



**San Francisco
Police Department**

Central Station Newsletter



Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Captain Paul Yep's Message

Dear Central Police District Community Members,

It has truly been a great honor and privilege to have worked for you as the Commanding Officer of the Central Police District since March 2017!

I am starting a new assignment in the Staff Services Division effective this Saturday, December 15, 2018. Although I am excited and looking forward to my new assignment, I will miss all of you very much. Thank you so much for your support, your commitment to public safety and most importantly your friendship over the past 21 months.

The Central Police District will be in the very capable and experienced hands of Captain Robert Yick, who will be transferring from the Taraval Police District. Captain Yick will update you regarding our next Central Community Meeting date and time.

Please keep in touch and have a wonderful and safe holiday season!



Captain Paul Yep
Commanding Officer Central Station

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Next Community Meeting:

TBD

Chief William Scott's
message

[http://
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chief-police](http://sanfranciscopolice.org/chief-police)

Incidents of Note

Possession of Loaded Firearm by Prohibited Person, Possession of Loaded Firearm in Vehicle, Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine - Arrest Made

11/21/18 1:26am

Battery St/Merchant St

On 11/21/18, officers observed a traffic violation initially in the area of Broadway and Montgomery Street. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled then suddenly stopped near Battery Street and Merchant Street. Officers located a loaded pistol with a large capacity magazine discarded from the vehicle.

Officers placed the driver and passenger under arrest for possession of the loaded pistol. Video surveillance from the area confirmed the front passenger discarded the firearm prior to stopping on the side of the road.

Both suspects were booked at the County Jail for possession of the loaded firearm, possession of large capacity magazine, and possession of stolen property.

Possession of a Firearm by Prohibited Person, Possession of Ammunition by Prohibited Person, Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, Search Warrant Service - Arrest Made

11/23/18 1:42am

Unit BLK of Pleasant St

On 11/23/18, officers conducted a traffic stop on a reckless driver on the unit block of Pleasant Street. Officers contacted the driver and after series of field sobriety tests determined the suspect was under the influence of alcohol (DUI). The driver was placed under arrest for DUI. A search of his vehicle revealed the suspect was in possession of ammunition, a violation of his criminal protective order.

The suspect was booked at County Jail for possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, driving under the influence, and reckless driving.

Burglary, Conspiracy - Arrest Made

11/30/18 4:24am

800 BLK of Sansome St

On 11/30/18, officers responded to a burglary alarm on the 800 BLK of Sansome St. The alarm company advised officers that there was a burglary in progress with two male suspects inside the building. Officers set up a perimeter around the building and conducted a search of the building. Officers located one suspect on the roof with stolen property and an imitation firearm. Officers searched the area for the second suspect, but were unable to locate him. Officers booked the suspect at the County Jail for burglary and conspiracy.

Vandalism to Vehicle, Battery on a Police Officer, Resisting a Police Officers - Arrest Made

12/02/18 9:45pm

Francisco St/Powell St

On 12/2/18, officers responded to the area of Powell St and Francisco St regarding a suspect vandalizing vehicles in the area. Officers located a subject who attempted to flee on foot. The officers were able to grab the suspect who resisted arrest and kicked the arresting officers. After a brief struggle, the officers took him into custody.

Further investigation revealed the suspect had vandalized eight vehicles in the area. The suspect damaged side mirrors, windshield wipers, license plate frames, and license plates. The suspect also dented and scratched cars.

The suspect was booked at the County Jail for vandalism, battery on a police officer, and resisting police officers.

Burglary, Apartment, House, Forcible Entry - Arrest Made

12/09/18 8:10am

1000 BLK of Washington St

On 12/9/18, officers responded to a burglary of a mailbox on the 1000 BLK of Washington St. Officers searched the area and located two subjects matching the description of the suspects provided by a witness. The witness told the officers that he saw the subjects in the area and heard a metal popping sound. The subjects walked away with mail and fled the scene with the other subject. Officers found mail belong to victims living on the 1000 BLK of Washington in one of the subjects bag.

The suspects were booked at County Jail for burglary, vandalism, parole violation, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and conspiracy.

