



# Central Station Newsletter

**San Francisco  
Police Department**



Thursday, May 29, 2019

## Captain Robert Yick's Message



**Captain Robert Yick**  
Commanding Officer Central Station

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Dear Residents and Community Members,

Warm is upon us!

And with warm weather comes an increase in pedestrian traffic throughout our district. Our largest area for pedestrian traffic is Union Square, but Fisherman's Wharf and the surrounding side streets are flooded with bicycles, tuk-tuk's, GoCar tour cars and pedestrian traffic.

As always, we want to keep our residents and visitors safe and up to date with the latest public safety tips:

Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, as far from the roadway as you can.

Look for cars and motorized vehicles in all directions, including those turning before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you or will stop. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing to make sure they see you.

Use crosswalks whenever possible. Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic. Don't cross mid-block or diagonally. If there's no crosswalk nearby, cross in a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Look left, right, and left again.

No crosswalk? Yield to traffic. Pedestrians walking outside of crosswalks must yield to all other traffic.

Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic. Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.

Obey all pedestrian traffic signals. Be predictable to drivers and follow the rules of the road.

Be Safe

### Next Community Meeting:

Date: 06/20/19  
Time: 6:00pm  
Location:  
Grace Cathedral  
(Dining Room)  
1231 Sacramento St

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subscribing to our  
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Chief William Scott's  
message

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

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As a reminder, Central's Community Meeting will be held next Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral. The meeting is open to everyone from the Central District and it is a good way to discuss issues in the district.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS:**

SAFE, with support from SFPD and DPW, will get Neighborhood Watch signs installed on individual blocks. Groups are able to apply for Neighborhood Watch signs after forming active groups. Signs are a way to publicize the efforts of your group, letting others know that yours is a SAFE neighborhood and one in which crime will not be tolerated.

### **Start a Neighborhood Watch**



To start a neighborhood watch group or to inquire about any of our services, please call: (415) 553-1984 or (415) 673-SAFE.

As a reminder, please continue to dial "311" for a number of city services, especially if it is for illegally dumped garbage.

## Crimes of Note

### Burglary (Commercial and Residential)

**Burglary** – The intent upon entry into a property to commit grand theft, petty theft, or any felony.

5/11	08:00am	<b>Burglary, Hot Prowl</b> 900 blk of Sutter	Victim woke up and heard shuffling in his living room and fell back asleep. In the morning, the Victim noticed his property missing from the living room.
5/12	11:33am	<b>Burglary, Store</b> 200 blk of Post	Damage was found on the locking mechanism to the front door. Approximately 38K was stolen from the store.
5/13	05:20am	<b>Burglary, Apartment</b> 1000 blk of Bush	Front door window was smashed and suspect stole several packages.
5/23	02:45am	Burglary, Store 300 blk Kearny	Subjects entered the store and stole several items.
5/24	06:01am	Burglary, Store 300 blk of Kearny	Owner found rear window open and noticed several electronics missing from the interior.
5/25	12:22am	Burglary, Under Constr 100 blk of Grant	Surveillance video captured suspect enter and exit the construction area multiple times. The victim reported several tool missing.
5/26	5:00am	Burglary, Other Building 600 blk of Grant	Restaurant owner returned and noticed several timesl stolen from the interior of the restaurant.
5/27	2:45am	Burglary, Hot Prowl 3rd Street	Suspects are seen entering room leaving with items that belonged the Victim.
5/27	5:15pm	Burglary, Forcible Entry	Suspects entered through fire escape and stole several laptops from the office.

### Aggravated Assault

05/22	6:27pm	Aggravated Assault Battery/ Halleck	Victim was sitting on the sidewalk when suspect approached the Victim and punched her in the face. The suspect then attempted to choke the Victim with a shovel. Victim was able to break free and seek help.
5/22	6:55pm	Aggravated Assault Kearny/Bay	Victim was randomly punched in the face by the suspect.
5/23	7:54am	Aggravated Assault 700 blk of Kearny	The suspect threw a bottle of wine towards the victim.
5/25	8:03pm	Aggravated Assault Beach/Mason	1-4 suspects began hitting the victim on the Muni bus.
5/26	4:10pm	Aggravated Assault 500 blk Post	The suspect threw a wooden chair towards the victim.

