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Captain's Comments:

Approximately three months ago, Bayview Station installed a new computer system. Although it has been an improvement for the officers at Bayview, we have experienced some issues in attempting to distribute the Bayview Newsletter. There is an ongoing effort to correct these problems and we do apologize for the inconvenience. Past issues of the newsletter will be made available online at www.sfgov.org/police.

Food and Toy Drive

Bayview Station officers are collecting toys and food to be distributed this holiday season to the district's neediest citizens. If you wish to participate you may bring a new, unwrapped, toy and canned or dry food goods to Bayview Station located at 201 Williams Avenue. The toys will be distributed by SFPD's Operation Dream. The food will be distributed by the San Francisco Food Bank.

Public Safety

Safety Tips: Holiday Shopping

For some of us, a well-planned holiday shopping season is winding down. For others the shopping will take on a note of urgency the closer we get to our target dates. Whether we pace ourselves in an organized fashion, or fly from destination to destination in a frenzy, we would all like to hold onto our presents once we've purchased them. The good news is that, in most of us, hunting for the perfect gift may reliably inspire feelings of charity, and compassion. The bad news is that wherever there is money, or credit, there will be those who wish to come by it illicitly. Crimes of larceny shadow our brightest endeavors at this time of year. Be that as it may, we can establish certain precautions that make the chance of a Grinch among us dampening our spirits far less likely. Some of the precautions we take as shoppers overlap with those of other concerns, such as auto burglary, pick pocketing and robbery. We have covered each of these subjects in previous newsletters, and we will summarize a few of their more salient points again in this issue.

When you plan to make a day of shopping, carefully estimate how much in the way of checks, credit cards, and cash that you will need. Leave that which you will not require at home. Think about wearing a concealed money belt. If you already have one, use it. Leave your social security number at home. Never travel with it. Identity theft is a common crime during the holiday season. Before you have left the house, make a list of the 24-hour customer service numbers to your cell phone service, bank, and credit cards. If you lose any of them, or if you are the victim of some form of theft, you can call the institutions immediately to cancel the lost or stolen accounts and open up new ones. The sooner you call, the less likely you will be to suffer a serious loss. Keep the list in a place on your person that is separate from your purse or wallet.

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Over the course of your consumer sojourn, make a point of hanging on to your valuables and walk purposefully between shopping destinations. Trust your instincts. If an area has a reputation for crime, avoid it. Try not to shop alone; bring a friend or two. If you are shopping after dark, park in well lighted areas. If you think someone is following you, seek the nearest populated establishment for help. Anyone carrying a purse should keep it zipped-up, and held tightly under their shoulder. Even so, be forewarned, purse snatches increase in number at this time of year. Those who only carry a wallet should think about keeping it in a front pocket that is zipped-up or buttoned-shut. If you carry a backpack, do not keep valuables in the outside pockets, and buy some luggage-locks to place on double-zippered compartments. As you window shop, be alert. Call it “people watching” if you must.

When you make your purchases put them in plain paper bags, and staple the bags shut. Designer bags not only give away what you may or may not be buying for someone, but telegraph potentially lucrative targets for theft. Festive as the name-brand shopping bags may be, pickpockets and “bag-snatchers” gravitate toward them under crowded conditions. Beware of jostling and pushing, especially aboard public transportation. Regard overly friendly or animated strangers with circumspection. Regretfully, such behavior may be used as the prelude to a confidence scheme, or a pickpocket carried out by an unseen third party. Do not overburden yourself with multiple purchases. Cumbersome loads make getting through traffic, and being watchful problematic.

If you must leave purchases in your car, lock them in the trunk. Try not to leave anything at all inside your car while it is unattended. If you plan to travel to another location after having made purchases, lock your purchases in the trunk before you leave. Never lock something inside your trunk and just walk away. Opportunist burglars watch for shoppers who do this, and “boost” the vehicle the minute the victim is out of sight. Park in attended lots whenever possible. If you must give parking valets or attendants the key to your car, give them the key to the ignition only, and lock the trunk release where possible. Do not leave anything inside your car visible to passers by. Even valueless objects give persistent auto burglars the impression that the owner is careless and may have left something behind. Never leave your vehicle running with the keys in the ignition, even briefly. Too many cars are stolen every day in this manner.

Remember that as you conduct your business, you always have a friend in the SFPD. The “Safe Shopper” program is under way. Uniformed officers will be available in all of the city’s popular shopping locations. Should you require their assistance, you may reach them at either our non-emergency number, (415) 553-0123, or for emergencies at 9-1-1. If you are calling from a cell phone, and you dial 9-1-1, you may get CHP in Sacramento. Our last little tip would be for you to program your cell phone with the seven-digit number for San Francisco Police Emergency, (415) 553-8090. Happy Shopping, and happy holidays!

