

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, December 19, 2006

Captain James I. Dudley

The “Fixing Broken Windows” strategy promotes the idea that if you show that you care for a neighborhood, paint out graffiti, take action towards all levels of crime, that you can avoid the big problems by addressing them at the smaller scale. In essence, if you have a broken window, fix it to let people know that someone is caring and watching out for the property. As I talked about recently, Community Courts and the Serial Inebriate Programs will address many of those low level nuisance crimes that, when allowed to run unchecked, manifest into bigger problems.

On a Statewide effort, the Board of Equalization is looking at taxing the malt beverages that seem to attract younger drinkers, some of them underage. There has been a trend to mix orange soda or similar ‘pop’ drinks with malt alcohol and to incorporate ‘high energy’ drinks with alcohol as well. In the southeast section of the City, one supervisor looked at regulating liquor stores when they become a nuisance. Locally, we have received support for enforcement along the Broadway Corridor and in our parks. Recently we implemented operations to address Quality of Life problems along the Embarcadero and at Ferry Park, in Chinatown and at both of our district Public Housing areas. We hope to see positive results from our efforts.

You can help by staying involved in your neighborhoods, forming Neighborhood Watch Groups with SAFE and by letting us know about the small problems before they get to be big ones. Thank you in advance for your help.

The Police Commission is coming to Chinatown!

I saw on the SFGov channel that the Police Commission is planning to come to the Central District and has specifically asked to meet in Chinatown in January of 2007. Everyone in the district is invited to attend. I will announce the date and location as soon as I get official notice.

Utility Burglars Strike Again!

We have been hit an additional 3 times this past week by the “Utility Worker Burglars” in North Beach and Chinatown. Two or three adult males, “Hispanic or dark European looking” in their 30’s-40’s dressed in work clothes gain the confidence of people by saying they are doing a check of plumbing or wiring. Once inside, one of the men distracts the resident by running water, flushing a toilet or similar. Meanwhile, the accomplice ransacks a bedroom of valuables. Please do not fall for the ruse. Legitimate workers will have identification. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. If in doubt, do not allow entry. Instead call 911 and report the incident, giving the best description of the men and their vehicle as possible.

Thanks to Tom Whelen at the North Beach Aquarium for the flier.

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Broadway Corridor:

Just when things looked like they were getting better.....

On 12/17/06 at 1 AM, Lt. Henry Parra reported that over 500 people showed up and got into the Zebra Lounge for a “Hip-Hop” event. Several fights broke out and Lt. Parra ordered the event stopped. I expect we could have had the same problems if, say Pavorotti had been scheduled for the entertainment, but somehow I doubt it. I will ask the Entertainment Commission to hold a hearing to look at this event and promoter. Aside from a dozen Officers and a supplement of 4 Sheriff’s Deputies already on scene, several officers from across the City were called to help quell the violence inside and out of the club. This costs the City in Officers being called off other assignments citywide and also for those held over shift in overtime.

There were 3 police reports generated from this incident including violations of the Municipal Police Code, drunk in public and assault on a peace officer, (Sheriff’s Deputy).

Friday December 15, 2006:

Felony arrests made
Misdemeanor arrests made
Drunk related arrests made
moving cites issued
parking citations issued
towed vehicles

Saturday December 16, 2006:

Felony arrests made
Misdemeanor arrests made
Drunk related arrests made
moving cites issued
parking citations issued
towed vehicle

Crimes of Note:

On 12/08/06 at 11 PM, Officer Debra King was working at the Embarcadero Center when several individuals crashed onto the ice skating rink on bicycles. Officer King attempted to stop the group when she was grabbed from behind by a member of the group. The group fled up Market Street until they were stopped and detained by Officers. Officer King was injured in the melee; 4 suspects were detained with one booked for “lynching” and others cited for trespassing.

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On 12/10/06 at 3 AM Officers Brian Oliver and Joe Porta viewed a man loitering on the 700 block of Washington Street. A consensual encounter revealed an outstanding warrant and found the individual in possession of suspected 'Crack' Cocaine.

On 12/10/06 at 9 PM, Officer Oliver observed a suspect riding a bicycle near parked cars at **Polk and Northpoint Streets.** The suspect spontaneously stated that he "was not looking into cars." Officer Oliver found the individual in possession of tools used specifically to break into cars. The suspect was on Active Parole for Auto Burglary and he was booked on Parole violation on advice of his Parole Agent.

On 12/13/06 at noon near the 900 block of Jackson, two men returning to their parked truck saw a transient taking trash from his shopping cart and depositing it into the back of the truck. When they told him to stop he grabbed a chair and threw it at them. He then pulled a meat cleaver and brandished it at them. The victim hit the suspect until he dropped the knife. The suspect was booked for assault with a deadly weapon.

On 12/14/06 at 12:30 AM on Northpoint and Jones Streets, Officers Derek Brown and Adam Choy responded to a call of a Robbery on the street. En route to the call, **Officer Sam Yuen** detained 4 individuals who fit the suspect descriptions. Four suspects in all were identified by the victim who sustained a head injury when he was struck several times during the robbery. The suspects, all juveniles, were booked at Juvenile Hall for Robbery, conspiracy and aggravated assault.

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:	554-3820	Jill Cannon

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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, Off. Cathy Daly and Vic Silveira
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 & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x37	Jessica Look (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. The night Lieutenant will run this months meeting.

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 San Francisco Citizen's Police Academy

For more information, including application process, please call Ms.Lula Magallon at (415) 401-4720, or Officer Maria Oropeza at (415) 401-4701. You can also email us at sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

NORTH BEACH Crime Bulletin

Burglary Alert

12/12/06

Burglaries from suspects posing as "Utility Workers" continue to be a problem, particularly in the Chinatown/North Beach area.

We experienced three such thefts in one week in September on the 1400 block of Mason on 9/20/06 at 3 PM, at 8:45 PM and twice on 9/18/06 at 2 and 3 PM on the 1500 block of Sacramento and on Auburn Alley. Suspects are described as Hispanic or unknown race with dark complexion, in 'work clothes', 40-45 years old, who approach a resident and say they need to check pipes in the house. One suspect occupies the tenant while the second ransacks a bedroom or other area of the home. The Burglary Detail is following up on CSI results and Central Station Beat Officers have been working with SAFE to keep area residents informed.

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ALERT: There are new reports of two such burglaries just this week (12/11), at homes near the intersection of Greenwich and Stockton streets, preying particularly on Chinese-speaking elderly.