## Crimes of Note

### Robbery

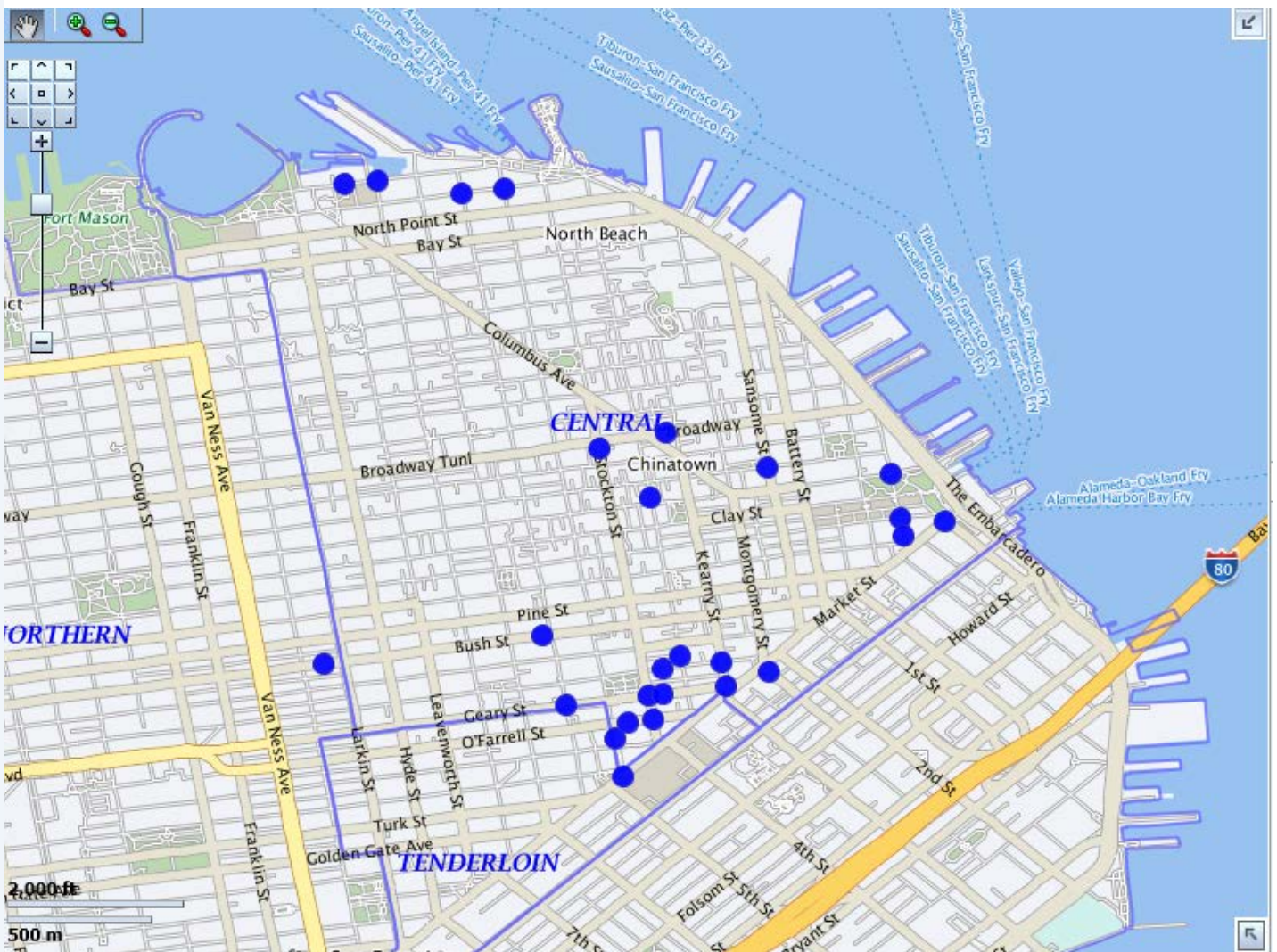
05/22	6:05pm	Robbery, with Force Post/Kearny	Victim was walking when she was suddenly pulled from behind. The suspect then grabbed the victim's phone from her hand and ran off.
5/23	8:40pm	Robbery, with Force 200 blk of Beach	The Victim was attacked by three subjects after asking the suspects to pay for their food bill.
5/24	12:48pm	Robbery, with Force Drumm/Front	The Victim placed her cell phone on a coffee table. The suspect then took the Victim's cell phone. The Victim attempted to stop the suspect from leaving the coffee shop. The suspect pushed the victim out of the way.
5/24	9:37pm	Robbery, with Knife Mason/Northpoint	The Victim was walking when the suspect walked up to him, brandished a knife and said " Give me your backpack or I'll kill you" The Victim gave his backpack to the suspect.
5/28	8:39pm	Shoplifting, Force Against Agent 100 blk of O' Farrell	The suspect stole several items from a store, when approached by sore employee, the suspect began pushing the victim.
5/28	3:47pm	Robbery, with Force 400 blk of Powell	The victim was walking when two suspects pulled Victim's purse and cell phone out of her hand. The suspects started punching the Victim in the face and ran away.

