

Northern Station Newsletter
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Captain's Comments:

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Over the past weekend, Northern Station helped host, and secure part of the annual Bay to Breakers race through the Hayes Valley and Alamo Square neighborhood. In a change to past practice, a portion of Alamo Square was fenced and closed off to race participants and the public. This closure was done for two reasons. First, since the public bombing during last year's Boston Marathon, concerns have grown about repeat incidents during major events and in iconic locations. Combining the general public and tourist attraction to view the "painted ladies" with the race and non race participants that have flocked to Alamo Square for past Bay to Breakers, the decision was made to close a portion of the square in the interest of security and public safety. Second, as the popularity of the Bay to Breakers has increased in the past few years so have the increases in the neighborhood complaints about unruly behavior, public intoxication, public urination, damage and garbage left at Alamo Square. To assist in alleviating the concerns of the neighborhood and to control the cost and damage to the cleanup of the square, the Recreation and Park Department approved the limited closure for the event. While we are aware that it may have been an inconvenience to some in the community to have a portion of Alamo Square closed for the day we believe that the benefits to public safety and overall well being of the surrounding neighborhood outweighed the argument in favor of keeping Alamo Square open. That having been said, if you have feedback and input on the closure, good or bad, please feel free to email me with them so that we can consider your concerns as we plan for next year's Bay to Breakers. Additionally, should you have comments or concerns about any other issues that arose during the Bay to Breakers please let me know so that we can be sure to address them for next year's race.

In my last newsletter I mentioned that Northern Station will be presenting the "State of the Northern District" at an upcoming Police Commission meeting hosted in the Northern District. The date and time have been set and I will be making my presentation at the Police Commission meeting next week. Below is the time and location of the presentation and I encourage and ask you to attend to hear the presentation and speak on any concerns you have. Your public input is my gauge to the concerns of the community and where our resources are necessary to alleviate those concerns. There will be a public comment portion of the meeting where you can speak about your concerns, good or bad, and I encourage anyone from the community to attend and speak.

INFORMATION ON NORTHERN POLICE STATIONS PRESENTATION AT THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

When: Wednesday May 28, 2014 (5:30 p.m.)
Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral High School
1100 Ellis Street (De Paul Campus)

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT BEHIND THE SCHOOL.
ENTRANCES ARE ON GOUGH STREET AND ON ELLIS STREET.

As part of my public outreach and engagement with the community I have begun our "Police and Community Walk" initiative for 2014. During our community walk you will have the opportunity to meet with me, and other personnel from Northern Station, as we walk your community. During our walk we will have a conversation about the community and community concerns while simultaneously giving you the opportunity to have a face to face with our station personnel and to point out locations in your community that you feel deserve our attention. Should you have a community group or community location where you'd like a "Police and Community Walk" please email me so that we can set up a time and a location for the walk.

Crime in the district continues to be lower than this time last year. We have seen a decrease in both violent and property crimes. However, we have traditionally seen crime increase as the weather warms up and the days become longer so please continue to be vigilant about protecting yourselves and your property. Whenever you see suspicious activities please report it to us. Continue to report crimes that occur so that we can accurately and timely respond and investigate any incidents. Below are the crime statistics through April, 2014.

Crime Statistics comparison through April 2014

City-Wide (Violent Crime)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	12	5	-58%
Rape	84	89	+6%
Robbery	1286	960	-25%
Aggravated Assault	<u>1173</u>	<u>1153</u>	<u>-2%</u>
TOTAL	2555	2207	-14%

Northern District (Violent Crime)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Homicide	2	1	-50%
Rape	13	17	+31%
Robbery	158	106	-33%
Aggravated Assault	<u>119</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>-15%</u>
TOTAL	292	225	-23%

City Wide (Property Crimes)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Burglary	1783	1907	+7%
Auto Theft	1752	1926	+10%
Theft from Vehicle	5073	5329	+5%
Arson	78	74	-5%
Other Theft	<u>6094</u>	<u>5604</u>	<u>-8%</u>
TOTAL	14780	14840	0%

Northern District (Property Crimes)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Burglary	278	300	+8%
Auto Theft	200	234	+17%
Theft from Auto	1022	935	-9%
Arson	9	11	+22%
Other Theft	<u>876</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>-10%</u>
TOTAL	2385	2272	-5%

