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October is a big month for us, activity-wise here in the Central District. Upcoming events include: Fleet Week, (10/5- 10/9), Columbus Day Parade, (10/7), the 10/10 Parade in Chinatown, the Pier-Safe Drill at Fisherman's Wharf, (10/17), and Special Olympics Fund-raisers at Aquatic Park, (10/20). There is also the SAFE 2007 gala on October 11, 2007 and an annual Anti-War Demonstration, (TBA).

Accolades continue to roll in for Central Station members. The following is a nomination for recognition by the MTA for work done by legendary Chinatown Beat **Officer Leon Sorhondo**. He was honored today, 10/2/07 at the MTA Commission Meeting.

"I would like to commend Officer Leon Sorhondo, Star #1801, for his continuing support and outstanding dedication, care and commitment to showing his presence with the Cable Car Division. His walk - thru of the museum and around the Mason street barn is appreciated. The employee's of the barn are reassured by seeing him come though the museum and his friendly attitude to our visiting tourists is noted by a positive memory of the SFPD being taken away to all parts of the world. The Cable Car Division of the San Francisco MTA sincerely thanks Officer Sorhondo for his efforts so far and hopes to continue to see him ride up on his bike to the Cable Car Barn."

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.

San Francisco Police Effectiveness Review

The San Francisco Police Department, in partnership with the Controller's

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Office, is contracting with Public Safety Strategies Group to conduct two planning studies: Foot Patrol Pilot Program Evaluation and the District Station Boundaries Analysis, these two studies and are part of the Police Effectiveness Review.

Community input is an integral component of these studies and will be used during the development of recommendations provided to the City. From September 11th through September 24th, Public Safety Strategies Group (PSSG) attended over 35 community meetings across the City to discuss police district station boundaries and foot patrols. Outreach is continuing with use of on-line, paper and telephone survey. The on-line survey can be found at www.sfpolicereview.org under the What's New section.

Please take the time to fill out a survey and provide your opinions.

For more information on the project contact the Police Effectiveness Review at (415) 554-5297 or visit the website at www.sfpolicereview.org

Broadway Corridor:

<u>Friday September 28, 2007:</u>		<u>Saturday September 29, 2007:</u>	
Felony arrests made	0	Felony arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	2	Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	6	Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	32	moving citations	21
parking citations issued	22	parking citations issued	21
towed vehicles	17	towed vehicles	11

On 9/29/07 on the 400 block of Broadway at 10:40 PM, there was an incident of counterfeit currency passed at an adult entertainment club. The suspect was arrested with two counterfeit \$100 bills. That same morning after **2:30 AM**, suspect(s) unknown broke into a nightclub on the **500 block of Broadway** and stole 15 cases of liquor and a safe with its contents.

Crimes of Note:

Over a two day period between 9/24/07 and 9/25/07, members of Central Station and the Vice Crimes Detail cited or booked 9 individuals for **prostitution related activity** in the Polk/Larkin corridor between Geary and Bush St.

On 9/16/07 at 8:17 PM, on the 300 block of Northpoint, Officers Kevin Richins and Tom Costello were on bicycle patrol when they were informed of an auto burglary that had just occurred. Working with

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only a partial suspect description, the Officers were able to locate and arrest the suspect. The suspect was also found to have an outstanding warrant for probation violation.

On 9/22/07 at 3:33 AM, at Broadway and Grant, Sergeant Seth Riskin observed and intervened in what was determined to be an aggravated assault. With the assistance of **Officers Jessie Ortiz and Kevin Worrell**, two suspects were arrested. One suspect had been armed with a stick, and the other with a beer bottle. Both arrested individuals are residents of Santa Rosa, CA.

On 9/26/07 at 3:44 Am, in the area of Geary & Larkin, Officers Martin Garay and Joan Cronin saw what appeared to them as a narcotics transaction. The Officers detained one of the individuals and determined that he was on active parole. A search of the subject's backpack was conducted. Methamphetamine was found inside an eyeglasses case.

On 9/24/07 at 9:35 PM, on the 700 block of Post, Officers Paul Dougherty and Jeff Smethurst were investigating a complaint of loud music from a pickup truck. The vehicle had no license plates or evidence of registration. The Officers' investigation resulted in an arrest for possession of methamphetamine, and the seizure of falsified identification and a stun gun.

On 9/27/07 at 7:10 AM, on Montgomery and Commercial, a woman was walking to work when a man walked alongside her and suddenly grabbed her crotch. When the victim screamed, another citizen came to her assistance and helped detain the suspect until the police arrived. The suspect had insufficient identification and was booked.

On 9/27/07 at 10:58 PM, in the area of Geary and Hyde, Sergeant Jason Sawyer stopped a vehicle being driven without its headlights on. The driver, a 16 year old was unlicensed. The vehicle was determined to be stolen and the suspect was booked into Youth Guidance Center.

On 9/25/07 at 3:11 PM, on the unit block of Spofford Alley, a distraught woman attempted to hang herself after a domestic dispute. Officer Philip Welsh responded to the scene, located the woman, and immediately rendered C.P.R. to the unresponsive victim. Hours later, the woman was still alive and being treated at San Francisco General Hospital.

On 9/27/07 at 5:20 AM, on the 500 block of California, a victim was approached by two suspects after he used an ATM. The suspects assaulted the victim and stole \$700.00 from his wallet. The suspect was described as a black male, 23-28 years old, 5'10", 170 Lbs.

On 9/16/07 at 1:15 AM, at Green and Sansome, a couple was returning to their car when two vehicles pulled up alongside them. Three young Asian suspects exited one of the vehicles, and approached the victims demanding their valuables. One suspect punched the male victim twice and another suspect threatened the victims with a baseball bat. The victims were robbed of a purse, a wallet, and a camera.

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On 9/26/07 at 5:37 AM, at **Clay and Leavenworth**, a victim was walking to work when he noticed a car pull up alongside him. A passenger exited and robbed the victim at gunpoint. One hour later, a second robbery occurred at **Jackson and Powell** involving the same suspects and vehicle. **Officers Brian and Irene Michaud from Tenderloin Station** spotted the suspect vehicle in a gas station at Van Ness and Pine. With the assistance of numerous other officers, the four suspects were arrested and the gun involved was seized and booked as evidence.

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	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:

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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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