



## Taraval Station Newsletter Mini Updates



Community Members,

In this issue, you will find information on events that are happening in our district and around the city. This issue also contains the current crime statistics for robbery, burglary and auto burglary.

If you are reporting a crime in progress, dial 9-1-1. Also, call 9-1-1 to report fires, medical emergencies and any emergencies related to public safety.

To report a non-emergency incident (a crime that has already occurred and the suspects are gone) please call the SFPD non-emergency phone number at 415-553-0123 to have an Officer dispatched to meet with you.

You may also go to any SFPD district station to make a report or go to

<https://sanfranciscopolice.org/reportS>



**Captain Nicholas Rainsford**

**Commanding Officer**

**Taraval Station**



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### Next Community Meeting:

Tue., March. 19, 2019  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Taraval Station Community  
Room

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



# TARAVAL STATION



SFPD Taraval Station

Captain's Monthly Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Taraval Police Station Community Room

San Francisco Police District Station  
**#CommunityMeeting**

- Community Concerns
- District Crimes and Updates
- Upcoming Community Events
- Response to Community Questions and Concerns

[sanfranciscopolice.org/stations](http://sanfranciscopolice.org/stations)

Come meet Captain Nick Rainsford and find information about public safety information, community updates and more.



Taraval Community Members, We are seeing an increase in burglaries targeting homes that are under construction. In these incidents, suspect would break into the building or construction site and steal numerous high end construction equipment. Currently, if your home is under construction and no one is at that location after work hours, call the station (415-759-3100) and provide your name and the address of the construction site and phone number. We can have our officers conduct passing calls.

See the next page provided by Park Station on recommendations for Burglary Awareness & Prevention Tips for Construction Sites.





# TARAVAL STATION



From Park Police Station



*San Francisco Police Department  
Park Station*

## **DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A BURGLARY!**

### Burglary Awareness & Prevention Tips for Construction Sites

#### **Securing & Preventing**

1. Secure all equipment and vehicles at all times.
2. Take effort to reduce the visibility of tools and equipment secured in vehicles or on job sites.
3. Make use of adequate lighting in conjunction with open chain-link fencing on the perimeter to allow for high visibility to the job site.
4. Strongly consider the use of security systems such as alarms and video surveillance. Ensure signage for such is clearly visible.



SFPD Park Station  
1899 Waller Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
(415) 242-3000

#### **Precautionary Measures**

1. Photograph all tools. Ensure photographs clearly show the associated serial number and/or distinctive markings.
2. Ensure job site keys are marked "Do Not Duplicate" and are controlled at all times.
3. Attempt to park employee vehicles within visual range of the job site.

#### **Should a Burglary Occur**

Immediately contact 911. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- a) Time of incident.
- b) Video (if available).
- c) Items taken (include make, model, description, location taken from, value, photos and serial numbers).
- d) Insurance information.
- e) Owner's information.



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## 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 – March 03, 2019

#### **Battery**

**11:35 am**

**1400 Noriega St**

Officers responded to a report of a battery. Responding officers made contact with people involved and determined that one driver had double parked their vehicle too close to a second vehicle that was parked. The driver that was double parked then accidentally hit the mirror of the parked vehicle. Both parties wanted to press charges and stated that the other party had exited their vehicle and started an argument which led to a physical fight. There were no witnesses on scene and **both parties were cited**.

### Daily Crime Report :: Mon – March 04, 2019

#### **Traffic Violation – No Driver's License – Cited**

**11:32 am**

**9th Ave & Kirkham St**

Officers were on patrol in the area when they observed a vehicle displaying a dealership paper plate that did not have any numbers on it. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check on the driver revealed that he did not have a license or insurance. **The driver was cited**.

### Daily Crime Report :: Tue – March 05, 2019

#### **Warrant Arrest – Arrested**

**9:30 pm**

**Meadowbrook Dr & Ocean Ave**

Officers were on patrol in the area and observed a vehicle without it's headlights on while driving at a high rate of speed before it quickly made a U-turn and parked. The driver and occupants of the vehicle then walked quickly away. The officers approached the parked vehicle and determined that it had been parked illegally and was blocking a driveway. An inspection of the vehicle revealed numerous items of clothing that had just been reported as stolen from a store. While investigating, a subject matching the description of one of the occupants walked towards the vehicle and was detained. A computer check revealed that the subject had a warrant for her arrest. The subject stated that she did not know who was the owner of the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and **the subject was arrested** for the warrant.

#### **Possession of an Air Gun**

**8:25 am**

**2100 24th Ave**

Officers responded to Lincoln HS regarding a student, who was from another school, that was inside their campus with an air gun. The witness, a school security officer, had already detained the subject and made contact with the parents when the responding officers arrived at the location.

