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Hello Everyone,

The Captain has elected to change his opening statement this month and allowed the Mission Station Park Officer to contribute to this month's newsletter. As one of two Park Officer's it is my duty to patrol the 29 Parks both large and small in the Mission District. I primarily patrol Mission Dolores Park and my counterpart primarily patrol's Garfield Square Park, and together we handle calls for service in the myriad of other parks in our district.

The Mission Park Association was organized in 1897 for the purpose of securing improvements to the Mission neighborhood. Originally the site was a Jewish cemetery and was purchased for the use of a park with a promise that the site would always remain a place of beauty. Dolores Park was largely unchanged for approximately 100 years until the last 8 years when it underwent a large renovation.

As the park officer we see the kaleidoscope of persons our great city has to offer, as well as the plethora of travelers from around the world. A constant issue we have around the park, and in our city, is car break in's. Dolores Park is approximately 15 acres and I can't be everywhere at once and that is where our public can greatly help. If you see anyone who seems suspicious looking into parked vehicles please note what the person is wearing and where they are located and call the police. It is our proactive citizens that will help us curb the numerous car break in's in the District.

Dolores Park is a magnificent park that is shared by all and we need to keep it clean. The garbage cans are placed on all of the exit and entrances to the park. The Park Service is working on obtaining garbage cans that can be placed inside the park, but until that happens can we please carry out what we carry in. If you see a person, or group of persons, leaving litter in the park please remind them to clean up after themselves. Together we can keep our parks clean and enjoyable for all of our citizens and guests from far and wide.

Thank you for everyone's help,

Officer Greg Sutherland
Mission Police Station Newsletter

April 2018

Mission Police Station Statistics:

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*Rape stats only reflect reports not made at SFGH
Data gathered through CDW
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May 2018

Captain Gaetano Caltagirone
Commanding Officer

Recent Incidents

Aggravated Assault with a Knife

Date: 04/27/18 1001 hours
Location: Capp Street

Mission officers were dispatched to 165 Capp Street in regards to a stabbing. Once on scene, the Mission Neighborhood Resource Center’s director advised that the suspect fled northbound on Capp Street towards the direction of 16th Street. The suspect, was seen carrying a green backpack on his back. A Mission officers searched the area for the suspect and made contact with him on the corner of 16th and Capp Street with no further incident.

A knife was located in the suspect’s right pant pocket which was later seized.

Officers made contact with the victim who stated he was in the shower when the suspect accused him of moving his clothes. The argument was verbal until the suspect pulled out a knife and attempted to stab the victim. The victim attempted to protect himself by putting his left arm up but the suspect was able to make a puncture wound on the top of the victim’s hand and cut the left ring finger.

A reporting witness heard the verbal between the victim and the suspect and entered the restroom in an attempt to cease the argument. When the reporting witness attempted to pull the suspect away he observed a knife in the suspect’s right hand and then the witness let go and walked away.

Officers conducted two positive cold shows of the suspect.

A computer query of the suspect revealed he was on parole for 245(a) (4) Pc.

The victim was transported to SFGH and the suspect was transported to CJ.

Threat or Force on Police Officer, Probation Violation, Resisting Arrest

Date: 04/25/18 0640 hours
Location: 2300 Block of 16th Street

Mission officers were dispatched to the Safeway located at 2300 16th Street in regards to a violent man who was yelling at customers, attempting to shoplift, and threatening security.

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Recent Incidents continued:

The officers made contact with the security officer on duty who directed them to the suspect. The suspect was near the checkout stands, speaking loudly, and appeared to be extremely agitated. The suspect told officers that he was being harassed. The suspect began walking around his cart picking up and fidgeting with items that could be used as weapons. Officers believed the suspect could be under the influence of narcotics or have a mental health condition and attempted to detain him on the scene but were confronted with resistance. The suspect continued to be confrontational and disobey orders, yelling "Nigga stop touching me, nigga, I'm gonna beat your ass." Officers gave several commands to put his hands behind his back and eventually deployed OC spray which appeared to not affect the suspect. The suspect then ran from the scene through the stores aisles where he grabbed a wine bottle. Officers drew their department issued firearms and commanded him to get on the ground. The Suspect put down the bottle and stated "Shoot me nigga." The officers transitioned to OC spray and sprayed the suspect again after he did not comply with their orders. Again the OC spray contacted the suspect's eyes and face but did not appear to be effective due to the fact the suspect continued to run through the store.

Additional Mission officers arrived on scene to assist. The officers continued to give the suspect orders to which he eventually complied too the officer's commands.

