



Taraval Station Newsletter Mini Updates

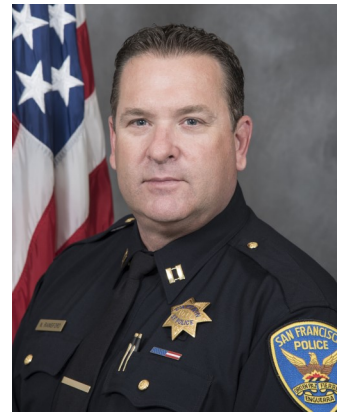


Community Members,

Hello everyone, I am the new Captain here at Taraval Station, Nick Rainsford. Although “new” to Taraval I have over 25 years of experience with the SFPD. In fact I was assigned to Taraval Station as recently as 2015-2016 as a Lieutenant so I’m not entirely new. I joined the Police Department in 1994 and have a variety of assignments mostly in the patrol division. I started off my career as a patrol officer in the Tenderloin District back when it was called TTF, Tenderloin Task Force and worked there for about 5 years. Never a dull moment at the old TTF! I also worked at Northern Station until 2008 when I was promoted to Sergeant, promoted to Lieutenant in 2012 and eventually promoted to Captain in 2016.

I am pleased to be assigned to Taraval Station as for me it is “the old neighborhood.” I grew up here in the Sunset District in the Parkside neighborhood. It’s great to be working where I grew up as the community is near and dear to my heart being a native son. So much has changed over time and some things have also remained the same but what a great place it was to grow up and still a great place for all residents who call the Westside of town home.

My priorities during my tenure will be to make the Taraval District a safe place to live in, visit, drive through, and work in. Our number one priority as a Police Department is always to reduce violent crime. Any person who commits a violent crime in the Taraval District will be aggressively pursued through relentless follow up and investigation. Property crime is also of concern and a top priority. Taraval officers investigate property crime collaboratively with other SFPD units such as our Burglary Unit and our Crime Scenes Investigation Unit to arrest those involved in



Captain Nicholas Rainsford
Commanding Officer
Taraval Station



Next Community Meeting:

Tue., Jan. 15, 2019
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Taraval Station Community Room

Thank you for subscribing to our Newsletter.

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@SFPDTaraval

Website: <http://www.taraval.org>

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in auto burglaries and home burglaries. We also rely on our community partners who instinctively know when something in their neighborhood is not right so as the saying goes “If you see something say something.” Look out for each other. Traffic safety is also a priority and we will conduct enforcement operations throughout the district so please drive safely. It’s not worth it to get hurt or hurt someone else by not being attentive.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 2019. For much more information about the Taraval District check us out a www.Taraval.org.



TARAVAL STATION



**Wednesday
February 13,
2019
9:00AM – 11:00 AM**



JAVA BEACH
Cafe
SF ORIGINAL | SINCE 1903

**1396 La Playa St /
Judah St**

**JOIN YOUR TARAVAL DISTRICT
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

**SAN FRANCISCO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**





SENIOR POWER !

FEBRUARY MEETING: “Aging with Pets” FREE/ *EVERYONE WELCOME*



Are you a senior? Living with or caring for a senior? Have a senior in your life? Please join us for a free community meeting to socialize, meet neighbors & practice Qigong. Take home recipes for healthy eating. **Listen to Guest Speaker: Lisa Dossey, SPCA trained educator discuss caring for senior pets as you age together.** **Raffle prizes will be given.**

Thursday February 14, 2019 @ 10AM Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Ave (& Taraval), San Francisco

Contact: M. Graf @ opoygan1@yahoo.com or 415 652 4751



Join SFPD at the Dash & Splash

Info from <https://specialolympics.com>

Saturday, February 23 @ San Francisco's Aquatic Park
Plunge with a Purpose

Hop, skip, run or jump into the chilly waters of the Bay Area for our amazing Special Olympics athletes. Whether you're a brave soul or a chicken, we invite you to join us as we Plunge with a Purpose - to encourage inclusion and change the way that people think about and treat individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Funds raised from the Polar Plunge will help us continue to create change in our communities and enhance the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities through sports. Join the fun and make a difference!