Burglary, Vehicle - Arrest Made

12/09/18 12:30pm

300 BLK of Beach St

On 12/9/18, Central plainclothes officers conducted a vehicle burglary abatement operation in the parking garage on the 300 BLK of Beach Street. The officers observed two vehicles had been broken into and found Suspect#1 behind one of the vehicles. The officers recognized Suspect#1 from prior arrests. Suspect #1 then fled through the stairwell. The officers chased Suspect #1 and eventually took him into custody.

Officers also observed Suspect #2 running out of the parking garage after Suspect #1. Officers detained Suspect #2 and found shards of glass in Suspect#2's hoodie pocket.

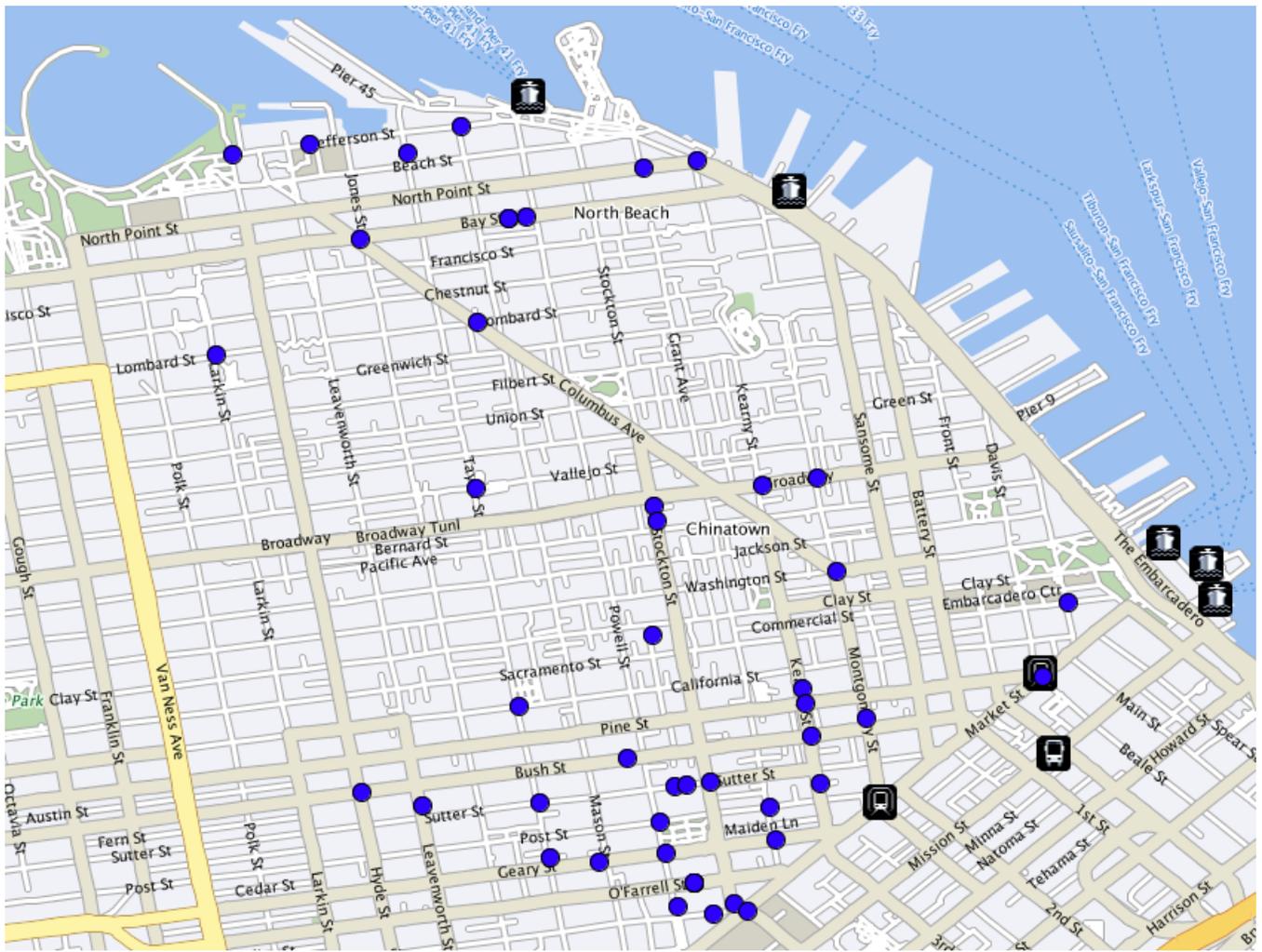
The officers obtained video from the parking garage and saw the suspects entered the garage without bags in their hands, approached a vehicle and then carrying two bags away.