### Daily Crime Report :: Wed – March 06, 2019



## Notable Incidents (Cont.)

### Robbery

7:12 pm

#### Lake Merced Blvd & Lake Merced Hills

Officers responded to a report of a physical altercation. Responding officers arrived at the location and made contact with the victim. The victim reported that she was lost and had been searching for a nearby bus stop when the suspect approached her and offered to help her. The suspect then guided the victim to the bus stop before attempting to steal the victim's purse. The victim held tightly on to her purse and the suspect reached into the victim's purse and stole the victim's money before fleeing the area.

### Traffic Violation – No Driver's License – Cited

6:36 pm

#### Alemanly Blvd & Arch St

Officers responded to a report of an accident. Responding officers arrived at the location and determined that a vehicle had collided into a MUNI bus. A computer check on the driver revealed that she did not have a driver's license and also did not have insurance. **The driver was cited.**

### Shoplifting – Vandalism

11:55 am

#### 1500 Sloat Blvd

Officers responded to a report of shoplifting. The witness reported that she had confronted two suspect who had been observed shoplifting. The witness asked the suspects to return the stolen items and one of the suspects handed the items back. The suspects then created a scene and pushed over a cash register and a nearby display, which caused damages.

### Search Warrants – Arrested

10:00am

#### Various locations

Officers received information regarding a burglary and assault with a gun that had occurred in the Richmond district. The investigation unit at Richmond station identified the suspect, who was living in the Taraval district. Our TNT officers obtained a search warrant on all the suspects who was listed in the residence and conducted a search. The suspect was located along with numerous ammunition and illegal drugs. **The suspect was arrested.**

## Daily Crime Report :: Thu – March 07, 2019

### Warrant Arrest – Arrested

10:30 am

#### 19th Ave & Noriega St

Officers responded to a report of a person who was hitting other people inside a store. Responding officers arrived at the location and detained the suspect. The witness stated that a group of kids had come into the store and that the suspect started to scream and curse at them. The suspect then attempted to strike several of the kids but missed. A computer check on the suspect revealed a warrant for her arrest. **The suspect was arrested.**

### Trespassing – Cited

6:P37 am

#### 3600 Taraval St

Officers responded to a report of a trespasser. The victim stated that she had heard noises inside the hallway of her apartment and found the suspect standing in the hallway while speaking to himself. The victim wanted to charge the suspect for trespassing. **The suspect was cited.**





## Notable Incidents (Cont.)

**Fire**  
**1:08 pm**  
**200 Sadowa St**  
Officers responded to a report of a fire, which was successfully extinguished by SFFD. After further investigation, SFFD determined that the fire was accidental.

### Daily Crime Report :: Fri – March 08, 2019

**Robbery with a gun**  
**12:09 pm**  
**1800 28th Ave**  
Officers responded to a report of a home invasion. The victim reported that he was inside his bedroom, in the lower unit of the house, when he heard the front door being kicked in. The victim saw six suspects enter and come towards him with one of the suspects holding on to a gun. The suspects then ransacked the lower level of the house without attempting to go upstairs before they fled the scene.

**Robbery**  
**6:30 am**  
**9th Ave & Lawton St**  
Officers responded to a report of a robbery. The victim reported that he was walking when a vehicle suddenly pulled up next to him and two suspects exited the vehicle and approached him. The victim stated that the suspects were each holding a gun and a shot gun before they demanded his property. Once the victim handed over his items, the suspects both fled the scene in their vehicle.

**Robbery**  
**6:32 am**  
**8th Ave & Noriega St**  
Officers responded to a second robbery by the same two suspects. The victim reported that he was walking on the sidewalk when two suspects pulled up next to him and pointed weapons at him before demanding his property. Once the victim handed over his items, the suspects fled. It was determined that these were the same suspects that had also robbed a victim earlier in the Park District.