UNITED AIRLINES
DASH & SPLASH
 SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY 23, 2019

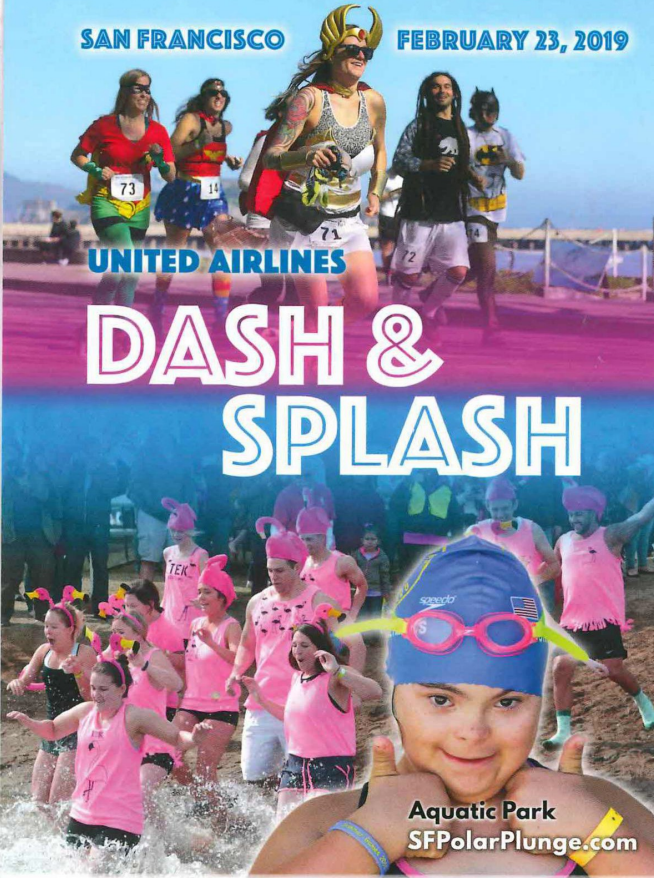
Register Now @
SFPolarPlunge.com

- 1. Register Today**
 Register online as an individual or join/start a team.
- 2. Fundraise**
 Fundraise through friends, family, coworkers, and social media. Ask everyone to sponsor you.
- 3. Run and/or Polar Plunge**
 Run the 5k before you Plunge into frigid waters in support of the athletes of Special Olympics. Dress in costume with a team and embrace the spirit of this one-of-a-kind event.

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SAN FRANCISCO **FEBRUARY 23, 2019**



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DASH & SPLASH

Aquatic Park
SFPolarPlunge.com

Benefiting    



BE AWARE OF **BLESSING SCAMS**

Be aware of strangers.

Do not easily believe in what strangers say.

Keep a distance from strangers.

Do not follow strangers anywhere.

Do not let strangers touch you.

Do not withdraw money at banks with strangers.

Do not bring strangers home.

Be aware if strangers ask for money.

**Before withdrawing large sums of money/valuables,
discuss with your family first.**

If you are in doubt, stay calm and call 9-1-1 immediately!

For language assistance, state the language you speak such as
"Cantonese" or "Mandarin"



Blessing Scam Chinese Hotline: (415) 553-9212
(Voice Mail Only)





防範
祈福黨 / 金光黨

提防陌生人。

切勿輕信街上藉詞接近的人。

與陌生人保持距離。

不要隨便跟陌生人走。

不要讓陌生人觸摸。

不要帶陌生人到銀行提款。

不要帶陌生人回家。

如陌生人要錢，必須提高警惕。

決定從銀行或回家提取現金 / 金飾前，應先跟家人商量。

如有懷疑，保持鎮定，立即致電9-1-1報警。

如你需要翻譯，用英語說出你會用的語言如
“Cantonese”（廣東話）或“Mandarin”（國語）。



祈福黨 / 金光黨中文舉報熱線：415-553-9212
(只供留言用)