NOTES OF INTEREST FOR MAY 2014

- The Line-Up is a crime prevention tool that allows the public to get involved through social media. The goal is to get the public involved in solving cold case files by watching and identifying video surveillance of suspects committing crimes. Contact information will be listed on the site and the public can be anonymous if they choose. The San Francisco Police Department will be releasing one video per week of suspect(s) involved in a criminal act. Remember, you have the power to make a difference in our community. Be a crime fighter and help us in identifying these criminals. The weekly videos can be accessed at the sf-police.org website and by clicking on the “line-up” icon at the bottom of the first page.

San Francisco Police Foundation

The SFPD is involved in many types of community events, and actively participates in a variety of philanthropies. Groups are always asking the department for donations of money or to provide some level of involvement in their activities. We recently started the San Francisco Police Foundation to help with the funding of many of these requests. If you would like to donate to the Department's philanthropic endeavors please make checks payable to the SF Police Foundation: Checks can be mailed directly to the following address: San Francisco Police Foundation, C/O Markun, Zusman, & Compton LLP. 465 California Street, SF, CA, 94104. With your help, the Foundation can, and will, make a difference for our City and in the lives of everyone touched by its police officers.

Note: The Northern Station Police Month Crime meeting is held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held June 12 at 6 pm at Northern Station's Community Room.

FOLLOW US ON YOU TUBE:

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 2](#)(crime prevention with focus on car break-ins)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WN5E4a5AxM>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 3](#)(crime prevention tips with a focus on street robberies)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajY25XDNi-Y>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 4 Part 1](#)(crime prevention tips with a focus on identity theft)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5nl6cyf8Co>

Click here: [Northern Station PSA 4 Part 2](#)(more on identity theft)

If you cannot view the video links above copy and paste the following

Links to your web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGcVZ501GFg>

****The officers of Northern Station work hard each and every day to keep the streets safe for everyone. They are making some excellent arrests. Here is a **small snapshot** of what they are doing. I encourage you to log on to the SFPD website and under 'compstat' you will find a link to 'crime maps' that will provide very timely crime information and a greater accounting.**

Cocaine Base/Rock, Possession for Sales, Loitering Where Narcotics are Sold/Used, Conspiracy Arrest, 5/1/14 12:37 Am Eddy/Polk

Officers on uniformed patrol in the above area noticed two males who were “hanging out” in the area, known for narcotics use and sales. Drug dealers generally work in pairs to avoid being arrested with drugs and money, and also to avoid being robbed by other dealers. The officers watched as the subjects made numerous hand to hand narcotics sales transactions. The officers got out of their patrol car and observed the subjects a bit longer. They heard a loud whistle go off, which someone blew to alert criminals that police were present. The subjects left the area. Officers subsequently checked the area for the subjects throughout the evening. They found the same two subjects later on in the evening. The officers were watching them and observed one subject throw a wadded up piece of paper on the ground. The officers approached the subjects and detained them. One officer retrieved the wadded up piece of paper and found several off white rocks of suspected crack cocaine inside. The subjects were arrested. The second subject had a large amount of money in small denominations stuffed into his pockets. A search of the second subject revealed a large folding knife in his pocket.

Officers transported the subjects to Northern Station. They located a certified Spanish speaking officer and were able to get names of the subjects from them. Officer's field tested the narcotics, and they tested positive for cocaine. The money was seized and all items of evidence were booked into custody. The subjects were booked at Northern Station.

Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglary Tools, Probation Violation Arrest, 5/3/14 4:52 Am Buchanan/Pacific