### Daily Crime Report :: Sat – March 09, 2019

**Trespassing**  
**4:03 pm**  
**1600 37th Ave**  
Officers responded to a report of a trespasser at a recently purchased home. Responding officers located two suspects who were trespassing. After further investigation, **the suspects were cited.**

# 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**

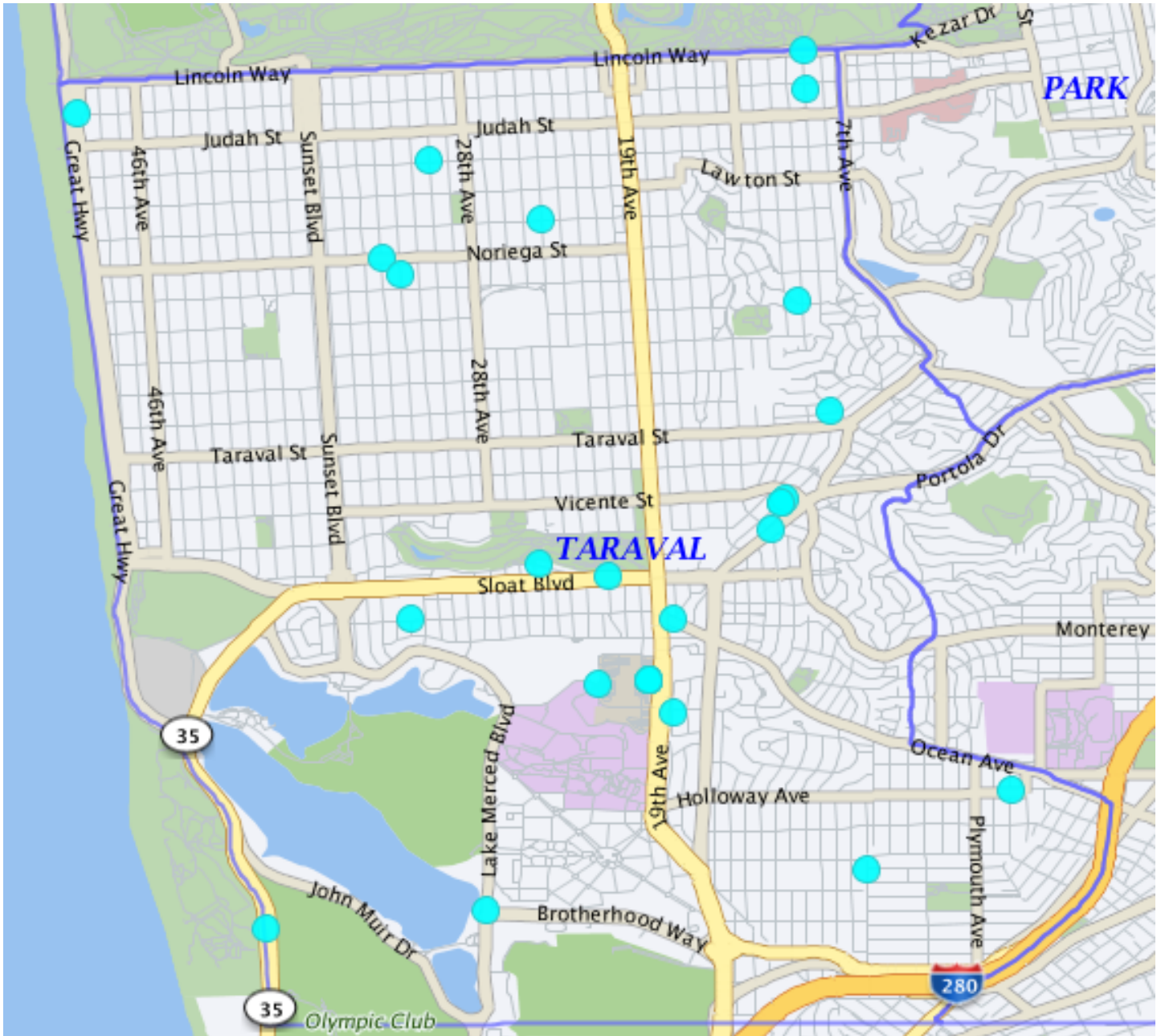


# TARAVAL STATION



## Auto Burglaries 03/01/19 – 03/13/19

Auto Burglaries	33
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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. *Production date 3/14/19 - 0716 hrs*