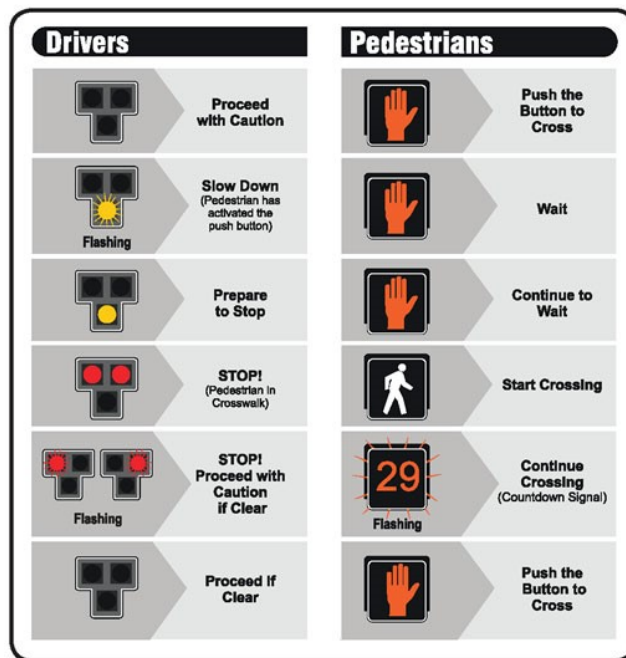


Reminder to all drivers and pedestrians who travels through Sloat Blvd

When a pedestrian presses the button, a flashing yellow light appears on the signals notifying motorists that a pedestrian will soon be crossing. A person waiting to cross will see the Wait Signal, the Orange Hand. The pedestrian will also hear the audible “Wait.” The light switches to solid yellow telling motorists to prepare to stop.

Next the light turns solid red and the pedestrian signal will show the Walk Signal, an image of a person walking. The audible will say “Walk.” There will also be a countdown on the pedestrian signal indicating the amount of time remaining to cross the intersection.

After enough time has passed to cross, the beacon will change to flashing red, meaning each motorist must stop and look both ways before proceeding. If a pedestrian remains in the crosswalk, the driver must wait for the pedestrian to clear the crosswalk.



Things to Remember:

- **Pedestrians:**
Press the button; the pedestrian signal shows the Orange Hand, and the audible says “Wait.”
- The light changes to the Walking Man and the audible says “Walk.” Pedestrians may cross the street. Eventually, the signal will add a countdown, indicating the time remaining to cross.
- At some point, the pedestrian light changes to “Wait,” pedestrians on the sidewalk must wait for the next cycle.
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- **Drivers:**
For Drivers, the overhanging signals operate like typical traffic signals
- Flashing Yellow = Caution
- Yellow = Prepare to stop
- Solid Red = Stop.
- Flashing Red = Functions like a stop sign. Drivers waiting at the white line must look for pedestrians in the crosswalk. When the crosswalk is clear, the waiting driver may proceed. Subsequent motorists must also stop and look for pedestrians before proceeding.

Dark Signal = Drivers are free to drive through the crosswalk.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/pedestrianbeacons/>



Previous Weeks Notable Incidents

*** Not all crimes are reported in the daily report, Address shown are the "Unit Block" where the incident took place.

Daily Crime Report :: Sun – Jan 20, 2019

No notable incidents for this day. Go to <http://www.taraval.org/?p=14535>

Daily Crime Report :: Mon – Jan 21, 2019

No notable incidents for this day. Go to <http://www.taraval.org/?p=14538>

Daily Crime Report :: Tue – Jan 22, 2019

Warrant Arrest – Arrested

5:24 pm

3700 Kirkham St

Officers responded to a report of a fight between roommates. Responding officers arrived at the location and made contact. The first party stated that the second party was drunk and was breaking things inside the house. The second party stated that first party had beat him up. A computer check revealed that the second party had a warrant for his arrest. **The second party was arrested for the warrant.**

Traffic Violation – No Driver's License – Cited

2:57 pm

Holloway Ave & 19th Ave

Officers were in the area of Stonestown mall and surveying the area for auto boosting suspects. A suspect was observed looking into the windows of multiple vehicles before entering a vehicle, which had several other occupants, and driving away. The officers made a traffic stop and a computer check revealed that the suspect was on supervised probation for a felony and had a search condition. A search of the vehicle and it's occupants revealed a window punch that was hidden inside a juvenile subject's sock. The computer check also revealed that the suspect did not have a driver's license. **The suspect was cited for driving without a license.**

Daily Crime Report :: Wed – Jan 23, 2019

Abandon Vehicle

1:00 pm

700 Santiago St

Officer responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle that had been left in the middle of the street. Responding officers investigated and determined that the vehicle was the same one that a suspect had driven away in after multiple vehicles, in the Richmond district, had been broken into. The vehicle was towed.

Search Warrant

7:00 am

Officers were granted a search warrant on a house and located numerous, illegally grown, marijuana plants inside.



Notable Incidents (Cont.)