District Events:

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Flu Shot Hotline

Dial 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, for information on where one can receive flu shot in San Francisco. (Callers outside San Francisco dial 800-273-6222 between 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM). The hotline provides information in over 150 languages about the locations and cost of the shot.

Arrests:

Monday, December 10, 2007 – 10:36 PM – Possession of Firearm – Oakdale Avenue and Griffith Street – CS# 071 264 932 – Bayview Officers responded to a call of a security guard detaining a person that had a gun. When officers arrived on scene they met with the guard who stated that they heard the police radio traffic that a robbery just occurred in the Mission District. A car description was broadcast and the security guards spotted a car that matched that description. They spotted the car, detained the occupants, and found a .40 caliber gun on the floor. They alerted the police who took custody of the suspects and the gun.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 – 9:56 PM – Residential Burglary – Westbrook Court – CS# 071 266 217 – An alert citizen spotted some suspicious looking people lurking about her block. She observed them walk up and down the street and look back and forth. She then saw them open the front window of the home across the street and climb inside. She quickly called the police. Police arrived on scene at the same time the homeowner did. She gave the police the key to her house. As the police opened the door from the outside the suspects were opening the door from the inside. They noticed the police were at their door and tried to close it. Sergeant Dempsey kicked the door open and apprehended one of the suspects. Other officers ran in through the front. Another person was apprehended in an upstairs bedroom. The third suspect was seen fleeing out the back and down the hill. Officers gave chase but were unsuccessful in catching him.

Two suspects had numerous pieces of jewelry and currency belonging to the victim on their person. They were booked for burglary and possession of stolen property. One of the suspects had his parole revoked. During the booking process one of the suspects stated, "Can I keep the \$48.00? That belongs to me."

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 – 5:00 PM – Possession of a Firearm – Topeka Avenue – CS# 071 268 257 – An after school disagreement ended with two juveniles booked at Youth Guidance Center for possession of a handgun and crack cocaine. Police were summoned to Topeka Avenue on a report of a person with a gun. As police came on scene, a juvenile fled the area but not before stashing a gun in a bush. He was quickly apprehended by the plainclothes team. It was learned that after school there was a disagreement between two different factions on San Bruno Avenue. As one of the groups left the area the other followed. At one point someone from that latter group took out a gun, waved it in the air and

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threatened the other group. The first group sought refuge in an aunt's home on Topeka Avenue where the police were summoned.

One juvenile was booked for possession of a gun and possession of crack cocaine. Another juvenile was booked for battery.

Thursday, December 13, 2007 – 4:45 PM – Possession of a Firearm – Paul and San Bruno - CS# 071 275 898 – Bayview Officers responded to the area of Paul and San Bruno Avenues on report of a person carrying a rifle. The man was spotted walking on the street. Officer Mustafich was the first to reach the man. As he got closer it appeared that suspect was attempting to take the rifle out of the carrying case. The man was tackled and taken into custody and the gun was recovered. The man was booked on weapons charges.

Saturday, December 16, 2007 – 11:01 PM – Possession of a Firearm – 1300 Block of Yosemite – CS# 071 286 964 – Officers Bates and Gonzales received information that a person was dealing methamphetamine from his trailer on the 1300 block of Yosemite Avenue. They learned of the person's name and discovered that he was on probation with a warrantless search condition. A search of his premises was performed and methamphetamine, a semi-automatic rifle and shotgun was located. The man was booked for possession of narcotics and weapons violations. His probation was revoked.

Significant Incidents:

Monday, December 10, 2007 – 6:50 AM – Recovered Vehicle, Parolee at Large – 19th and Indiana Streets – CS# 071 261 336 – A parolee at large was arrested today by Officers Moore and Altofer. The Officers were responding to a citizen complaint of someone dumping trash. The caller gave the description of the vehicle and the suspect. The Officers located the truck and the suspect. A computer check revealed that the suspect was a parolee at large and that the truck was stolen.

The trash that the suspect was dumping out on the street was the car registration and other documents belonging to the owner of the truck. The suspect was booked on the parole warrant and vehicle theft charges. The rightful owner of the truck was contacted and reunited with the truck.

Monday, December 10, 2007 – 3:45 PM – Cocaine base for Sale, Gang Affiliation – 3rd Street and Jamestown Avenue - CS# 071 263 348 – Two known gang members, who were also on probation, were walking in the area of 3rd Street and Jamestown Avenue. They were spotted by the plain clothes team who exercised their search condition. Crack cocaine, packaged for individual sale was found on one of

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the subjects. He was arrested and charged with narcotics possession and because he was a documented gang member, the gang enhancement was also charged.