Officers responded to the above area regarding an auto boost that had just occurred. They met with the witness, who is employed as a security guard in the area. He saw an unknown subject break the window of a Toyota Prius. The security guard yelled at the subject and he fled in an unknown direction. The guard finished his "rounds" at his building. Officers arrived and began to search for the subject. Officers searching the area found two females hiding behind bushes in proximity to the boosted vehicle. The officers noticed a set of ski goggles, a flashlight and a set of "shaved" keys. Criminals use "shaved" keys to attempt to unlock vehicles and steal belongings from inside, or steal the vehicle itself. Officers ran a computer check on the subjects and discovered that they both were on probation for auto burglary. The subjects said that they don't have a car, but live in Daly City. They said that they were visiting a friend who lived nearby, but they could not provide an address for this "friend". Officers searched the subjects and found common items that are typically used to break auto glass. Officers checked the Toyota and discovered that it had been rifled through. The box in the backseat contained items of snow gear, which were strewn about the backseat and outside the car. The security guard told the officers that the subjects weren't the ones that broke the car's window. He did say that they "were around it" after the glass was broken. Due to the fact that the subjects were on probation for auto burglary, they had items in their possession that are commonly used to commit auto burglary, the time of evening, and the attempt to hide from the officers, and the ski goggles near them, the subjects were handcuffed and transported to Northern Station. Officers were able to get in touch with the owners of the Toyota and they came to the station and identified the stolen items that the subjects had. The subjects were booked on the above charges at County Jail.

Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Vehicle Arrest, 5/4/14 12:55 Am 2000 Block of Chestnut St.

A group of three men had been escorted out of one of the local bars. The bar's bouncer watched as one of them jumped from the sidewalk onto the hood of a nearby parked vehicle. The hood partially caved in, (due to his body weight) causing a high dollar amount of damage. The bouncer detained the male and called police. When the officers arrived they conducted their investigation and arrested the subject. The subject spontaneously stated, "I'm really drunk and I fell on the car". He was booked at Northern Station.

Theft From Locked Vehicle, Conspiracy, Probation Violation Arrest, 5/4/14 12:45 Pm Steiner/Geary

Dispatch sent officers to the above area regarding an auto burglary. Dispatch gave the officers the two male subject's description, victim vehicle information, and direction of flight. Dispatch also reported to the officers that the subjects were carrying a yellow bag. The officers responded to the location and quickly had one of the two subjects detained. They recognized him from numerous prior auto burglary related arrests. The witness told officers that they would be able to identify the subject(s). A "cold show" was performed and the witness was positive that the officer and the correct burglar. The witness told officers exactly where the crime occurred and which vehicle was "boosted". Officers ran the license plate on the Acura. They were able to get in contact with the owner of the car. The owner responded to the scene and told officers that her yellow purse had been stolen from the car. The second subject got away with the stolen purse. The first subject was booked at Northern Station.

Assault, W/ Chemical to Injure or Disfigure, 5/6/14 9:00 Am 400 Block of Hayes

Officers were called to the above area regarding an assault with pepper spray. Officers met with the victim who told them the following. He said that he was going to work and legally parked his motorcycle in a motorcycle parking spot with a meter. Out of nowhere an unknown subject approached him and said, "You can't park here, you're a piece of #\$%@ for parking here!". The victim told the subject that he was in an approved motorcycle parking spot and that he will feed the meter. Then the victim said, "There is something else going on in your life and you are taking it out on me". The subject was enraged and put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a bottle of pepper spray. The victim could see that he was about to get pepper sprayed, so he put the wind visor of his helmet down. The subject sprayed the victim for about 20 seconds. The victim got on his bike and drove away to avoid further problems and called police. The victim did not have any complaint of pain. Officers looked for witnesses and found the owner of a nearby business. The witness said that he often has problems with the subject and the subject harasses his employees for some unknown reason. Several other people (neighbors), approached officers and told them that they are having "problems" with the subject. The victim told officers that he wanted to press charges, and he signed a citizen's arrest form. Officers met with the subject, who said that the victim just started swearing and threatening him for no reason. He said that he used the pepper spray in self defense. The victim and multiple independent witnesses disagreed. Officers handcuffed the male, recovered the can of spray from his pocket, and later booked him at Northern Station.

Reckless Evasion of Police Officer, Resisting, Delaying Obstructing, Police Ofc. in Their Duties, Possession of Stolen Property, Warrant Arrest, 5/7/14 5:00 Am Buchannan/Pine

Officers were dispatched to an auto burglary in progress. Dispatch provided them with a vehicle description. The found and checked the Jeep, which appeared undamaged. The officers were approached by a witness who said that she saw two males in the area earlier.