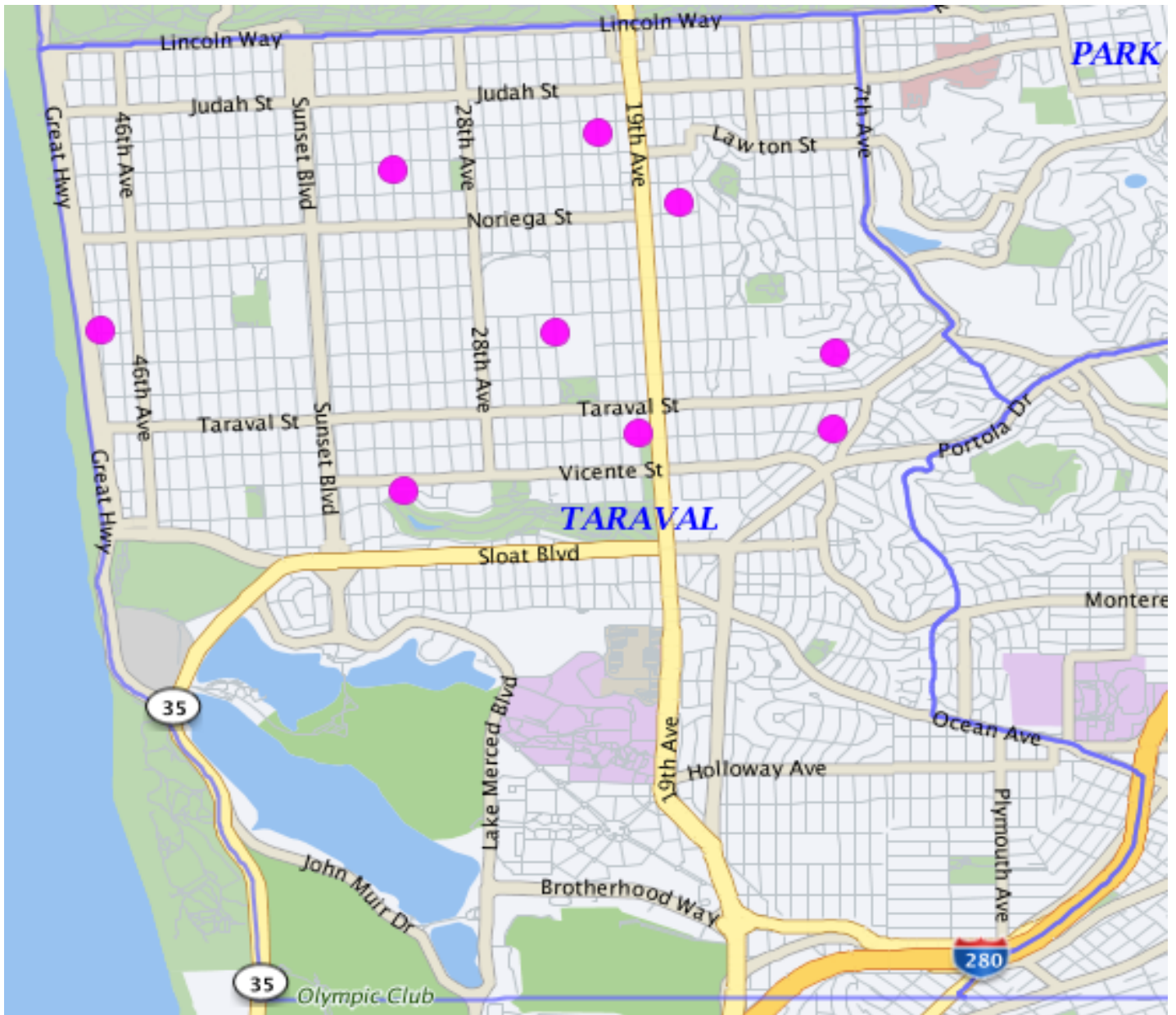


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## Burglary 03/01/19 – 03/13/19

BURGLARY	Attempted Forcible Entry	2
	Forcible Entry	4
	Unlawful Entry - No force	4
		<b>10</b>