Miscellaneous Incidents:

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 -10:48 hours – Parolee at Large – Jerrold Avenue and Phelps Street – CS# 071 265 093 – A parolee at large was returned to State Prison after being spotted riding his bicycle after darkness without a light. Officers Ruiz and Luedtke made the detention and a computer record revealed the outstanding parole status.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 – 8:23 PM – Possession of Stolen Property, Driving without a license – CS# 071 272 941 – Officer Gonzales and Bates were driving behind a vehicle when they ran a routine computer check of the license plate. They saw that the license plate belonged to a Chevrolet but they were driving behind a Honda. A traffic stop was performed and it was determined that the driver was operating the car with a suspended drivers' license. Computer records also indicated that the license plate was reported as stolen. The driver was booked for possession of stolen property and the car towed.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 – 12:45 PM & to 12:49 PM – Warrant Arrest – 1600 block of McKinnon Avenue - Two people were arrested on outstanding warrants in two separate incidents at the same location in the span of five minutes. The first suspect was arrested on a felony burglary charge from Marin County after being spotted by the Bayview Plainclothes Team that had knowledge that the man was wanted.

A few minutes, Bayview bike Officers Festa and Martin. This suspect was spotted alerting other individuals of the officer's presence in this drug plagued area. The officers did a wants and warrants check and learned that the suspect had three felony warrants for burglary, and narcotics charges.

Bayview Station Resource List:

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Customer Service Center: 311, for TTY or outside SF dial 415-701-2323
Cell phone 911: 553-8090 or 911
Bayview Station: 671-2300

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Web: www.sfgov.org/police (For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

Captain Albert Pardini	671-2303	albert.pardini@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	822-8147	Bayview Station's Voicemail
SFPD Anonymous Tip Line	575-4444	Live person 24-hrs a day
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	
Bayview Events:	671-2302	Sergeant Ava Garrick
Bayview Permits:	671-2313	Officer Gigi George
Code Abatement:	671-2302	Sergeant Ava Garrick
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3874	Yvonne Mere
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943	
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch
Quality of Life Liaison:	671-2332	Officer Marty Bandvik (Cell 850-9740)
SF SAFE	553-1984	San_Francisco_SAFE_Inc@mail.vresp.com
Abandoned Auto	850-9737	Officer Rodriguez (Mon- Fri 7AM – 3 PM)
Homeless Issues:	671-2332	Officer Marty Bandvik (Cell 850-9740)
Third Street Beat:	671-2300	Officer Festa & Officer Martin
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San Bruno Avenue:	671-2300	Officer Mattei & Officer Fong
Bayview Narcotics	254-7197	Sgt. Hagan & Sgt. Dempsey
Westbrook Development	509-1678	Officer Wise & Officer Cahill
Westbrook Development	806-8304	Officer Reynoso & Officer Pasqua
Potrero Hill Development	509-1408	Officer Rodatos & Officer E. Martinez
Potrero Hill Development	987-6389	Officer Fowlie & Officer Ferraez
Hunter's View Development	987-6569	Officer Brian Petiti & Officer Chantal
Hunter's View Development	509-1270	Officer Robinson & Officer Dockery
Community Liaison:	671-2302	Sergeant Garrick

District Station Monthly Community Meeting

My next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th, 2008 at the Bayview Station Community Room at 201 Williams Avenue at 6:00 PM. Entry can be made through the Newhall Street door.

Beginning in February 2008, the monthly community meeting will be moved to the first Wednesday of each month. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

The San Francisco Police Department is currently hiring:

The San Francisco Police Department is continuously hiring qualified applicants. Applicants must be 21 years old, have a valid driver's license, must be a US citizen, must have a high school diploma or

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equivalent, and must not have been convicted of a felony or convicted of a misdemeanor which would prohibit possession of a firearm. For more information or to apply, contact the Department of Human Resource at 44 Gough Street, San Francisco. Additionally, applications are available on-line at www.sfgov.org/police or <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sf/default.cfm?action=jobs>.

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.

Graffiti Alert:

Day Watch Sergeant, Ava Garrick, is Bayview Station's Graffiti Abatement coordinator. Each month he collects surveys from the various beat officers to report graffiti to DPW and our own Graffiti Unit within the police department. You can contact Sgt. Ava Garrick at ava.garrick@sfgov.org.

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. TTY users and customers outside San Francisco should dial 415-701-2323.

Cell phone 911:

How does 911 work on cell phones in San Francisco?

If you are on **surface streets** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Services. Once the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Services determine what emergency services are needed, they will then route your 911 call to the San Francisco Police Department or the San Francisco Fire Department, including ambulance service.

If you are on a **freeway** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by either by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Services or the California Highway Patrol Dispatch

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Center. Regardless, your 911 call will be routed to the proper emergency agency, the San Francisco Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, or the San Francisco Fire Department, including ambulance service.

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