She gave a description of the males and their car. She said that she believes that the car is associated with auto break in's. As officers searched for the vehicle, they were flagged down by another citizen. The witness had called dispatch to make a noise complaint. He said that there were two suspicious men using power tools on the copper piping of a house in the area. The witness gave a subject description and said that he would be able to identify them if seen again. An ambulance stopped near the officers and notified them that as the officers drove up with lights and sirens on, the ambulance driver saw two subjects duck behind a vehicle. He pointed out the vehicle. Officers looked and saw as a subject darted away from the vehicle and run from the officers. One officer ran after the subject and the other drove after him. The officers announced themselves and ordered the subject to stop running; he continued. The subject got into a similar vehicle as described earlier in the story. He fled from the officers, running red lights and driving without disregard for anyone. Officers discontinued their pursuit for public safety reasons. Assisting officers spotted the vehicle again several minutes later. They pulled the car over, and the subjects did not run this time. Original officers arrive on scene and were able to positively identify the subject in the car as the same one that ran from them. The officer had the witness perform a cold show; and he was able to identify both subjects as the same ones he saw cutting copper from his neighbor's home. The vehicle had numerous stolen items, burglary tools, and chopped up copper piping inside. The subjects were transported to Northern Station. Officers made notifications to Station Investigative Team Inspectors. They knew about a series of copper thefts throughout the city and were working on tying these subjects to the additional thefts. They were booked at Northern Station.

Warrant Arrest, Enroute to Outside Jurisdiction, 5/7/14 11:30 Am Polk/O'Farrell

Officers responded to the above area on a well being check of a female in a floral print dress walking through moving traffic. The officers located the female as she was walking down the street with one foot on the sidewalk and one stepping down into the street. Officers tried to talk to her but she refused. They tried to get her to sit down and talk with them. She yanked her arm away from them. She was handcuffed. She had no identification but, gave the officers a name. A computer check returned "no match" on the name. Officers were forced to transport her to Northern Station to run her fingerprint through the fingerprint identification computer. At the station she told officers her true name and that she has an active no bail warrant out of Los Angeles. The officers confirmed the warrant and she was booked at County Jail.

Warrant Arrest, 5/9/14 5:20 Pm Divisadero/Lombard

Officers responded to a possible assault in the above area. The female caller described the subject as very large with a heavy build. Upon the officer's arrival, they located a person who matched the description and clothing of the person involved. He told the officers that he hadn't done anything wrong and that they should "Leave him alone". The officers could not locate the victim at this time. They had dispatch call the victim back, but she refused to return to the scene. An assisting officer met with her one block away. She told them that she exited her car and was standing next to her car when the subject approached her and began to swear and yell at her

for no reason. The victim said that her husband was holding their baby, and the subject began to approach him. The subject began to point his finger at the victim's husband. The subject was yelling but she could not understand exactly what he was saying. They were scared due to the out of control, large angry man, and the presence of their child. They began to walk away and called 911. They got away without further incident. They said that they did not want to press any charges. Officers ran a computer check on the male and found an active vandalism warrant for \$10,000. He was booked at Northern Station.

Possession of Stolen Property, Theft From Locked Vehicle Arrest, 5/12/14 5:46 Am Hemlock/Polk

Officers were called to another auto burglary in progress. As they approached the area they were discreetly flagged down by a witness. He pointed to a female subject that was walking away from the officers at a quick pace. The officers detained the female. The victim told them that she and a male subject had stolen two of his cell phones from the vehicle. The officers searched the female and found two cell phones. The victim positively identified the phones as his. Officers returned the phones to him due to him not having them would be a hardship, as they were needed for his work. The witness told officers that the male subject was the one that actually boosted the vehicle. The female told officers that she was just "holding" the phones for him. He was not located. The female was booked at County Jail.

Robbery Att. W/ Force, Trespassing Arrest, 5/13/14 5:15 Pm 2100 Block of Polk St.