5/01 – 5/29    **345** Auto Burglaries Incidents

# Robbery

## May 2019

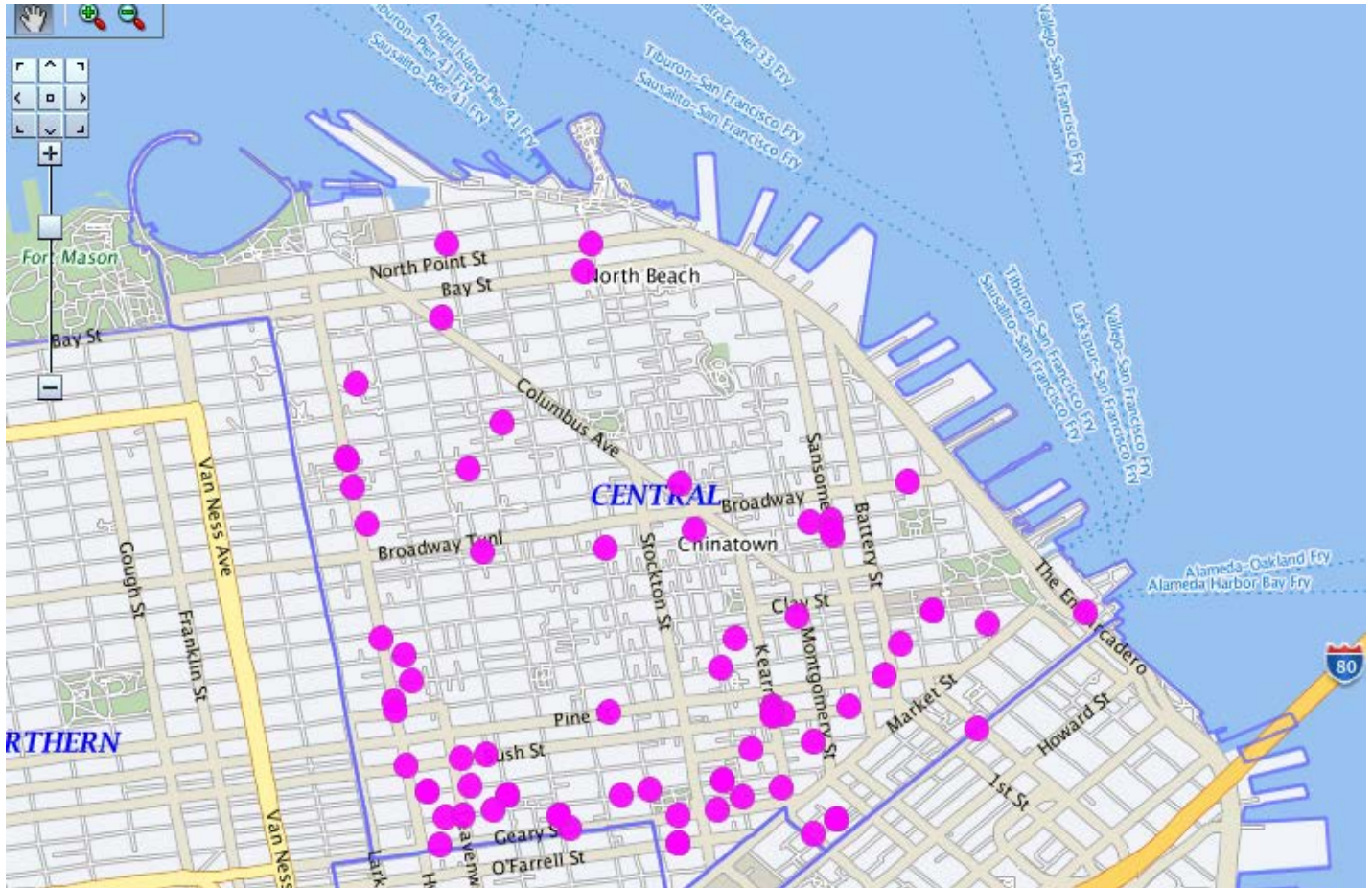
### 26 Incidents



# Burglary

## May 2019

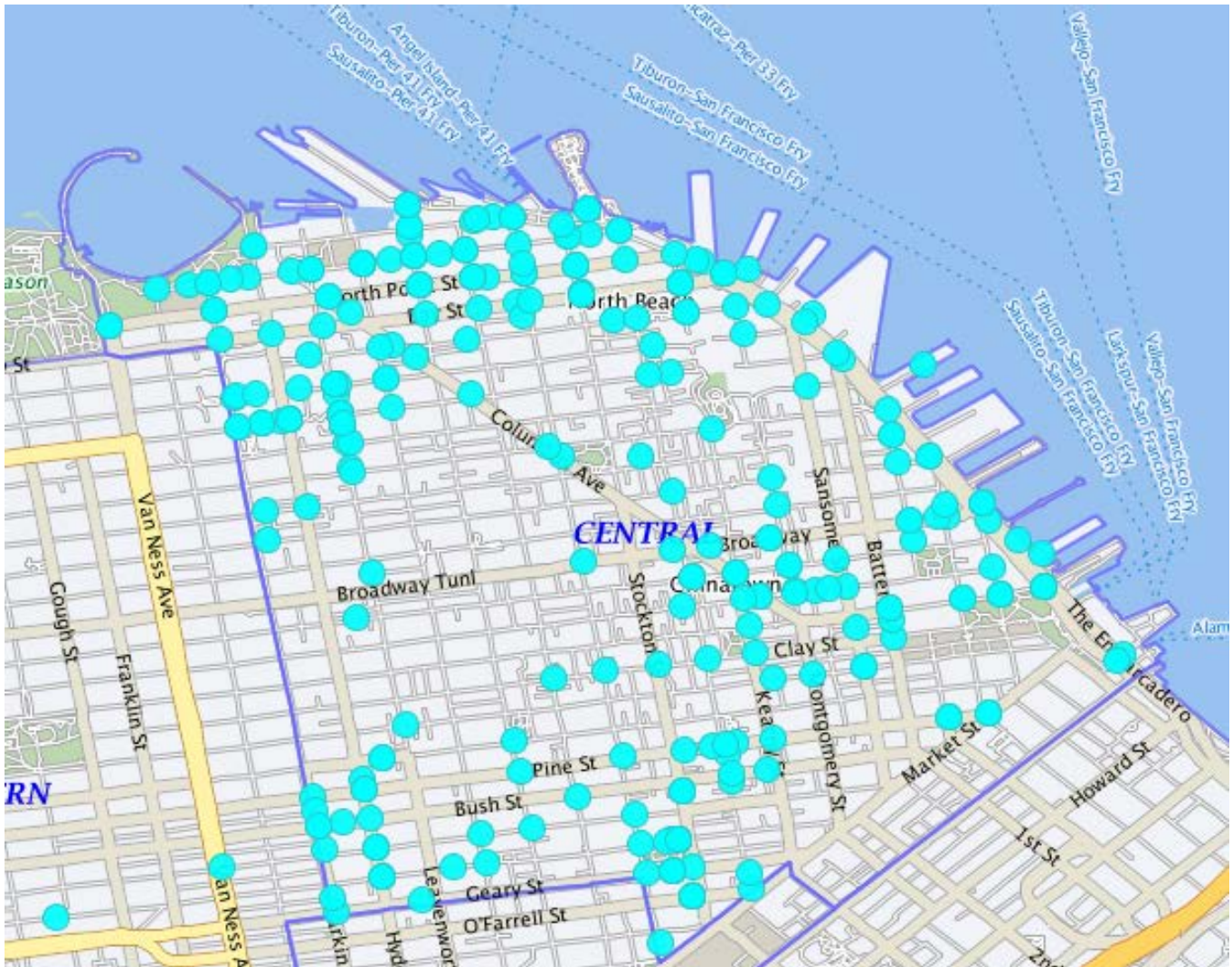
### 72 Incidents



# Theft From Vehicle

## May 2019

### 345



## Featured Officer of the Month



## Benjamin Shih #2089

Officer Shih was born in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School Central and went to attend the University of Michigan B.A. and Boston School of Law J.D.

Officer Shih joined the San Francisco Police Department in June 2014. After graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to Bayview Station for training. After completing training, he was assigned to Mission Station for probation. After probation, he was assigned to Ingleside Station.

When asked what his favorite thing about the Central is he responded, "Central is a mixture of old San Francisco and new. From alleyways to cobblestone streets, you can meet residents and visitors from around the world. Central has a cosmopolitan feel set in old school SF charm"



