

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, October 09, 2007

Events this past weekend went off without a hitch. Hundreds of thousands of people enjoyed themselves in Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf and in North Beach, (yes, that "Top 10 in the nation" neighborhood). Dozens of Officers worked the Fleet Week events, the Broadway Corridor, the 10/10 Parade and the Columbus Day parade as well. Excellent planning by **Sergeant John Colla** and his crew provided sufficient coverage and safety for all.

The Embedded Reporter

Last week we were joined at Central Station by John Koopman, a writer from the SF Chronicle. He has written several articles while assigned to Mission Station over the past few months. He has joined us here at Central for an undetermined stay. He wrote a nice article in yesterday's paper about our own **Phil Welsh** regarding a life-saving event in an attempted suicide try. Keep an eye out for future articles.

Best Wishes to **Sergeant Linda Wittcop** on her new assignment with the **Mounted Unit** of the Tactical Division at Golden Gate Park. Sgt, Wittcop has been assigned to Central Station for several years and is an accomplished equestrian on her off-duty time. She now has the pleasure of supervising the Department's Horse Patrol in a full time capacity. We thank her for her service here at Central Station.

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.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday October 5, 2007:

Saturday October 6, 2007:

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Felony arrests made	0	Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	4	Misdemeanor arrests made	2
Drunk related arrests made	3	Drunk related arrests made	5
Moving citations	40	Moving citations	29
Parking citations issued	15	Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	17	Towed vehicles	15

Fisherman's Wharf

Despite the thousands of people on the wharf this past 3-day weekend, the only complaint was about the traffic. Considering the numbers, that is a pretty good sign. Beat Officers have been working on the nuisance crimes including homeless related crime and illegal vending. Our auto boosting plainclothes operations have been concentrated there as well. See 'crimes of note', below for details.

Crimes of Note:

On 10/3/07 at 1:38 PM, at Embarcadero Center, a group of eight black males and females rushed into a retail store and stole 165 pairs of sunglasses with an approximate retail value of \$64,400. The suspects fled into two waiting vehicles parked nearby.

On 10/6/07 at 3 AM, at Polk & California, Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt and members of the Vice Detail arrested a woman and detained a confederate for loitering with the intent to engage in prostitution. In order to enhance the probability of a successful prosecution, the woman's activities were videotaped prior to her arrest.

On 10/1/07 at 2 AM, at Lombard & Sansome, a white male suspect burglarized a parked vehicle. Working with a description provided by a neighbor who had witnessed the crime, **Officers Monica MacDonald, Edric Talusan, Kevin Lee and Matt Sullivan** arrested the suspect a few blocks away. The suspect had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, a long history of theft and burglary arrests, and was on active probation for burglary.

On 10/5/07 at 2:05 PM, at Bush & Hyde, a suspect burglarized a parked vehicle and fled with a large amount of property. A witness followed the suspect and saw him enter a hotel on California St. **Officers Al Ciudad and Eric Balmy** arrived at the hotel, and arrested the suspect within minutes. The suspect was determined to be on active parole for burglary. The stolen property was recovered in the suspect's hotel room.

On 10/2/07 at 5:04 PM, on the 1100 block of Pine, Officers Paul Doherty and Jeff Smethurst responded to a call of a man with a knife. Upon their arrival, a witness reported that the same individual had just stolen items from the locked saddle bag of a parked motorcycle. The Officers arrested the suspect nearby and recovered the stolen property. The suspect had two outstanding warrants for his arrest.

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On 10/3/07 at 2:30 AM, a theft occurred at a residence on the 1200 block of Taylor. An individual entered into an agreement of sex for money with a transgender prostitute he had met at Post and Larkin. At the victim's residence, after the exchange, the prostitute fled the home with a computer, a wallet, and cash. The suspect was described as a Hispanic transgender wearing a dark blue top, blue jeans and white high heels.

On 10/2/07 at 3 PM, near Taylor and Jefferson, Officers Robert Merino and Seve Flores arrested an individual who was exposing himself as he begged for money. The homeless suspect was determined to be a registered sex offender and was therefore charged with a felony in this case.

On 10/3/07 at 12:21 PM, at Bay & Kearny, Officers Mary Godfrey and Kim Koltzoff were following up on information provided to them about an individual posing as a parking lot attendant. The Officers located the suspect in the area and detained him. The suspect was arrested on an outstanding warrant and was found in possession of parking (lot) stubs, and a glass pipe used to smoke crack cocaine.

On 10/3/07 at 11:33 PM, on the 900 block of Larkin, Officers Kevin Coleman and Richard Hunt were on patrol when they observed what appeared to be a narcotics transaction. The Officers detained the involved parties and determined that both subjects were on active probation. A search of their vehicle, pursuant to their probation status, yielded crack cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia.

On 10/4/07 at 2:36 AM, on the 900 block of Jones, Officers Christopher Olson, Brendan O'Connor, Kevin Lee and Edric Talusan responded to a report of a vehicle burglary. The Officers spotted the suspect leaving the area and attempted to detain him. The suspect ran from the Officers, but was caught a couple blocks away. Items stolen from the vehicle were recovered.

On 10/4/07 at 12:45 PM, at Pine & Montgomery, 75-100 protesters had taken over the intersection as part of their efforts in an on-going labor dispute. 22 members of the Service Employees International Union, insisted upon remaining in the intersection and asked to be arrested. **Lieutenant James Calonico and Sergeant Ed Garcia** headed the effort to clear the intersection as quickly as possible. The arrested individuals were transported to Central Station where they received citations and were released.

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.)

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Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SF 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 & Dan Gallagher	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Pete McLaughlin & Dan Wynn	
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber	

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.

SAFE is honoring YOU! This year at our Annual Gala Event & Fundraiser, *One City, Many SAFE Neighborhoods*, San Francisco SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone) is celebrating diverse and active Neighborhood Watch & Business Watch Groups throughout the city that have made our communities a safer place to live, work and play! Join us as we recognize those groups that have made a commitment to building partnerships with the police department, city agencies, community organizations, and the public in addressing crime and quality-of-life issues in order to make our city safer. The event will be held on Thursday, October 11th, 6:00 p.m. at the Green Room, SF War Memorial & Performing Arts Center, 401 Van Ness Ave. Seating is limited, so RSVP to SAFECity07@sfsafe.org or call (415) 553-1981. More information can be found on SAFE's web site: www.sfsafe.org.

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