant John Colla
Central Permits:	315-2423	Officer Fred Crisp
Code Abatement:	315-2417	Sgt. Mark Hernandez
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820	Jill Cannon
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943	
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch
Quality of Life Liaison:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	850-6146	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, Cathy Daly and Vic Silveira
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at Tel-Hi

The Police Community Meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street from 6-7 PM

Megan's Law Website Access:

The general public can find out information on sexual predators on line by going to the DOJ website: www.meganslaw.ca.gov or at the SFPD link at www.sfgov.org/police. You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

Join the SFPD: www.sfgov.org/police

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Join the SFPD Citizen's Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check:

www.sfgov.org/police_index.asp?id=20182

311 Customer Service Center:

What is 311? 311 is a toll free, **NON-EMERGENCY** phone number that the public can call to access information about government services. A live customer service representative will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. The service is available to both wired and wireless customers. Wireless customers should call (415) 701-2311. 311 employees will be able to provide translations services in more than 145 languages and dialects and will employ a diverse staff of customer service representatives. Additionally, 311 is set up to accept calls from the hearing impaired by utilizing a TTY System.

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