Officers made contact with the security officer who advised that he was told by a store employee that they suspected the suspect of shoplifting. The security guard addressed the suspect, who stated that he came inside the store with the items. The security guard let the suspect continue to shop until he observed the suspect become confrontational with another security guard, mount the stores shopping cart, yell at customers, and showed signs of shoplifting. Security guard's confronted the suspect several times and advised him to leave the store, in which the suspect continue to state "Fuck You" and eventually get into a fighting stance. A customer attempted to calm the suspect down but he also took a fighting stance towards them. All persons backed away from the suspect and observe him from a distance until police arrived.

It should be noted an arrest search of the suspect revealed that he had no form of payment to purchase the items that he had in the cart. The security guard signed a Citizen's Arrest form against the suspect for 415(1) Pc. A computer query revealed the suspect was on probation for burglary. The suspect was treated at SFGH and later booked into County Jail #1.
Recent Incidents continued:

Possession of Firearm Silencer & Probation Violation & No License Issued

Date: 04/18/18 0015 hours
Location: Mission Street

Mission officers were patrolling the area of between Mission Street and 17th Street when they observed a vehicle with an inoperable front left headlight. The officers effected a traffic stop on the Hyundai Elantra on 16th Street near Capp Street.

Officers made contact with the driver who was later found to have not been issued a driver's license. The officers then made contact with the suspect 1 who was on probation with a search condition. Lastly, officers made contact with another suspect 2 who was sitting in the front passenger seat.

Officers conducted a probation search of suspect 2 and located a Silencer from his front right jacket pocket. Suspect 2 was placed in the back of the patrol vehicle with no further incident.

Due to the likely hood a firearm was either inside the vehicle or in possession of one of the vehicles occupants, a search of the vehicle and the remaining occupants was conducted yielding negative results.

Suspect 1 was cited and released on scene. Suspect 2 was placed under arrest for N/W 33410 PC and N/W 1203.2 (a) PC.

Officers also contacted suspect 2 Probation officer and recommended a search of suspect 2 residence be conducted due to the violation.
Meet Rick French. Rick and his wife, Ellen, own and operate The Animal Company located at 1307 Castro St. in Noe Valley. After 36 years at the original location two block away, the store moved down the street into the heart of Noe Valley, where it’s been ever since. Rick and his wife have been in the pet industry for 43 years. The Animal Company is the oldest pet store in San Francisco.

The Animal Company provides a full supply of products for dogs, cats, small animals, reptiles and fish. The store’s largest emphasis is on hand fed exotic birds such as Congo African greys, turquoise conures, crimson belly parrots, etc.

Rick as a child lived all over the United States. Rick’s father was in the United States Air Force, which required him to move his family to different duty stations. In 1969, Rick moved to San Francisco. Rick has spent most of his life in the pet business in different capacities; corporate, distribution or small business owner.

Rick enjoys running a business in Noe Valley, “I like the neighborhood atmosphere, it’s a close community with diversity... People make this community what it is.”

The Animal Company is an amazing small business which has woven itself into the neighborhood fabric. The owners and their team are passionate in what they do and strive to maintain the highest standards of health and care for their animals.

Thank you Rick for all you do and what you bring to Noe Valley!
Meet Mission Station’s Officer Carolyn Gassen. Officer Gassen is 56 years old and began her career with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) in 1998 as a member of the 187th Basic Academy Class and trained at Ingleside Station. Officer Gassen later worked Richmond and Tenderloin Stations and arrived at Mission Station in 2001. Officer Gassen currently works the day shift at Mission Station.

Officer Gassen grew up in San Pablo, CA. Prior to joining the SFPD, Officer Gassen was a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service.

Officer Gassen enjoys working in the Mission District and serving its community saying, “I like the variety of calls for service and how busy it is... there are so many different neighborhoods and varieties of different people to work with. The Mission has nice weather and getting here is a convenience.”

When not working, Officer Gassen enjoys spending time with friends, watching movies, cooking and road bike riding. Officer Gassen recently traveled to the East Coast to ride in the 2018 Police Unity Tour. The Police Unity Tour was organized in 1997 to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officer who have died in the line of duty. Officer Gassen, along with hundreds of police officers from all over the country, pedaled 300 miles from New Jersey all the way to Washington D.C.
The Professional Standards and Principled Policing Bureau was established in February 2016, to oversee the proposed use of force reforms, as well as to coordinate efforts of the Police Department with the United States Department of Justice Collaborative Reform Initiative.

The Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance is a proactive, non-adversarial, and cost-effective form of technical assistance for agencies with significant law enforcement related issues. "The CRI-TA's purpose is to improve trust between police agencies and the communities they serve by providing long-term, holistic strategy that identifies issues within an agency that may affect public trust. The CRI-TA offers recommendations based on a comprehensive agency assessment for how to resolve those issues and enhance the relationship between the police and the community."

