Captain Joe Engler's Message
Residents, merchants, and visitors,

May 1st, in much of the world, is a day of celebration and at times, protest, for labor organizations. Traditionally, San Francisco joins international labor groups with marches, rallies and assemblies sponsored by local community and labor organizations. This year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and attendant Public Health Order banning non-essential public gatherings, at least two organizations have expressed there intent to travel to City Hall and hold non-violent demonstrations.

My ask as the Commanding Officer of the Northern District?
Please stay home.

Find another way to show your support for labor. Look for alternative modes of communication to express your personal and political views. Attending these types of assemblies, while usually championed here in San Francisco, places the public and the police officers charged with protecting the community, at greater risk of exposure to the Corona virus. The resources and personnel to be assigned to the City Hall and Civic Center areas would be better assigned to protecting essential businesses from looters, the neighborhoods from robbers and car thieves and continuing our efforts to steer homeless persons to more stable living arrangements away from our sidewalks and parks.

San Francisco has distinguished itself as a leader among all cities aggressively imposing rules and regulations that has successfully flattened the COVID-19 curve. Collectively, the community has looked out for the common good by answering the call to shelter-in-place and lives have been saved. Our health care workers, police officers, deputies, firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and grocery workers have all stepped up their efforts to ensure that essential services remain intact while much of the workforce is at home.

As we head towards a new normal within San Francisco there are several new challenges which await a collective community response. Mental health, addiction, crime and homelessness are at the top of my list as emerging problems seeking a fix. Supporting educational and employment opportunities for our City youth remains my top community priority. Please stay home and stay safe.

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Check it out!

Community Resilience Caravans + THANK YOUS!
This is La’ Jaya Smith, graduating high school Senior at Life Learning Academy and life-long community member in the Western Addition. Not only is La’Jaya a brilliant student at school, she is a highly active community member and advocate. Smith has been a youth representative in the San Francisco Community Safety Initiative, a Peer Lead at Collective Impact’s after school teen Program, a Youth Advocate for the Obama Foundation’s My Brother’s Sister’s Keeper program and an intern for the San Francisco Opportunities For All Initiative.

In La’Jaya’s first year in the CSI program, she was specially chosen to work in the Mayor’s office with 10 other participants. During the summer of 2017, over 9 weeks, her youth colleagues developed independent research on the affordable housing crisis that is still ongoing today in San Francisco.

Not only does she organize her peers to create change in their own communities but she mentors many of the younger kids in the elementary and middle school programs at Ella Hill Hutch. She tutors the youth after school and at the same time she inspires them to think outside of the school walls and into the real issues facing our community.

In the summer of 2018 La’Jaya participated in a cohort for the Community Safety Initiative that focused on Mental Health Awareness. They held workshops that summer that helped people in the community possibly assess their own mental health and offered ways to cope with stress and anxiety.

This last summer La’Jaya was handpicked by the Mayor’s Opportunities For All Administration to intern at Air BnB.

This school year La’Jaya is working with the Obama Foundation’s MBSK program where cohorts from every major city work on a project that helps the youth of color find success in navigating the real world. Currently, her cohort is working on an initiative to get more ethnic studies classes into schools across the city.

La’Jaya Smith has made a lot of considerable transformations since her time in the program. She will be going to City College this year and then transfer to a four year university where she eventually wants to get into the medical field and become a traveling nurse.
INCIDENT RECAPS

On 4/21/20 at 1425 hours, officers responded to a call of a vehicle theft. Dispatch stated that the victim’s cell phone was still inside the vehicle so it was currently being tracked. Officers responded to the location where the cell phone was pinging and located the subject who had fled the vehicle on foot.

The victim approached officers and identified himself as the victim and informed them that they were arresting the correct subject. Officers located various items belonging to the victim and ordered the subject to drop the items so they could then place them in handcuffs. The subject complied with all of the officer’s commands.

The victim informed officers that he is a dog walker and had left his keys inside the vehicle as he was dropping off one of his client’s dogs. Inside the vehicle was still another dog when it had been stolen. The victim started to track his cell phone when he called the police. While waiting for officers to arrive, the victim walked to the area that his cell phone was pinging which is when he saw his vehicle parked; he saw the subject rummaging through the vehicle, and then fled on foot. The victim positively identified his property as well as the subject.

On 4/23/20 at 0131 hours, officers responded to a call of a burglary. The burglary occurred at a multi-level commercial building with multiple businesses inside. Dispatch informed officers that the victim was watching a live video feed of the subject actively burglarizing one of the businesses.

Upon arrival, officers met with on-site security and began a search of the building. Officers arrived to the second floor where there were three businesses. Officers called out to the subject who eventually emerged from behind a door. Officers successfully placed the subject in handcuffs without incident. Officers located on the subject various stolen/recovered items from the businesses. Officers then performed a search of all businesses and located various damages throughout the businesses due to forced entry.

Various responsible parties of the businesses arrived on scene and identified their respective property that was recovered. Officers then reviewed video surveillance which confirmed that they had arrested the correct subject.
Upcoming Events

TBD
Auto Burglaries:

Dates: 04/20/20 to 04/26/20

This Week: 26

Year to Date 2020: 1309

Year to Date 2019: 1599
Burglary:

Dates: 04/20/2020 to 04/26/20

This Week: 24

Year to Date 2020: 287

Year to Date 2019: 308
Robbery:

Dates: 04/20/20 to 4/26/20

This Week: 3

Year to Date 2020: 113

Year to Date 2019: 100
Safety-San Francisco

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY

Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.

WASHING YOUR HANDS STOPS THE SPREAD OF GERMS

DID YOU WASH THEM?

Your hands carry germs you can’t see

Wash your hands

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

www.cdc.gov/COVID19
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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 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.)
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— Chief William Scott

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1. Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at www.jobaps.com/sf (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer)
2. Go to www.nationaltestingnetwork.com, choose law enforcement and register to take the San Francisco Police Department’s Written Examination*.

*As part of this process, you will need to establish an account with NTN. A fee is required to take the written examination. Candidates with demonstrated financial hardship may submit a request to have the fee waived prior to test registration. See “Candidate FAQ #27” on the NTN website (https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/faqs.cfm) to learn more on how to apply for a fee waiver.

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