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On Wednesday, December 13, 2006, several members of Bayview Station were recipients of the Stolen Vehicle Recovery Award. The award is commonly referred to as the 10851 award because section 10851 of the California Vehicle Code is the violation for possession of a stolen vehicle. The California State Automobile Association (CSAA) and the California Highway Patrol sponsor this program.

An officer is eligible for the award each time they have met one of the below listed criteria.

- Recover six stolen automobiles within a twelve-month period of time and an arrest was made in each case.
- Recover twelve stolen automobiles within a twelve-month period of time and at least three of the recoveries resulted in an arrest.
- Uncover a stolen automobile organization that results in the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrest of the responsible parties.

The San Francisco Police Department currently recovers over ninety (95) percent of the vehicles stolen in San Francisco. In many instances, vehicles are stolen for temporary transportation. As you can imagine or may have experienced the theft results in damage to your vehicle and the inconvenience of not having use of the car until it is recovered and repaired. In other situations, criminals who want to use a car in the commission of a violent crime steal the cars.

Some of the recipients received the award for the first time and other have received the award numerous times. Our most notable recipient was Officer Joshua Olson who received the life time achievement award for receiving the award for the twenty-fifth (25th) time.

Recipients:

Officer Eric Altofer
Officer Raymond Cruz
Officer Michael Ellis
Officer Justin Erb
Officer Giuseppe Festa
Officer Evan Remedios
Officer Erick Solares

Captain's Community Meeting

My next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2nd, at 7:00PM. The meeting will

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be held in the Community Room. Access can be gained by entering through the Newhall Street door.

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Commanding Officer
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Christmas Toy Drive

It is that time of year again Bayview Station will be collecting toys on behalf of Operation Dream for children in the Bayview District. We are asking you to bring in unwrapped toys for children from newborn to 15 years of age. If you would like to bring in a wrapped gift please place a label on it indicating whether it is for a boy or a girl and the desired age. There will be Christmas Bins in the Lobby to collect your donations.

Safety Tips:

Holiday Spirits

No series of articles focusing on holiday safety precautions would be complete without a note or two concerning the use of alcohol. Having tabled the subject, a reader might think that such an article would be preoccupied with drivers and driving behavior. The fact is alcohol use and the impact that it has on our personal safety affects Americans in more ways than merely driving under the influence alone. When we review the statistics below we see just exactly how insidious and prevalent that influence can be.

According to a 1998 Federal Bureau of Justice study roughly forty percent of all crimes, violent and nonviolent, are committed under the influence of alcohol. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that in the year 2000 thirty-eight percent of all pedestrians killed in traffic accidents, who were sixteen years of age or older, had alcohol in their system. The same study found that either the driver, the pedestrian, or both were intoxicated in forty-six percent of all fatal pedestrian crashes, and the intoxication rate for pedestrians that were involved in collisions was nearly triple the rate that it was for drivers. Clearly alcohol use contributes more to criminal behavior, on and off the road, than any other one factor. So what can we do about that?

With the end of Prohibition in 1933, as a nation Americans chose to follow the path of responsible alcohol consumption and moderation over that of abstinence. After contemplating these alarming statistics we might all agree, putting these ideals to practice has proven a challenge. Roughly three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some time in their lives. Bearing this in mind, scientific estimates of the rate at which we metabolize alcohol might help us gauge appropriate

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levels of consumption while we are out on the town. To begin with, the average person metabolizes alcohol at the rate of approximately one drink an hour. A standard "drink" is roughly the equivalent of about 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor, 5 ounces of wine, or 12 ounces of beer. So, it takes us the better part of an hour for our blood alcohol content to return to zero after having imbibed that one drink, generally speaking.

Although blood alcohol content as low as 0.02% affects one's driving ability, and the likelihood of a crash, the legal blood alcohol limit in California is 0.08%. Regardless of our individual perceptions, with a blood alcohol content of 0.08%, all drivers, even drivers who are "experienced" drinkers, are significantly impaired. To reach that level a 170-pound man would have to consume more than four "drinks" in one hour on an empty stomach. Under the same conditions a 137-pound female would have to consume three. Remember, strong coffee and exercise will not accelerate the rate at which we metabolize alcohol. Only time will sober us up.

The consumption estimates that we have touched on may be adapted to reduce potentially threatening levels of intoxication among pedestrians and other persons celebrating as well. Don't forget, approximately twenty-five percent of all fatally injured pedestrians have blood alcohol contents greater than 0.20%. Ostensibly that twenty-five percent has consumed more than the equivalent of eight drinks in one hour as a 170-pound man and six drinks in one hour as a 137-pound woman. We can see, easily, how such persons may be at risk while at large in traffic rich metropolitan areas. Keep in mind that the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration rates San Francisco as having the fourth highest pedestrian fatality rate nation wide, and nation wide an average of one pedestrian is killed every 108 minutes. Of those pedestrians killed 33% had a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or greater.