The suspects were booked at County Jail for burglary, conspiracy, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

Robbery

November 2018

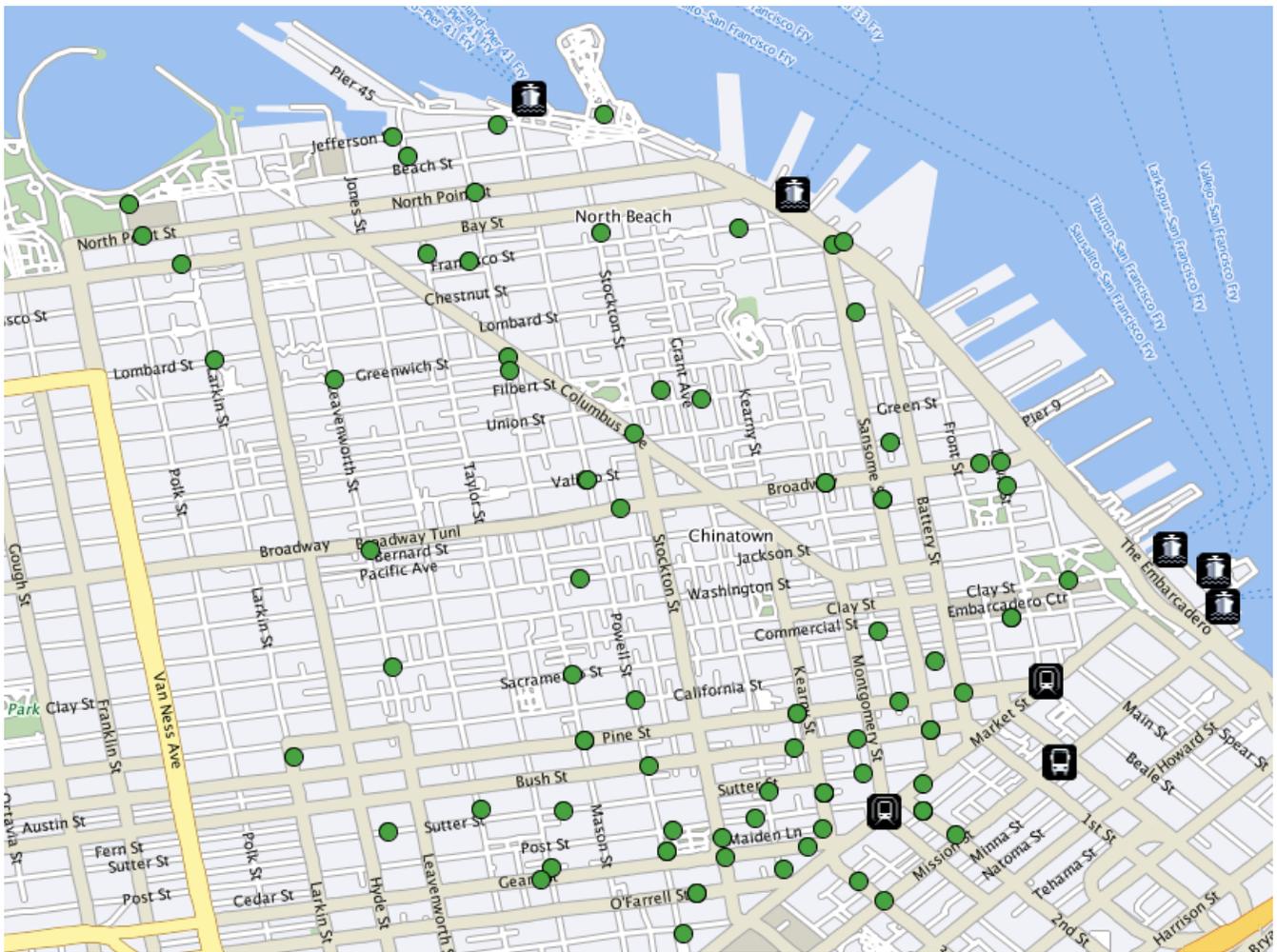
48 Incidents



Burglary

November 2018

85 Incidents



Featured Officer of the Month

Officer Vanessa Johnson

Each month Central Police Station features one of its officers in an effort to learn more about the men and women who police our neighborhood. This month, we interviewed Officer Vanessa Johnson, a 3-year member of Central Police Station.



Officer Vanessa Johnson was born in Georgia. She moved to the Bay Area where she attended high school in San Lorenzo. She attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received a degree in Communications.

Officer Johnson joined the San Francisco Police Department in 2014. After graduating from the Police Academy, she completed her field training at Ingleside Station. She was assigned to Park Station where she completed her probation. After probation, she was assigned to Central Station as her permanent station and she does not want to leave. She also worked on the Housing Team for two years.

Officer Johnson is a patrol officer and can be seen throughout the district. She is a Crisis Intervention Trained Officer where she has changed lives of many.

Officer Johnson's favorite things about the Central District are the people who are all friendly, the best food in the city, the sights, many tourist attractions and Officer Sean Archini, her patrol partner, who is the best officer besides herself.



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NEWS RELEASE

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San Francisco Police Warn Chinese Community of Latest "Blessing" Scam Incidents

San Francisco Police are warning the Chinese community of recent incidents involving a "Blessing" scam targeting a Chinese victim, resulting in great financial loss. The first incident occurred on the morning of November 29, 2018 in the Visitacion Valley. As a result of the scam, the victim lost a significant amount of US currency.