Daily Crime Report :: Thu – Jan 24, 2019

Traffic Violation – Suspended Driver's License – Cited

3:27 pm

19th Ave & Winston Dr

Officers observed a known subject, who had a history of burglary and theft, driving around the Stonestown parking lot and conducted a computer check on the vehicle that the subject was driving. The check revealed that the vehicle's registration had been expired since 2018 despite a current 2019 sticker affixed to the plate. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check on the subject revealed that her license had been suspended. **The subject was cited.**

Traffic Violation – No Driver's License – Cited

3:49 pm

Santa Clara Ave & St Francis Blvd

Officers were on patrol and observed a vehicle making a right turn without stopping at the posted stop sign. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check on the driver revealed that he had never been issued a driver's license. **The driver was cited.**

Traffic Violation – Resisting Arrest – Marijuana Offense – Cited

10:47 am

Irving St & 6th Ave

Officers were on patrol and observed a vehicle pulling in front of a red zone and park directly in front of a fire hydrant before exiting the vehicle and walking away. The officers approached the vehicle, which had its windows rolled down and smelled strongly of marijuana. The officers attempted to detain the suspect but the suspect refused to obey the officers' lawful order. The officers placed the suspect in handcuffs despite the suspect resisted and struggled. A search of the suspect's vehicle revealed marijuana that was not properly stored. After further investigation, **the suspect was cited.**

Daily Crime Report :: Fri – Jan 25, 2019

Battery

8:46 am

1300 9th Ave

Officers responded to a report of a battery. The victim stated that she had asked the suspect to leave a private parking area after discovering him there. The suspect responded angrily and yelled at the victim before he spat at her and left the area.

Traffic Violation – No Driver's License – Cited

7:01 pm

Lake Merced Blvd & Winston Ave

Officers were on patrol and observed a suspicious vehicle which had its license plate obscured by a tow hitch. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check on the driver revealed that his license expired. The driver also had a history of multiple citations for driving without a license. **The driver was cited and his vehicle towed.**



Notable Incidents (Cont.)

Assault – Arrested

10:30 pm

3080 San Jose Ave

Officers responded to a report of an assault. The victim reported that he was sitting in his vehicle when he observed the suspect talking to himself. Shortly after, the suspect grabbed a golf club and went to the victim's vehicle and told the victim to exit his vehicle. The victim refused and the suspect walked away. The victim then exited his vehicle and the suspect suddenly charged at him with the golf club in an attempt to hit the victim with it. The victim used pepper spray in self defense and the suspect walked away. Responding officers located the suspect and after further investigation, **the suspect was arrested.**

Stolen Vehicle – Driving under the Influence – Arrested

12:38 am

00 Forest Side Ave

Officers responded to a report of a suspect who was driving a stolen tractor. Responding officers located the suspect, who was still on the tractor and instructed him to turn off the tractor. The suspect complied and then narrowly missed falling off of the tractor while attempting to step off of it. The suspect, who was determined to be intoxicated, stated that he had found the keys inside the tractor. After viewing security footage and further investigation, **the suspect was arrested.**

Daily Crime Report :: Sat – Jan 26, 2019

Warrant Arrest – Arrested

12:28 pm

Portola Dr & Claremont Blvd

Officers were in the area when they observed a known subject with a current arrest warrant. The suspect was detained without incident and **was arrested.**

Robbery

4:17 pm

500 Victoria St

Officers responded to a report of a robbery. The victim reported that she had been waiting outside of her house for a mail delivery when the suspect's vehicle approached her and instructed the victim to come closer to the vehicle. The victim, who thought that the suspects were the mail service, approached the vehicle. The suspect then suddenly grabbed the victim's arm and pulled off her jewelry before immediately driving away. The victim stated that one suspect drove the car and a second suspect, the passenger, stole her jewelry.

See More

Daily Crime Reports

Do you want to know what happens daily in the District?

Read more at <http://www.taraval.org/?cat=14>

Note: Not all crimes are reported



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Robbery 01/01/19 – 01/30/19

Crime Category	Crime Subcategory	This Week
ROBBERY	Firearm	2
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0
	Other Dangerous Weapon	1
	Strongarm (no weapon)	7
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If the dots does not add up to the number, there may be multiple incidents with the same address.

*Note: The map accurately reflects the information available at the time of preparation. Numbers may or may not change as more information becomes available.

