

Central Police Station

766 Vallejo St. San Francisco, CA 94133 (415) 315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Traffic issues within the district are important. Every Officer assigned to the station is mindful of moving traffic violations as a regular part of our job. We also have the benefit of having two Solo Motorcycle Officers assigned to our station, **John Schmolke and Andrew O'Mahoney**. These Officers are responsible for traffic problem areas and accident investigation. Recently, we have had 2 traffic fatalities of elderly individuals struck by large vehicles. Ironically, one was a Cable Car on tracks on Columbus Street and the other was a motorized 'cable car' bus on wheels at Stockton and Jackson Streets.

While these accidents are under investigation, everyone should be mindful of motor vehicles whether you have the right-of-way or not. Simply being in the crosswalk does not guarantee that you are free from potential danger. Please remember to make eye contact with drivers and make sure you have enough time and clearance to make it across the street. Many accidents occur from backing vehicles or pedestrians darting out mid-block or from between parked cars. Children should always be led by the hand across the street.

Upcoming Events: April 1 is April Fool's Day and the associated "St. Stupid's Day" March through the North Beach area of the district. March Gladness Volleyball Tournament, Chinese Rec Center, 3/25/06, 1000AM-4 PM.

Broadway Corridor

St. Patrick's Day was extremely busy throughout the district. Veteran Officers noted that it was busier than in recent years with bigger crowds and more activity than on New Year's Eve. Street closures on Front Street and Green Street kept us busy with large crowds at each venue. In addition, in the early hours of **3/18** we investigated a stabbing at 0100 hours at Broadway and Montgomery and another at 0226 hours at Vallejo and Columbus Streets.

On **3/17/06** there were 2 arrests, 17 citations issued and 9 drunk related arrests made. Traffic Barricades were necessary due to the large volume of traffic. Officers broke up the beginning of a "sideshow" (vehicles making circles, squealing tires, etc.) on the 300 block of Broadway. On **3/18/06**, Officers made 2 felony arrests on the 400 block of Broadway Street, there were 15 citations issued with 4 drunk related arrests made.

There were so many occurrences of open drinking out of bottles and cans along the Grant Street Corridor that Permit Officer Fred Crisp and myself asked 3 Liquor Store operators to stop selling alcoholic beverages shortly after midnight. All three stores complied with the requests.

Crimes of Note

Officers Brian Oliver and Paul Doherty conducted an investigation of an individual posting weapons on a website, for sale in the North Beach/Chinatown area. On **3/16/06** the Officers made contact with the individual who agreed to sell them weapons including brass knuckles, switchblade

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knives and collapsible batons. The Officers made the arrest and recovered several items including replica guns as well.

On **3/17/06** at 7 PM Officers were flagged down by a man who had been assaulted after a dispute inside a bar on the 300 block of Geary Street. **Officers Sean O'Brien and Keith Matthews** rendered aid to the victim and subsequently arrested the suspect who was still inside the bar. The suspect was charged with felony aggravated assault.

On **3/18/06** at 11:45 PM, **Officers Paul Doherty and Brian Oliver** made an arrest of two individuals at **Powell and Jackson**. Both suspects were armed with Auto Burglary tools and had a history of arrests for auto theft, auto burglary and possession of burglar tools.

On **03/18/06**, just after midnight, Officers Doherty and Oliver observed a fist fight on the 400 Block of Broadway and made the arrest of the suspect. The victim had been punched numerous times and was kicked in the face as well, sustaining cuts to his nose, cheek and chin.

On **3/18/06** at 0100 AM, Officers responded to **Broadway and Montgomery** on a report of a stabbing. A limousine driver told officers that his fare got into the vehicle with stab wounds to his head and chest. The victim said that he and friends had been waiting on line in front of a club when a fight broke out. The victim was struck several times but told officers that he would not be able to identify the suspects.

On **3/18/06** at 2:25 AM, a male victim and companions were walking on **Columbus and Vallejo** when a group of Hispanic males made a gesture to one of his female companions. The victim pushed the suspect away and was then beset upon by the group. As he walked away he noticed that his sweater was torn and that he had been apparently had been stabbed. There was a delay in the reporting since the victim responded directly to SF General Hospital for treatment; no suspects were identified.

At 11 AM on **3/18/06**, Officers responded to Coit Tower to make a report on 10 vandalized light poles that were broken sometime the previous evening.

On **3/19/06** at 2 PM, a neighbor called police after seeing an auto burglary in a lot near Vallejo and Sansome Streets. The witness gave the suspects vehicle description and the last known location. **Officer Mary Godfrey** responded to the area and spotted the vehicle at Broadway near Front Street and affected a traffic stop. After a thorough investigation, the suspect was arrested with auto burglary tools and stolen items were recovered.

Finally, on 3/19/06 at 9:30 AM, in a very unusual case, a homeless individual reported that a liquor store clerk told him that a "Lottery Scratcher" he held was worth \$20 thousand dollars. After the ticket holder calmed down and caught his breath, the next person in line asked him for

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a thousand dollars. After a brief, but unsatisfying exchange of words, the suspect left the store. As he walked on Union Street the suspect reappeared from a vehicle, simulated having a weapon and demanded the ticket. The victim initially fled, but double backed at a run towards the suspect who promptly got back into his vehicle and fled the scene.

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:	554-3906	Niall Vignoles	

Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943		
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch	

Quality of Life Liaison: 298-0903 Officer Kim Koltzoff

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

Community Liaison: 421-6443 x37 Jessica Look (Tel-Hi)

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