In this incident, the victim noticed the first of three suspects on Schwerin Street speaking loudly about a problem. A second suspect approached the first and offered to help her obtain a blessing in order to alleviate the problem. The suspects convinced the victim to walk with them on Schwerin Street. They then encountered the third suspect who offered to bless the victim, lest something bad happen to her son. The third suspect told the victim to go home and get as much cash as possible to pay for the blessing. When the victim returned with the cash, she felt someone "tugging" at the bag containing the currency but was then distracted by one of the suspects. The third suspect told the victim that the blessing had already been made and that she no longer needed to pay. Upon returning home, the victim found that her money had been substituted with other items.

The second incident occurred on the afternoon of December 1st, 2018 in the area of 6th Avenue and Clement Street. Two suspects engaged the victim in a conversation regarding medicinal herbs which would be used to heal a sick family member. When the third suspect joined the group, she told the victim that she could read her "aura" and predicted that the victim's family would suffer a serious tragedy in the coming days. The suspect offered a blessing and requested the victim to go home and return with money and valuables to be blessed. The victim complied and returned to the area of 6th Avenue and Clement Street. During this second meeting, the suspects stole the victim's valuables, replacing them with paper and other items.

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The San Francisco Police Department urges older members of the Chinese community to be suspicious of strangers claiming to provide relief from a curse, an illness, or who provide "purification" ceremonies in which cash and valuable items must be offered as part of the process. Potential victims are strongly advised to contact police immediately if confronted with such a situation. Family members and caregivers to elder Chinese community members should discuss this scam with them and instruct the elders to call them if anyone approaches them under similar circumstances.

San Francisco Safety Awareness For Everyone (SFSAFE) - a program of San Francisco Police Department's Community Engagement Division - provides the City's diverse communities with safety tips and educational brochures in multiple languages. A Chinese language Blessing Scam flyer is attached to this news release.