## 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.**

# SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 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

Commander David Lazar, Commanding  
Mark Hernandez, Program Coordinator

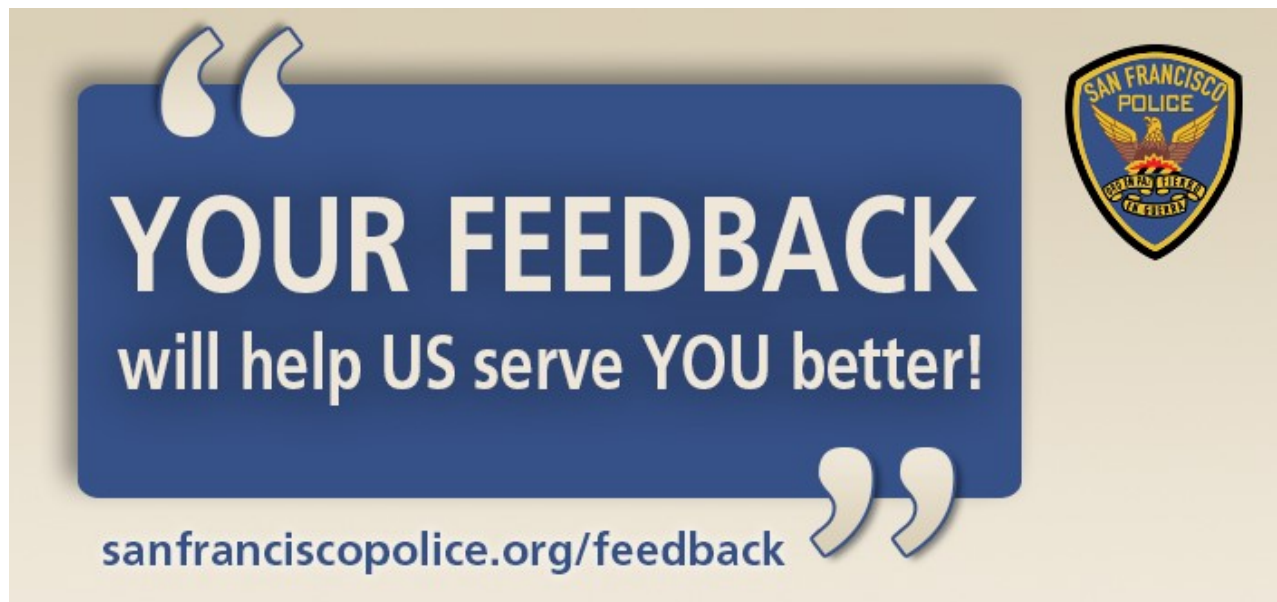
Phone: 415-558-5545

E-mail: [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org)



Web: [www.sf-police.org/alert](http://www.sf-police.org/alert)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sfpdalert](http://www.facebook.com/sfpdalert)



### 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](https://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.)

# COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

## Class # 35

**For community members age 18+**

San Francisco Police Academy  
350 Amber Drive  
San Francisco, CA 94131

### Schedule and Topics

4/25	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Introduction & Community Policing
5/2	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	D.E.M. Communications
5/9	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Bias Training
5/16	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Crisis Intervention Team
5/23	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Community Chaplaincy
5/30	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Force Options/Simulator
6/1	8:00 AM—5:00 PM	ALERT Seminar (Traffic Mgmt/K9 Operations/Patrol Vehicle Orientation)
6/6	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Officer Involved Shootings
6/13	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Ride- Along Week (Various Stations)
6/20	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	S.W.A.T. Demonstration
6/27	6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Chief Roundtable/ALERT & Community Presentations/Graduation

**Partner with us** to learn more about law enforcement and community policing.

Application and more information will be posted at [www.sanfranciscopolice.org/community-police-academy](http://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/community-police-academy)