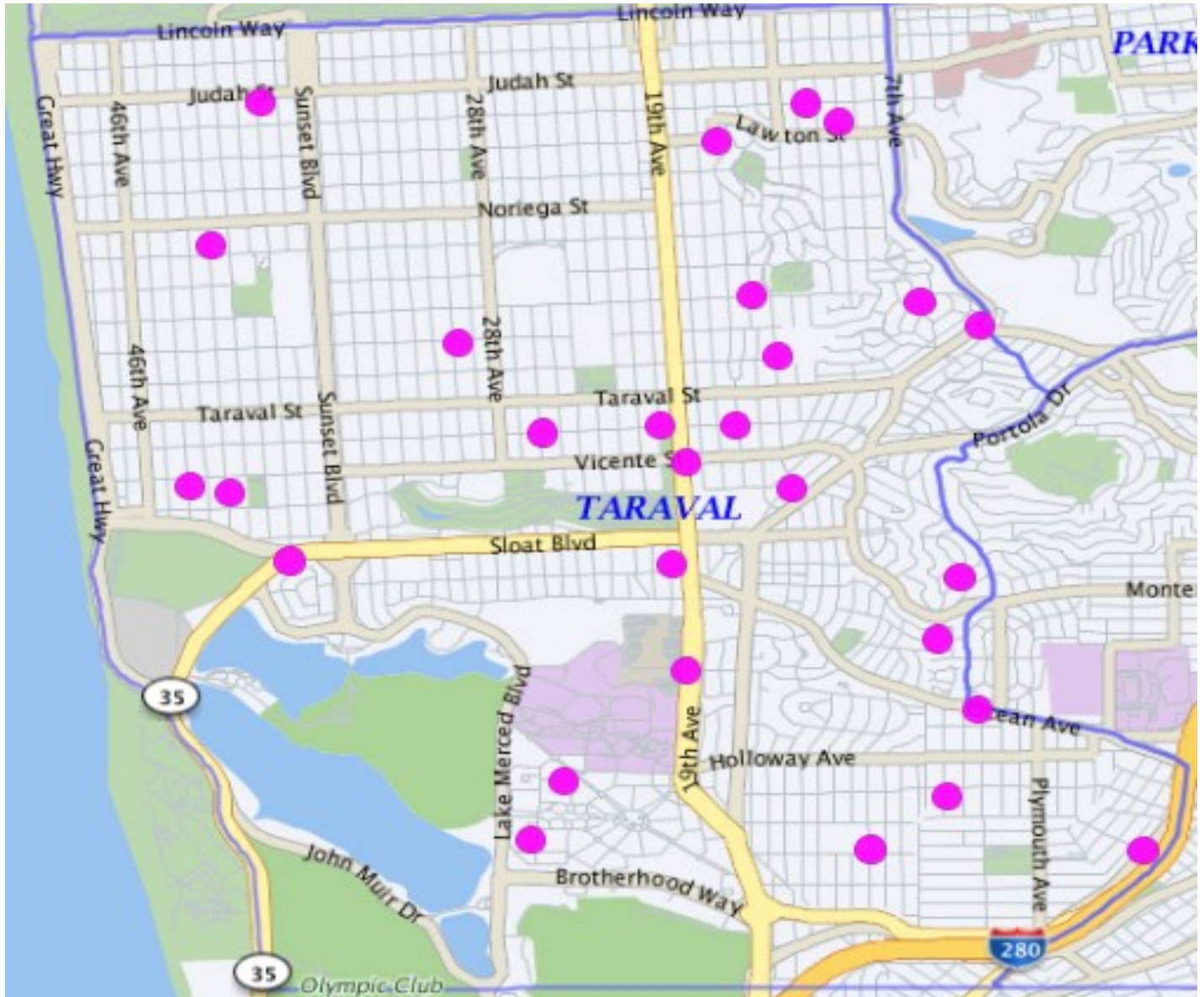


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Burglary 01/01/19 – 01/30/19

BURGLARY	Attempted Forcible Entry	2
	Forcible Entry	18
	Unlawful Entry - No force	8
		28