Anyone with information about such incidents is asked to contact the SFPD 24 Hour Tip line at 415-575-4444, or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

SFPD is committed to safety with respect for all our City's communities. The department works closely with San Francisco's multilingual communities to identify and address specific safety concerns. SFPD currently has approximately 490 officers that speak more than 30 different languages. The department is encouraging all bilingual officers to become certified to provide Limited English Proficiency (LEP) services to community members.

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San Francisco Police Offer Resources to the Chinese Community Affected by Blessing and Healing Scams

San Francisco Police urge all members of the Chinese community to be suspicious of strangers claiming to provide relief from a curse or illness or who those who provide "purification" ceremonies in which cash and valuable items must be offered as part of the process.

Please review the video below on various ways to identify potential scammers, how to protect yourself from a scam, and reporting resources available to scam victims.

Link to PSA videos:

www.sanfranciscopolice.org/blessingscam

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EDXcgatzxQ&feature=youtu.be

San Francisco Safety Awareness For Everyone (SFSAFE)- a program of San Francisco Police Department's Community Engagement Division- provides the City's diverse communities with safety tips and educational brochures in multiple languages. A Chinese language Blessing Scam flyer accompanies this news release.

Anyone who is confronted by scammers or anyone who knows of an elder who was approached by scammers is strongly advised to contact police. Reports can be made at any SFPD District Station or by calling Dispatch at (415) 553-0123 and requesting an officer to take a report.

Cantonese speakers can leave tips on a special tip line by calling (415) 553-9212 or 1-855-737-3847.

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GUN BUY-BACK

Help end the pollution and be the solution to gun violence

No questions asked!

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2018
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**UNITED PLAYAZ
1038 HOWARD ST.
SAN FRANCISCO**

**Handguns
= \$100**

**Assault Weapons
= \$200**



- 1 in 3 homes with children have guns, many left unlocked or loaded
- On an average day 96 Americans are killed with guns
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of the woman being killed by **FIVE TIMES**
- 62% of firearm related deaths in the US are suicides



For more information, contact Rudy Corpuz Jr., 415-573-6219

ARTWORK: Asiana Duk, SOTA High School Student

5 Ways to Protect Mail & Packages



Don't leave packages unattended for any length of time.



Won't be home? Use the Hold for Pickup option at USPS.com®



Leaving town? Use the request Hold Mail services at USPS.com®



Customize delivery by using USPS.com® and your tracking number.



Use USPS® special services like Signature Confirmation™ or Registered Mail®.





ENJOY A **SAFE** HOLIDAY

BE AN ALERT SHOPPER!



Tips for personal safety, property safety, pick-pocketing prevention, identity theft, and identifying suspicious activities



Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Alert security if you notice any of the following in any public space:

- Unattended packages
- Persons exhibiting
- Suspicious chemical smells or pungent odors erratic or nervous behavior
- Anyone tampering with surveillance cameras
- People wearing bulky or inappropriate clothing which may be used to conceal threatening devices or objects

If you see something...**SAY SOMETHING!**

SAFETY RESOURCES

Emergencies: **9-1-1**
 Non-emergencies: (415) 553-0123
 City Services: 3-1-1

SAFE: sfsafe.org | (415) 553-1984
 SFPD: sanfranciscopolice.org
 SFFD NERT: sfgov.org/sfnert
 SF Park Smart: <https://sfgov.org/park-smart>
 District Attorney: sfdistrictattorney.org
 National Crime Prevention Council: nccp.org



Visit www.sfsafe.org for more safety tips!
 Crime Prevention Partner of San Francisco Police Department



- Bring only the cash and credit cards you need
- Do not carry your social security card/passport
- Don't let others distract you in crowded areas
- Limit the use of your cellphone in public
- Avoid distracted walking

PERSONAL SAFETY



PICK-POCKETS & THEFT

- Bring only the cash and credit cards you need
- Do not carry your social security card/passport
- Don't let others distract you in crowded areas
- Limit the use of your cellphone in public

- If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to watch the house
- Put timers on various lights around interior/exterior of the house
- Have newspapers, mail, and deliveries held or picked up by someone you trust to avoid package theft.

HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION



AUTO BREAK-INS

- Leave nothing visible in the car; if you love it, don't leave it!
- Keep doors & trunk of vehicles locked
- Avoid placing packages in vehicle/trunk then returning to shopping without moving vehicle to another location
- Never leave a GPS system or mount visible

- Shop only at secure websites
- Do not respond to emails asking for personal/credit card information
- Check your credit card & bank statements regularly for fraudulent use

CREDIT CARDS & IDENTITY THEFT



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Asian Pacific Islander donates to Gordan J Lau Elementary School for Christmas toys.

Definition of Suspicious Activity

Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate a crime-related incident has been committed, or about to be committed. Unusual items or situations: A vehicle is parked in an odd location, a package/luggage is unattended, a window/door is open that is usually closed, or other out-of-the-ordinary situations occur.

Examples of Suspicious Activity:

- ◆ An individual peering into vehicles to locate any valuables left unattended.
- ◆ An individual trying door handles to vehicles, and/or residences to gain access to the vehicle and/ or residence.
- ◆ An individual checking front doors of residences to locate any unattended packages, or individuals following delivery trucks to see where the truck is dropping off packages.



**See something.
Say something.**

Definition of Community Policing

Community policing, or community-oriented policing, is a strategy of policing that focuses on police building ties and working closely with members of the communities.

- Homeless Outreach and Outreach to Drug Users: Central Station officers coordinate with city agencies to provide outreach and assistance to rehabilitate those who are dependent on illegal drugs and outreach to homeless individuals to connect them with resources and support.
- Foot Patrols: Central Station have beat officers assigned to Union Square, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, North Beach and Market/Drumm area.
- Monthly Police Community Relations Meetings: Community Meetings are held continuously. Officers also attend meetings with merchants groups, business groups, development authorities and others. Concerns are voiced and addressed through problem solving.
- Email Updates: Central Station sends out newsletter updates to residents in the District that alerts residents of crime trends, upcoming community events, crime prevention tips, and information on how to contact officers at the District Station.



Park Smart!

If you love it, don't leave it.

Car thieves only need seconds to break into your car.

So Park Smart and take all valuables with you —
from small items — cell phones and sunglasses —
to bigger items — luggage and backpacks.

Don't tempt a car thief.

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Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)



Are you someone who is interested in disaster preparedness and wants to help out your community while working hand in hand with Law Enforcement? If so, then the ALERT program is for you!



What is the ALERT Program?

The San Francisco Police Department Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is a volunteer citizen disaster preparedness program. The ALERT program trains members of the public to assist Law Enforcement in essential tasks after a major disaster, and in other identified non-disaster activities. Such tasks may include: traffic control, foot patrols of business and residential areas, reporting criminal activity etc. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and must live, work, or attend school in San Francisco.

The ALERT program is modeled after, and works in partnership with, the San Francisco Fire Department Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) program.

Three Ways To Become An ALERT volunteer:

After clearing a basic background check you will be eligible to register for one of our triannual ALERT training classes as follows:

1. Complete two 8 hour classes with ALERT, or,
2. If you are already NERT Certified, complete one 8 hour class with ALERT, or,
3. If you are an SFPD Community Police Academy graduate, complete one 8 hour class with ALERT.

San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program Community Engagement Division