As to whether we attribute these frightening statistics to having repealed the Volstead Act, our Twenty-first Century population demographics, or anemic public safety funding, in the end we must be our own, best personal safety advocates. We all wish to return home safely. So long as we pace ourselves, drink in moderation, watch the clock, and leave plenty of time at the end of the evening for sobering up, we will have one thing less to worry about. As to holiday celebrations, all the officers at Bayview Station wish you the safest and most festive of holidays.

Shopping Safety Tips from SAFE

- Keep your keys in your hand whenever walking to your car or home.
- Be aware of your surroundings and anyone approaching you or your car.
- Be alert in crowded shopping areas and public transportation for pick-pocketing.

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- At home, keep gifts and valuables out of sight and away from windows.
- If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house, stop newspaper delivery and do not let mail accumulate.

Additional tips can be found on SAFE's website www.safe.org.

Public Interest

Police Department is now hiring: Applicants must be at least 20 years old, have a valid driver's license, and not be convicted of a crime that would prohibit them from carrying a firearm. Applications are available at District Stations, and numerous public facilities. You may also apply online at www.sfgov.org/police.

SFPD seeks the Public's help with Recruitment

If you are aware of any community events or job fairs that would be an appropriate venue for SFPD Recruitment please contact the Recruitment Unit at 415-401-4714.

SFPD Citizen's Academy

The San Francisco Police Department is currently taking applications for its Citizen's Police Academy scheduled to start on February 27, 2007. The academy meets once a week for 15 weeks and teaches interested citizen's patrol and investigation procedures, vehicle operations, arrest and control techniques, and firearm procedures.

For more information contact of Ms. Lula Magallon 415-401-4720, or Officer M , Orpeza 415-401-4701. Email at sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com. Visit them on the web www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Free Legal Help:

Do you have a legal problem? Need to talk to a lawyer? Visit the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic. Sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Saturday, January 29, 2007, Noon to 1:30PM, Providence Baptist Church 1601 McKinnon Ave at Newhall. Doors Close at 1:30 PM without exception.

Back issues of the Bayview Community Update:

Back issues of the Bayview Community Update are available online at www.sfgov.org/police. Other District Stations updates can be found here as well.

Crimes and Law Enforcement

THE BELOW LISTED INCIDENTS WERE SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS OF BAYVIEW STATION:

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Monday, December 11, 2006 - 9:30 AM - Discharging a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm- Bertha Lane and Harbor Road - CS# 061 313 000 - Bayview officers responded to the area of Harbor Road and Bertha Lane on a report of shots fired. Often when these incidents occur there are no witnesses, but not this time. There were numerous people that saw a group of youths running from the area and were willing to identify them. The suspects were found, not far away, in the Westpoint Housing Project. Officer Reynoso searched one of the young men and found a loaded handgun in his rear pants pocket. Two other men were also detained. They were transported to Bayview Station. The witnesses were brought to the station and were identified by the witnesses as fleeing from the scene.

Under further investigation two of the men were released and the man with the handgun was booked for various weapons related charges.

Monday, December 11, 2006 - 2:32 PM - 1400 Block of LaSalle - CS# 061 315 307 - Bayview plainclothes officers received information that a violent fugitive is being harbored in his mother's home. They patiently waited and saw a car pull up to the house and the suspect jump in. The Bayview officers moved in and stopped the car. They ordered the suspect out of the car but he was not going to give up without a fight. Numerous officers struggled to take him into custody. They succeeded but the car that he was in sped off.

The suspect was carrying numerous rounds of ammunition and a fully loaded pistol magazine. One can only imagine what would have been found in the car that sped off. The suspect was also on parole. A search was performed of his house and a handgun, shotgun, more ammunition, and narcotics were found.

The suspect was booked for numerous weapons and narcotics charges. The car was located a few days later and the driver was identified. It was unknown if she was involved in this incident.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - 6:24 PM - 1200 Block of Newhall Street - Battery of a Police Officer - CS# 061 318 840 - Officer Lloyd Martin was on bike patrol when he noticed an occupied car without its license plates, on a drug plagued block of Newhall Street. He requested another unit and conducted an investigation. It was learned that the driver of the car had a suspended driver's license. When Officer Martin told the woman that she was under arrest and was going to get her car towed she became irate.

Needless to say she would not step out of the car without police assistance. Officer Martin grabbed one hand and began to escort the motorist out of the car. Officer Arndt assisted. The motorist attempted

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to punch Officer Arndt in the head. The motorist also grabbed the microphone of Officer Arndt, which would have prevented her for calling for assistance if it were not for the other officers present. The motorist was brought under control and Officer Arndt severely sprained her wrist in the melee.