Officers were called to a business in the above area regarding a customer screaming and throwing beverages at other customers and employees. Officers spoke with the store manager who told them the following. The manager said that the subject was refusing to leave the store. The manager told him to leave or he will call police. As the manager placed the call, the subject tried to steal the phone from him, actually punching him in the face. Officers gave clothing description and direction of travel to assisting officers. They spoke to other witnesses and employees. One employee told them that the subject came in and asked for water. They gave him some water. The subject sat down, mumbled things under his breath and talked to himself. Periodically the subject would search the garbage cans and eat and drink discarded food/beverages. This is when he was politely asked to leave. The subject refused and went wild. Assisting officers were able to locate the subject and detain him. The manager was positive that the officers had the correct person detained, and he wanted the subject to be arrested. The subject was booked at Northern Station. Officers got the manager medical attention for his split lip.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (on-going): 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. there is a farmer's market on O'Farrell Street between Fillmore and Steiner.

Last Tuesday of each month (on-going): Second Chance Legal Clinic. 6pm, 1290 Fillmore Street. Questions, call 415-814-7610. Bring a recent RAP sheet.

ALERT (Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team): The SFPD version of NERT. For more information call 415-832-8419, or email: sfpdalert@sfgov.org.

NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Training) Training:

To find out the most current class dates and locations or to enroll call 970-2024 or go to: www.sf-fire.org.

San Francisco Police Activities League (PAL)

Want to learn more check out: <http://www.sfpal.org/Cadets>

Note: If you would like your Community Meeting agenda listed in our Newsletter, please send the information to my email address. If you want it posted for the same week you must email me by Wednesday for the Thursday newsletter. Additionally you can email any questions, comments, and crime concerns that are occurring in your community. If you would like to reserve the Community Room at Northern Station please contact Linda at 415-614-3402.

Domestic Violence Information

The San Francisco Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) is a centralized police investigative unit located at the Hall of Justice- 850 Bryant Street, Room # 500. A staff of inspectors at the SVU reviews 350 to 400 incident reports of domestic violence each month.

The SVU investigates all felony arrest cases involving abuse committed against any person, who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, in a current or former dating relationship, in a current or former engagement, or have a child in common. This includes boyfriend/girlfriend and same sex relationships. The SVU also investigates elder abuse cases (neglect and physical) and stalking cases.

All non-arrest reports are also reviewed by the SVU. The SVU Inspectors telephone every victim in an attempt to advise her/him about follow-up procedures and referrals. A message is left if voice mail is available. **It is important to note that attempts are made to contact all victims in every domestic violence, elder abuse and/or stalking case. Likewise, no SFPD domestic violence report is “just filed”. All reports are reviewed; computer checks on alleged suspects for parole/probation violations are completed; victim notifications are conducted and the results of all of the work are logged.** The SVU works closely with Victim Services, Adult Protective Services, and Safe Start I. If you are a victim or know someone who is a victim of domestic violence, please contact the SFPD’s Special Victims Unit at 415.553.9227. In an emergency, dial 911. Please be safe and remember that reporting domestic violence doesn’t just assist the victim but the victim’s family as well.

SFPD Recruitment Information

www.sfpdcareers.com and www.sfgov.org/police.

SF Police Activities League Is an organization that runs programs for youth to include: the Junior Giants, Seahawks football and cheer, police cadet training, basketball teams, boxing training, soccer teams, etc. Chances are that if you grew up in San Francisco at some point you played a sport for a PAL team. Right now they are going through serious funding issues and are actively seeking donations. Visit their WEB site today to find out more and donate if you can at www.sfpal.org

Hayes Valley News Letter As a police department we cannot fight crime without the help and cooperation of others, I am fortunate to work with many great, proactive community groups and this one (Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association) worked hard in the creation of a one page resource for small businesses to help in their crime fighting/prevention efforts. Just click on “Hayes Valley News Letter” below to get to the sheet.

Are you a resident of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood, and do you want to receive their monthly newsletter? Send your contact information/email to voice@hayesvalleysf.org.

SF SAFE:

Watch streets become communities, and neighbors become friends. Watch crime go down, as security goes up. Watch police become partners as you join with them in making your neighborhood a better place to live. Start a **Neighborhood Watch** on your block and see all these things happen and more! SF Safe (Safety Awareness for Everyone) will give you the knowledge and tools to create a stronger, more cohesive and resilient community, and teach you how to be prepared and empowered at work, on the streets or sidewalks, and in your home.

Contact SF Safe at (415) 553-1966 or please visit the SAFE website and explore all of the great crime prevention information that they provide. www.sfsafe.org.