Learn more about Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance here: www.cops.usdoj.gov/technicalassistance

On September 15, 2017, the Department of Justice announced its withdrawal from the Collaborative Reform Process. For more information, please see: Department of Justice Announces Changes to the Collaborative Reform Initiative.

On February 5, 2018, The California Department of Justice announced its agreement to publicly evaluate and report on the implementation of the US DOJ recommendations. The CA DOJ’s independent review will help the Department in its continued efforts to promote trust, transparency and safety. For more information, please see: Mayor Mark Farrell, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Police Chief William Scott Announce Independent Evaluation of San Francisco Police Department Reforms.

The mission of the Professional Standards Unit is to contribute to excellence in law enforcement by increasing professionalism and maintaining high levels of accountability within the San Francisco Police Department through the use of early intervention tracking and related auditing systems.

The Written Directives Unit is responsible for facilitating the review, development and publication of Department policies, bulletins, manuals and forms related to the operation of the San Francisco Police Department.

The purpose of the Staff Inspections Unit is to examine and evaluate the functions of the San Francisco Police Department components and their ability to accomplish organizational objectives in accordance with existing written directives and acceptable practices. The Staff Inspections Unit will complete reviews to assist in identifying opportunities for improvement, eliminating duplication of effort, recommending new procedures, and providing alternative methods for change and improvement.

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The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is comprised of community members, mental health advocates, health service providers, and police officers working together to provide cutting edge training for law enforcement officers. The goal of CIT is to instruct officers how to effectively manage behavioral crisis situations in the field. The training is designed to teach officers how to manage individuals in behavioral crisis using de-escalation techniques and time, distance, and cover for the safety of all individuals. CIT training provides an additional set of tools that officers can utilize to de-escalate situations and obtain a safe and positive outcome for the officer and consumer. This is accomplished by teaching officers the inner workings of a crisis, including the feelings and emotions (or lack thereof) an individual experiences during a crisis situation.

CIT curriculum addresses the following topics: Verbal De-escalation Scenarios; Mental Health Disorders; Medical Issues; Psychotropic Drugs and Side Effects; Juvenile Mental Health; Geriatric Mental Health; Family Perspective by the National Alliance on Mental Illness; Suicide and Suicide Intervention; Dual Diagnosis; Vicarious Trauma; Self-Care; Conflict Resolution; Suicide by Cop; PTSD Signs and Symptoms; Veteran Encounters and Interactions; Homeless Outreach; Department Policy and Procedures; Intellectual Disabilities; Spectrum Disorders; and Substance Use and Mental Health. CIT is supported through the leadership of the Police Commission, SFPD Command Staff, The Mayor’s Office on Disability, SF District Attorney’s Office, SF Public Defender’s Office, Office of Citizen Complaints, SF Mental Health Board, mental health advocates, health service providers and community members.

Protocols for CIT call responses are covered in Department Bulletin 14-143 Response by Crisis Intervention Trained Officers, (See Attached) and San Francisco Division of Emergency Communications Training Bulletins, TB11-031 and TB14-013.
Join The S.F.P.D. — San Francisco’s Finest

“The San Francisco Police Department offers qualified men and women the opportunity to make a positive difference in our citizens’ daily lives. From our patrol officers to our community engagement team and civilian staff, we are committed to excellence and providing professional service for all to keep our City safe. I encourage you to apply to become one of San Francisco’s finest.”

—Chief William Scott

The City and County of San Francisco invites you to join a highly respected police department and serve the citizens of one of the most beautiful cities in the country. San Francisco Police officers perform a wide variety of essential duties to promote public safety and security and enforce the law. Our officers patrol districts to prevent and detect crime, respond to calls for assistance, conduct criminal investigations, pursue and arrest suspects and enforce traffic and parking laws. Our Mounted Unit, Marine Unit, K-9 Unit and Traffic Company ensure that SFPD is able to help keep the public safe, no matter the terrain. SFPD officers also work closely with San Francisco’s diverse communities to build cooperation and support in order to address crime and quality of life issues in our City’s neighborhoods. In addition to hosting citywide and neighborhood events ranging from safety fairs to barbecues, SFPD provides educational and employment programs for San Francisco youth. Our values include maintaining open communication with the communities we serve and respecting and protecting the rights of all residents. Serving the City as a San Francisco Police officer is much more than a job; it is an opportunity to build a career of which you can be proud.

Applying is Easy!

-Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at www.jobaps.com/sf (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer)
-Go to www.nationaltestingnetwork.com, choose law enforcement, and register to take the San Francisco exam ($45). Financial assistance is available.
-Choose an available exam date that’s convenient for you.
-Schedule your exam.
-You will receive an email confirming your exam date, time and location.