Instead of this motorist receiving a citation and having her car towed, she received that and much more; she was booked for numerous felony charges including battery to a police officer and threats to a police officer.

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 - 3:15 AM - Robbery with a gun - 2000 block of Marin Street - CS# 061 319 973 - Three robbers made entry to an area cab company as a shift change was occurring. One of the men brandished a gun at three cabbies and demanded their money. The robbers also went to the office area of cab company and pointed a gun at the cashier and demanded more money. The cashier thought the robbers were playing a joke and laughed at them, unaware that they robbed co-workers just moments earlier. It should be noted that the cashier was safely sequestered behind bulletproof glass as he let out his chortle. The robbers fled in a light blue Toyota Supra but were able to steal over \$400.00 from the cabbies.

The first suspect was described as a black male, 24-25 years old 6'04", 200 pounds, wearing a dark grey hooded sweatshirt, and light blue jeans. He was holding a semi automatic handgun. The second suspect was a black male 18-20 years old, 5'06", 140 pounds. He was wearing a dark colored sweatshirt and simulated a handgun. The third suspect was a black male 18-25 years old, 6'06", 200 pounds. He too was wearing a dark colored sweatshirt.

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 - 1:40PM - Dog Attack - 900 Block of Ingerson - CS# 061 321 417 - A woman was walking on the sidewalk of Ingerson Avenue. When she walked past a house a pit bull came from behind an unlocked gate and bit her in the right leg. The police were summoned and the dog and its owner were located. The owner of the dog was cited for an unprovoked dog attack and Animal Care and Control placed the dog on a ten-day quarantine.

Thursday, December 14, 2006 - 9:00 AM - Car Jacking - Third Street and LaSalle Avenue - CS# 061 324 251 - As a motorist waiting for a red light was approached by two males. One of them pointed a gun at the driver and opened the car door. They forcibly removed the driver and threw him to the ground. The second bandit got into the car and put it into gear however, the car rolled backwards and struck a parked car. Both of these suspects ran off.

A third suspect was standing on the corner and saw what happened. He ran

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over to the victim's car and took the keys out of the ignition. He told the victim that if he gives him \$200.00 he would give him his keys back. The victim told him that he would have to call a friend to bring him money. Instead he called the police. The suspect ran off with the keys when he heard the police sirens coming to the victim's aid.

The first two suspects were described as black males in their early twenties, wearing dark clothing. The third suspect was described as a black male 6'00", 170 pounds, wearing a yellow hooded sweater and blue pants.

Friday, December 15, 2006 - Possession of Crack Cocaine - 1800 block of Connecticut Street - CS# 061 311 557 - Plainclothes officers Aherne, Alcaraz, and Solares were on patrol in the Potrero Hill Housing Projects. They saw a male knocking on an abandoned unit and went to investigate. When the man saw the police approach him he took a sandwich bag full of individually packaged pieces of rock cocaine and toss it to the ground. The bag was recovered and the man was placed under arrest. There were two individuals inside the abandoned unit and they were moved along.

Phone Numbers and Web Sites

S. F. P. D.

Emergency: 9-1-1

S.F.P.D. Website: www.sfgov.org/police

S.F.P.D. Anonymous Tips, General: 575-4444

Narcotics Detail Anonymous Tips: (800) 272-2548

Vice Crimes Anonymous Tips: 643-6223

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Captain Albert Pardini: 671-2300

Bayview Station Anonymous Tips: 822-8147.

Abandoned Autos: Officer Maurice Edwards (Tu - Fr), 254-7185.

Illegal Encampments: Officer Sue Lavin (Mo - Fr), 850-9740.

Bayview Narcotics Investigations: Sgt. Eddie Hagan/Sgt. Dempsey, 254-7197.

Westbrook Development Liaison: Officers Brett Bodisco and Cullen Cahill at 509-1678, and Officers Reynoso and Pasqua at 806-8304

Hunter's View Development Liaison: Officers Brian Petiti and Mike Chantal at 987-6569, and Officers Mike Robinson and Dave Dockery at 509 -1270

Potrero Hill Development Liaison: Officers Alex Rodatos and Kelvin Sanders at 509-1408, and Officers Tim Fowlie and George Ferraez at 987-6369

Third Street Beat Officers: Officer Tim Dalton, Kevin McPherson, Monty Singleton and Lloyd Martin at 671-2300.

San Bruno St. Corridor Beat Officers: Officers Felix Gasanyan and Albert Lieu at 671-2300.

Potrero Hill Beat Officers: Officers Justin Erb and Karl Ma at 671-2300

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Miscellaneous City Departments
Illegal Dumping (DPW): 282-5326
DPT Abandoned Autos: 781-JUNK
DPT Parking Problems: 553-1200