Essential Numbers:

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Anonymous Tip Line:	575-4444
Customer Service Center:	311
Non-Emergency:	553-0123
<u>NORTHERN STATION NUMBERS</u>	
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Text-a-Tip Set Up Instructions

Non-Blackberry Cellular Telephones: Dial 847411-then **SAVE** this to your phone contacts as a mobile number. Name this new contact **TIP411**. Now the number is ready to be used to send text messages. When sending a message, **type SFPD then leave a space**. Type your **Message** and **Send**. You will receive a reply message in seconds.

Blackberry telephones: Similar to above. First you need to add TIP411 to your mobile contact list. Select TIP411 enter. The cursor will be in blue on the #8 (847411). Click the ball and select **SMS TEXT TIP411**. Type your message starting with **SFPD (space) ... then send**. You will receive a response within seconds.

Megan's Law Website Access:

The general public can find out information on sexual predators on line by going to the DOJ website: www.meganslaw.ca.gov or at the SFPD link at www.sfgov.org/police. You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

Emergency Preparedness:

How would you survive for 72 hours? In a major disaster it may be 3 days until vital services are restored. Visit: www.72hours.org for more information.

SFFD has on-going NERT (Neighborhood Response Team Training) training for 2013, to find a date that works for you go to: www.sfgov.org/sffdner or call (415)970-2024

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS

During the Earthquake:

- If you are indoors, stay there. Quickly move to a safe location in the room such as under a strong desk, a strong table, or along an interior wall. The goal is to protect you from falling objects and be located near the structural strong points of the room. Avoid taking cover near windows, large mirrors, hanging objects, heavy furniture, heavy appliances or fireplaces.
- If you are cooking, turn off the stove and take cover.
- If you are outdoors, move to an open area where falling objects are unlikely to strike you. Move away from buildings, power lines and trees.
- If you are driving, slow down smoothly and stop on the side of the road. Avoid stopping on or under bridges and overpasses, or under power lines, trees and large signs. Stay in your car.

After the Earthquake:

- Check for injuries if needed, help ensure the safety of people around you.
- Check for damage. If your building is badly damaged you should leave it until it has been inspected by a safety professional.
- If you smell or hear a gas leak, get everyone outside and open windows and doors. If you can do it safely, turn off the gas at the meter. Report the leak to the Gas Company and Fire Department. Do not use any electrical appliances because a tiny spark could ignite the gas.
- If the power is out, unplug major appliances to prevent possible damage when the power is turned back on. If you see sparks, frayed wires, or smell hot insulation turn off electricity at the main fuse box or breaker. If you will have to step in water to turn off the electricity you should call a professional to turn it off for you.

311 Customer Service Center:

What is 311? 311 is a toll free, **NON-EMERGENCY** phone number that the public can call to access information about government services. A live customer service representative will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. The service is available to both wired and wireless customers. Wireless customers should call (415) 701-2311. 311 employees will be able to provide translations services in more than 145 languages and dialects and will employ a diverse staff of customer service representatives. Once your complaint is logged you will be given a tracking number to follow up on at a later date. Additionally, 311 are set up to accept calls from the hearing impaired by utilizing a TTY System. **Note:** 3-1-1 now has a victim's services website: <http://sfvictimservices.org> for more information.

How does 911 work on cell phones in San Francisco?

If you are on **surface streets** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. Once the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management determines what emergency services are needed, they will then process your call.

If you are on a **freeway** in San Francisco and dial 911, your call will be answered by either by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Services or the California Highway Patrol Dispatch Center. Regardless, your 911 call will be routed to the proper emergency agency, the San Francisco Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, or the San Francisco Fire Department, including ambulance service.

Public Service Information:

Be advised....Parking meters will be enforced on all holidays and both weekend days, EXCEPT Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. www.sfmta.com.

District Supervisors

The Northern District covers 5 different supervisory districts, as follows: District 2, Mark Farrell; District 3, David Chiu; District 5, London Breed; District 6, Jane Kim; and, District 8, Scott Wiener. Each supervisor has their own WEB site; most include a newsletter that I have found to be full of helpful and interesting information. Included are job information, event(s) information, legislation information, etc. I would advise you, if you are interested, to check their sites out.

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