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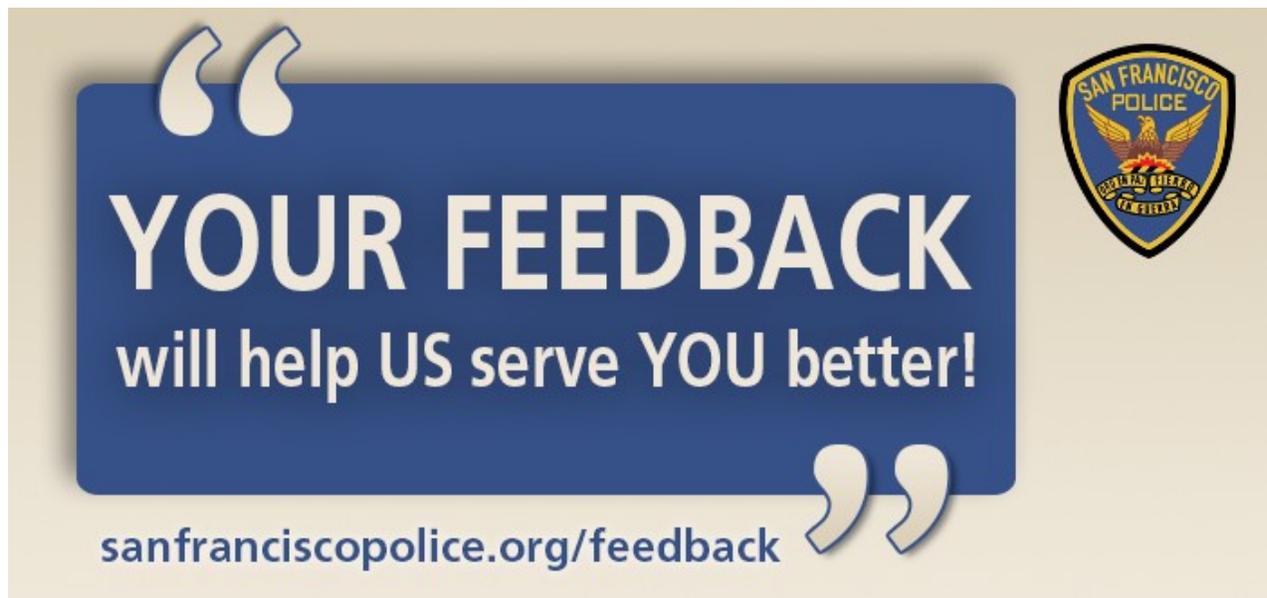
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The SFPD wants to hear from YOU.

We are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. Our mission is to provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.

We welcome your comments. Let us know how we're doing, what we could be doing better and your thoughts on how your police department can work more closely with the community we proudly serve.

Visit us at sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback. Your feedback will help SFPD better serve our City.

Comments will be reviewed by our Community Engagement Unit and forwarded to the relevant unit, department office or neighborhood station for review and follow up, if appropriate.

(If this is an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergencies, call 415-553-0123. You may also visit <http://sanfranciscopolice.org/police-commendation-complaint> for more information on providing input on SFPD policies and practices.)



Career Opportunities



Join The S.F.P.D. – San Francisco's Finest

The San Francisco Police Department welcomes dedicated men and women to join us in serving our City. I encourage you to apply to become one of San Francisco's finest.

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 duties to promote public safety and security, prevent crime and enforce the law. Police officers perform a number of essential functions. For example, they patrol districts to prevent and detect crime; respond to calls for assistance; conduct criminal investigations; interact with the community to build cooperation and support; pursue and arrest suspects; enforce traffic and parking laws; write reports and maintain records; work with superiors, peers, and others as a team; prepare for and participate in planned events; prepare for court and give testimony; and fulfill other administrative duties when required. This is much more than a job; it is an opportunity to build a career of which you can be proud.

Applying is Easy!

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

Have Questions? Contact the San Francisco Police Department Recruitment Unit

1245 3rd Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94158

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The San Francisco Police Department values diversity in its workforce, and is committed to fair and equal treatment of all applicants for employment. Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, or other protected categories is prohibited and unlawful.

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Cell Phone 911:	911
Customer Service Center:	311
Central Station:	315-2400
Captain Paul Yep	315-2480 Paul.Yep@sfgov.org
Patrol Lieutenants	315-2400
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623
S.A.F.E.	553-1984
Website:	www.centralpolicestation.org
SFPD Tip Line:	575-4444
Chinese Tip Line:	315-2435
Text a Tip:	847411 (Tip 411)
Blessing Scam Hotline:	553-9219
Graffiti Abatement:	850-6951
Central Events:	315-2446 – Sgt. Jeff Ferreira
Central Permits/ Code Abatement:	315-2423 – Officer Steve Matthias
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820 – Jill Cannon
Dept. of Parking & Traffic:	553-1943
DPW Dispatch	695-2020



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