Hosted by:  
San Francisco Police Department  
Community Engagement Division  
3401 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
(415) 558-5595

# Do You Want a Brighter Block?

The **Fix-It Team** wants to help **illuminate** your neighborhood! We are distributing **free motion-sensor solar LED lighting** for property owners to install on their homes to enhance sidewalk visibility.

Property owners must sign a waiver form to participate; priority is given to properties within existing Fix-It neighborhoods, which you can see here: [sfmayor.org/fix-it-team](http://sfmayor.org/fix-it-team)

\*other rules apply



Keeping our neighborhoods safe & clean



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Contact [fixitteam@sfgov.org](mailto:fixitteam@sfgov.org) for more information.





**Youth Football & Cheer  
Registration for the 2019 Season is now Open**

Who: Boys and Girls 7-12 years old

Where: Kimbell Playground (Pierce St. & Ellis St.)

Season: August-November

Cost: FREE

Registration: Online at [sfpal.org](http://sfpal.org) or on-site

For more information please visit our website at [sfpal.org](http://sfpal.org) or call our office (415)401-4666







## 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!

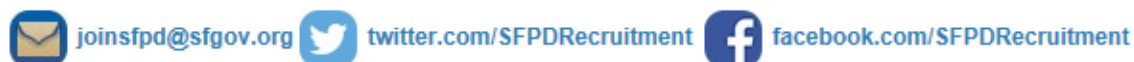
1. Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at [www.jobaps.com/sf](http://www.jobaps.com/sf) (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer)
2. Go to [www.nationaltestingnetwork.com](http://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com), choose law enforcement, and register to take the San Francisco exam (\$45). Financial assistance is available.
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

Phone: 415-837-7245

Fax: 415-575-6095



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.

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



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