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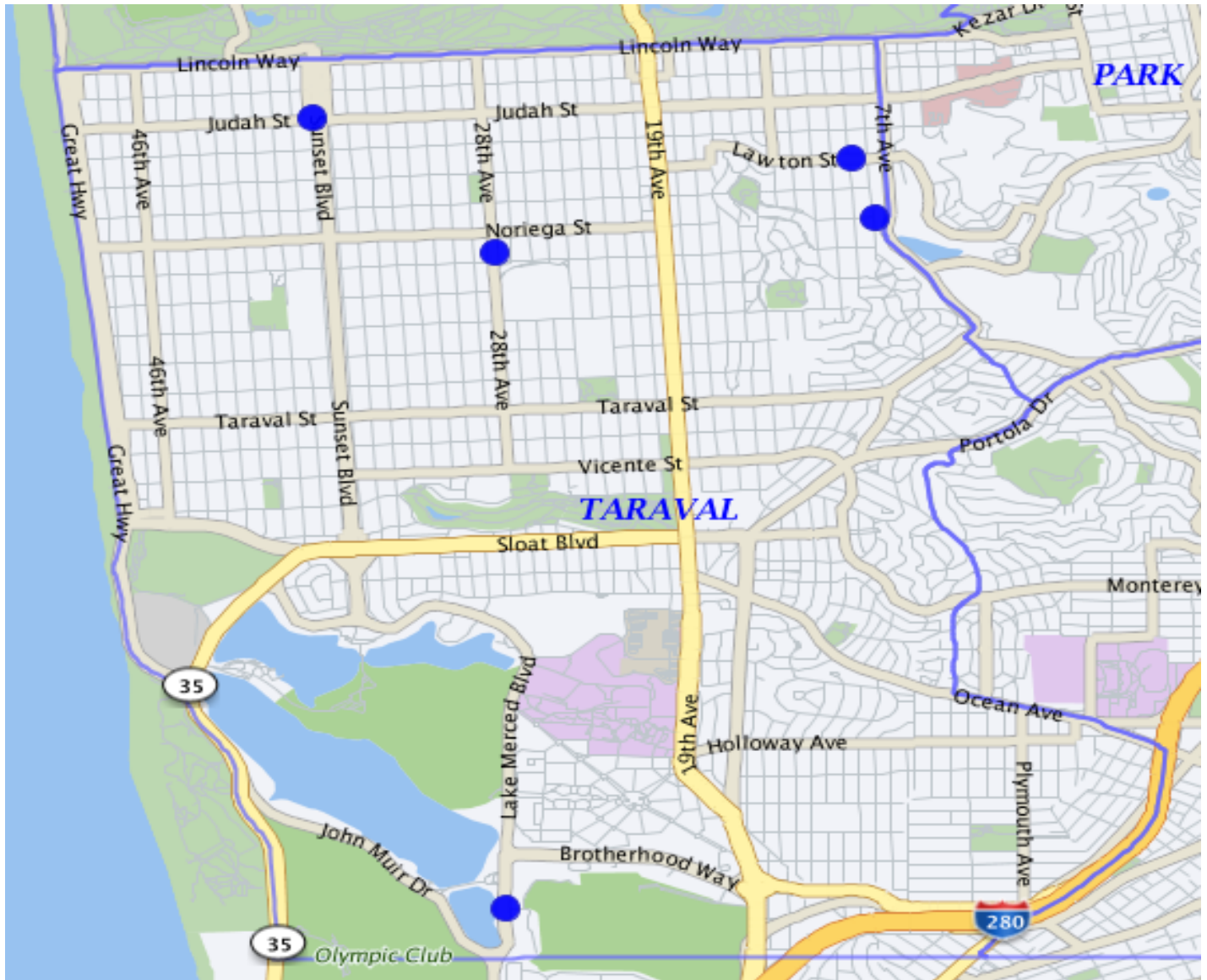


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## Robbery 03/01/19 – 03/13/19

ROBBERY	Firearm	3
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0
	Other Dangerous Weapon	1
	Strongarm (no weapon)	1
		<b>5</b>



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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

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### 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!

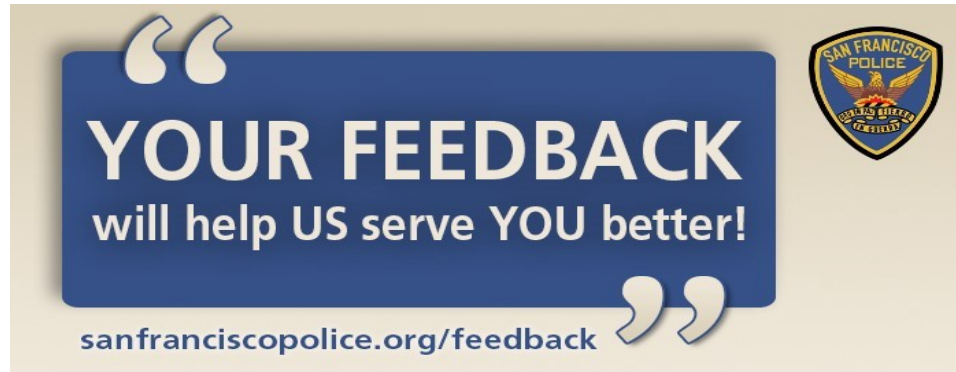
1. Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer) Go to [www.nationaltestingnetwork.com](http://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com), choose law enforcement, and register to take the San Francisco exam (\$45). Financial assistance is available.
2. Choose an available 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](mailto:joinsfpd@sfgov.org)  [twitter.com/SFPDRecruitment](https://twitter.com/SFPDRecruitment)  [facebook.com/SFPDRecruitment](https://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.



## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.taraval.org) / Taraval Station E-mail: [SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org](mailto:SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org)  
To Reserve Our Community Room: [taravalcommunityroom@sfgov.org](mailto: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**

We, the members of the San Francisco Police Department, are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. In order to protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, we will provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.