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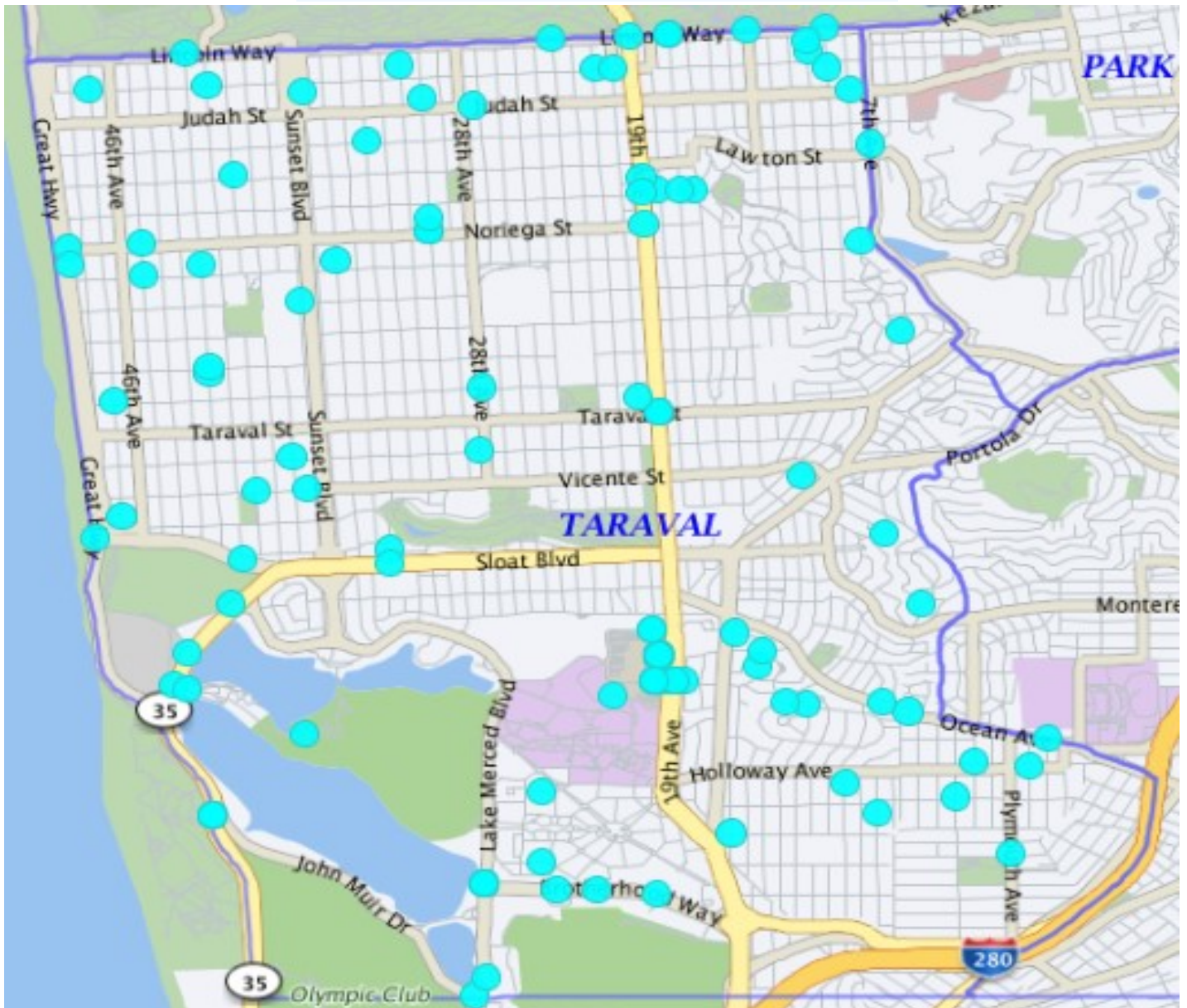


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Auto Burglaries 01/01/19 – 01/30/19

Auto Burglaries	134
	134



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Beware of Scams

Fake Check Scams

Consumers paid with phony checks for work or for items they're trying to sell, instructed to wire money back to buyer

Prizes/Sweepstakes/Free Gifts

Requests for payment to claim fictitious prizes, lottery winnings, or gifts

Recovery/Refund Companies

Scammers contact victims and claim the consumer owes money on a fictitious debt or to help recover money lost in a previous scam

Advance Fee Loans, Credit Arrangers

False promises of business or personal loans, even if credit is bad, for a fee upfront

Phishing/Spoofing

Emails pretending to be from a well-known source ask consumers to enter or confirm personal information

Computers: Equipment and Software

Scammers claim to offer "technical support" for computer problems and charge a fee to fix a nonexistent problem

Scholarships/Grants

For a fee, a "search company" offers to conduct customized search for scholarships or grants for students. Scammers take money and run or provide a worthless list

Friendship & Sweetheart Swindles

Con artist nurtures an online relationship, builds trust, and convinces victim to send money

Charitable Solicitations

Scammers contact victims claiming to represent non-existent charities (or real charities they don't actually work for) and ask for donations.



