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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Captain James I. Dudley

I am actually away at Incident Command Training this week but I dropped in for the newsletter. It is a good opportunity to train for large incidents with my counterparts from Fire, Public Health, DPT and other City Agencies.

Good things from our neighbors:

Thanks to Bob Pester and Joe Chiamparino of Boston Properties for the donation to the Officer Nick Tomasito Birco Fund. Officer Birco was killed in the line of duty while attempting to stop a fleeing suspect in the Bayview District on July 26, 2006.

Operation Green Connect took place at Joe DiMaggio Playground and the turn out was good. Volunteers from the neighborhood helped pull weeds, paint out graffiti and spruce up the playground.

On the 1000 block of Pine Street, a neighborhood association is planning a "Safety Night" complete with speakers from Police and Fire, capped off with a fire drill.

Lost/Found:

Found- one large bag of green leafy material was left in a full garbage bag aboard a MUNI bus at Beach and Powell on 8/18/06. Maintenance workers summoned **Officers Damien Fahey and Kevin Worrell** after they found a large bag of suspected marijuana secreted in the back of a bus that was out for service. Owner(s) can turn themselves in/claim their property at Central Station near the jail sally port.

ATM Alert!

Ever try to get cash from an ATM and the cash does not come out? Before you walk away, make sure you get your card, receipt and look up the cash slot for obstructions. On Friday I detained an individual who had reportedly jammed a napkin or other obstruction in the cash retrieval slot at the ATM at Beach and Mason Streets. The suspect stands off to the side and waits for a patron to attempt to withdraw cash. The money gets stuck and the machine reads "error" and the card is returned. If the frustrated patron leaves the machine, the suspect then returns and removes the wad of obstruction and takes the cash with tweezers or other means.

SAFE Bicycle Safety Fair Part II:

Donate that bike that is just sitting in your garage, hallway or other crowded space! SAFE is looking for bikes that can be tuned up for a local kid to use. It will be a tax deductible donation. Bicycle Safety is important - On Friday, August 25th at the Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach, SAFE will bring the kids of North Beach Place together with the police and other bicycle safety experts for a day of education and fun. Kids will learn about bicycle safety and theft

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prevention, receive free helmets and fittings, get bike tune-ups, and have fun in the bike rodeo. They will also receive safety reflectors that will help keep them visible both day and night.

This community policing and safety event is sponsored by North Beach Place, San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority, the Bicycle Coalition, SAFE, SFPD and the Joe DiMaggio Playground. You can help us too - if you would like to volunteer for the fair or donate a kids bicycle, let us know! Call **Oona at 553-1052**, or email her at oona@sfsafe.org.

Broadway Corridor:

On 8/18/06 the corridor was described as active with 12 drunk related arrests made. There were also 21 moving citations issued, 25 parking tickets and 17 vehicles towed. Both vehicular and pedestrian diversions were necessary.

On 8/19/06 the area was manageable until approximately 1:30 AM when several fights broke out at Broadway and Kearny, Broadway and Columbus, Broadway and Montgomery. (See narcotics sale arrests made at Grant and Green below). Officers also made an arrest of 3 suspected gang members from a Robbery at Broadway and Kearny Streets at 02:51 AM. (See report below). In all, 5 Felony arrests were made, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 5 drunk related arrests, 14 moving citations were issued, 19 parking tags and 15 towed vehicles were made. Both vehicular and pedestrian diversions were necessary.

Crimes of Note:

On 8/17/06 at 11 PM, Officers Norman Rice and Scott Korte responded to the 700 block of Clay **Street** where they learned that a group of 3 young adults were attacked by a group of young Asian males at **Portsmouth Square**. The group was sitting in the square when they were insulted by a small group of youths. The suspect group ran off with an Ipod and backpack belonging to a female victim. Her friend confronted the group and was quickly attacked by 15-20 young males and females. Officers took several suspects into detention but only 4 could be positively identified as some of the attackers. The suspects were booked for aggravated assault and robbery and held for our Gang Task Force.

Robbery Crime Trend:

A suspect committed a purse snatch in broad daylight on 8/19/06 at 3 PM on Wayne Alley near Washington Street. The suspect approached the Asian female victim, aged 69 from behind and forced her purse from her shoulder. Her right wrist was injured in the process. Officers from Central Station and the Robbery Detail are attempting to identify the suspect who may have committed several similar crimes in a 6 block area around Ping Yuen Public Housing.

Local residents are encouraged to call police to report any suspicious activity. The suspect has a pattern of loitering in the area before committing the crime. Witnesses should call 911 and say they

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may have seen a Robbery Suspect. He is described as a black male, 22-34 years old 5'10-6'1 with a thin build and no facial hair. He was last seen wearing a blue cap, dark jacket and pants. Individuals who feel they may be watched by such an individual should seek help, walk into a store or business and call Police at "9-1-1."

On 8/19/06 at 11:30 PM Officers Paul Doherty and Nick Discenza made an excellent arrest of individuals suspected of selling narcotics from a car on the 1300 block of Grant Avenue. All told, the arrest yielded a male and female suspect, over \$2100 dollars cash, 1 large bag of suspected cocaine, 16 smaller baggies of suspected cocaine, and a bag of marijuana. Both suspects have local San Francisco addresses

On 8/20/06 at 02:51 AM, Officers William Toomey and Sammy Yuen responded to a call of a strong arm Robbery at Broadway and Kearny. Three victims told the Officers that they were surrounded by up to 10 individuals who began to punch and kick them for no apparent reason. The victims had wallets and a shirt taken in the attack. Officer Joe Porta responded and saw that some of the suspects attempted to flee in a nearby construction site. The area was searched with the aid of Tactical Officers Jay Dowke and Pilar Torres and 3 suspects were detained. One suspect still carried the stolen shirt from one of the victims while another attempted to conceal a stolen wallet. All three were positively identified by the victims and were booked for Robbery, Conspiracy and Aggravated Assault. One suspect was from Oakland, one from Daly City and the third from South San Francisco.

Central Station Resource List

911 **EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency: 553-0123 553-8090 Cell phone 911: **Central Station:** 315-2400

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

Captain James I. Dudley 315-2480 james.dudley@sfgov.org 392-2623 **Anonymous Tip-Line** SF SAFE 553-1984

Graffiti Abatement 278-9454 Grafitti Fax 278-9456

Central Events: 315-2440 Sergeant John Colla **Central Permits:** 315-2423 **Officer Fred Crisp Code Abatement:** 315-2417 Sgt. Mark Hernandez

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Deputy City Attorney: 554-3820 Jill Gillen

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

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)

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.

Phone numbers and web sites:

San Francisco Police Department Emergency 9-1-1 or non-emergency (415) 553-0123

Web site: www.sfgov.org/police

Central District Police Station main phone. # 415-315-2400

Central Station's web page: www.sfgov.org/police, and link to "Central Station".

Captain Dudley's e-mail address: <u>james.dudley@ci.sf.ca.us</u> Central District Anonymous Tips Hotline: (415) 392-2623

Note: We continue to develop the e-mail list for our newsletter. Anyone wishing to receive copies is welcome. Please e-mail <u>james.dudley@ci.sf.ca.us</u> with your request and comments.

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