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 try, and 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.
- Please dial 911 to report crimes in progress, suspicious activity or for life threatening emergencies. If it is not an emergency, dial (415) 553-0123.



**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:

Taraval Station has two officers that 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:

Taraval Station has 3 foot beat locations. These officers are assigned to Irving St, West Portal Ave and Ocean Ave.

Monthly Police Community Relations Meetings:

Community Meetings are going to be held continuously. Officers and sergeants also attend meetings with merchants groups, business groups, development authorities and others. Concerns are voiced and addressed through problem solving. These meeting will be on the third Tuesday of each month.

Email Updates:

Taraval Station will send 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.



Make the Right Call SF

Make the right call. Keep 9-1-1 available for emergencies.

9-1-1

Police, Fire & Medical

Available 24/7

Is there a danger to life, property or the environment?

Is there a crime in progress?

Is someone having a medical emergency and needs immediate assistance?

Is there a fire?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, immediately call 9-1-1.

3-1-1

City Services & Information

Available 24/7

Police reports for crimes not in progress such as:

-Auto Burglaries

-Petty Theft

-Vandalism

Report graffiti, potholes, abandoned vehicles, or blocked driveways.

Garbage and recycling services

Street and park maintenance

Property Tax Payments

Birth Certificates

Marriage Licenses

Business Registration

415-553-0123

Police Non-Emergency Assistance

Available 24/7

Noise complaints

Loitering

Citizen standby

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL		KEEP 9-1-1 AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES	
9-1-1 POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL AVAILABLE 24/7	3-1-1 CITY SERVICES & INFORMATION AVAILABLE 24/7	415-553-0123 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE 24/7	
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		 MAKETHERIGHTCALLSF.ORG	



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 (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.
2. Choose an available exam date that's convenient for you.
3. Schedule your exam.

Have Questions? Contact the San Francisco Police Department Recruitment Unit

1245 3rd Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94158
Phone: 415-837-7245
Fax: 415-575-6095

 joinsfpd@sfgov.org  twitter.com/SFPDRecruitment  facebook.com/SFPDRecruitment

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.



**“YOUR FEEDBACK
will help US serve YOU better!”**

sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback

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.

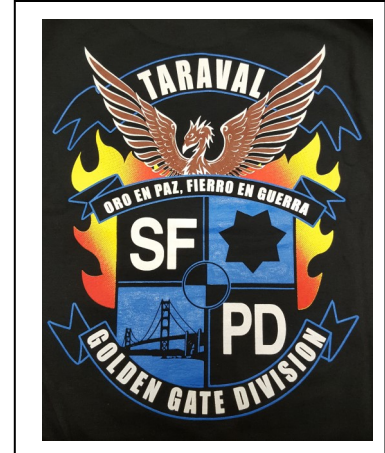
Visit us at sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback. Your feedback will help SFPD better serve our City. Comments will be reviewed by our Community Engagement Unit and forwarded to the relevant unit, department office or neighborhood station for review and follow up, if appropriate.

(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.)



SFPD RESOURCES

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell Phone 911: 911 / 553-8090
Customer Service Center: 311
SFPD Tip Line: 566-0115
Anonymous Tip-Line 575-4444
Chinese Tip Line: 315-2435
Text a Tip: 847411 (Tip 411)
Blessing Scam Hotline: 553-9219
Graffiti Abatement: 850-6951



TARAVAL STATION RESOURCES

Taraval Station: 759-3100
Captain Nicholas Rainsford: 759-3100 - nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org
Patrol Lieutenants: 759-3100
Taraval Administration & Community Sgt.: 759-3120 – Sgt. Lynn Pomatto
Taraval Permits/ Code Abatement: 759-3123 – Officer Matt Faliano
Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney: 553-1868 - Maggie Buitrago
Website: www.taraval.org / Taraval Station E-mail: SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org
To Reserve Our Community Room: taravalcommunityroom@sfgov.org

OTHER RESOURCES

Dept. of Parking & Traffic: 553-1943
DPW Dispatch 695-2020
S.A.F.E. 553-1984

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS: 911

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