



Taraval Station Newsletter Mini Updates



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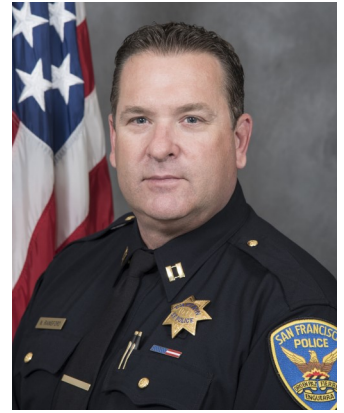
In this issue, you will find information on events that are happening in our district and around the city. This issue also contains the current crime statistics for robbery, burglary and auto burglary.

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



Next Community Meeting:

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

Taraval Station Community Room

Thank you for subscribing to our Newsletter.

Please follow us on:

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@SFPDTaraval

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

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Sunset Elementary School for Read - Aloud Day: To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Captain Rainsford and Sgt. Pomatto read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to the students.





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Captain Rainsford and Commissioner Of Veterans Affairs / Irving St Merchants Association Bill Barnickel recognizing the Irving Street Merchants for their generous toy donation during the Christmas toy drive with a certificate of appreciation.





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Bill Barnickel and 1st Sgt Allan Laterano from the 23rd 43 Regiment US Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program also recognized the staff here at Taraval and presented us with a certificate of appreciation.





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City and County of San Francisco
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELATIONS UNIT
1245 3RD Street, 6TH Floor
San Francisco, California 94158



NEWS RELEASE

March 4th, 2019
19-025

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Plan for San Francisco with OTS Grant

The San Francisco Police Department will conduct Traffic Safety Enforcement Operations on March 4th, 12th, 15th, 20th and 28th with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety. Over the past three years, the department has identified areas where significant numbers of pedestrian and bicycle-related collisions have occurred and responded by deploying additional officers to those areas in an effort to prevent deaths and injuries. Special attention will be given to Focus on the Five violations: speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for stop signs and red lights, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks, as well as any other dangerous violation.

San Francisco is committed to eliminating traffic deaths on our streets as part of Vision Zero SF. Vision Zero SF is our city's commitment to prioritize safe streets for everyone.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. In 2016, California witnessed 867 pedestrians and 147 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 28 percent of all traffic fatalities.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet – those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked or unmarked crosswalks at corners. All motorists are reminded to be mindful of others who share the road.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Wet Weather Driving Tips

Replace windshield wiper inserts that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe. Make sure all headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are properly functioning so other drivers will see you during downpours. Turn on your headlights whenever you drive. Day or night, keep your headlights on while driving in rain. California require that headlights must be in use when you cannot see more than 500 feet ahead of you. Headlights are also required when windshield wipers are turned on.

Proper tire tread depth and inflation are imperative to maintaining good traction on wet roadways. Check tread depth with a quarter inserted upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check each tire's pressure, including the spare, at least once a month... and be sure to check the pressure when the tires are cold.

Slowing down during wet weather driving can be critical to reducing a car's chance of hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water. With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

To reduce chances of hydroplaning, drivers should slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you. Also, it's important for motorists to allow ample stopping distance between cars by increasing the following distance of the vehicle in front of them and beginning to slow down to stop for intersections, turns and other traffic early.

Read AAA "A Guide to Wet-Weather Driving Techniques"

<https://exchange.aaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Get-a-Grip.pdf>



Park Smart!



Safe Habits to Adopt:



Turn off the ignition

Never leave your car running unattended



Keep your vehicle & tires in good condition

to prevent breakdowns—stranding you in a dark or unfamiliar place



Lock your doors

when you get in your car



See something, say something

If you see a motorist in distress, call 9-1-1 versus stopping to help



Clear your trunk

every time you leave your car



If you are being followed,

drive to the nearest police or fire station—
a populated area is a good default





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Go to safebikes.org to register your bicycle with the SFPD and **SAFE BIKES** and for other bicycle theft prevention resources.

@SFPDBikeTheft on Twitter



**LOCK
PROTECT
REGISTER**
safebikes.org

SAFE BIKES is a program of San Francisco SAFE in partnership with the SFPD



ANTI-BIKE THEFT TIPS

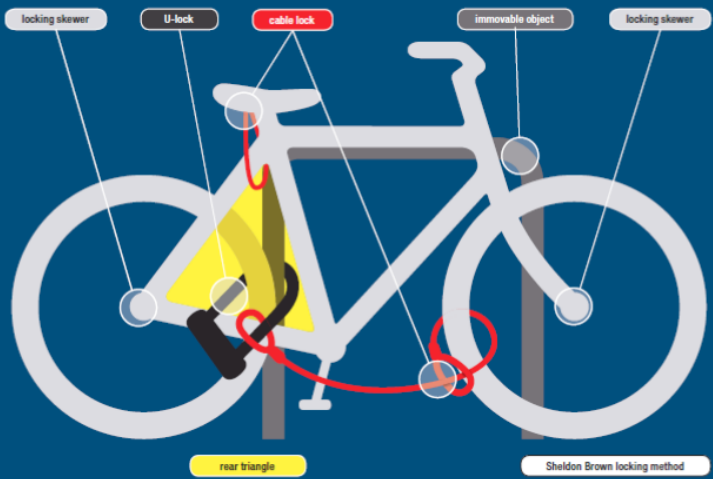
SAFE BIKES LOCK PROTECT REGISTER safebike.org

SAFE BIKES and the SFPD recommend the Sheldon Brown Locking Method.

No locking method is 100% foolproof, but this method is highly effective.

GUIDE FOR LOCKING YOUR BIKE:

- Use the **smallest U-lock** that works for your bike to minimize the amount of space available for a thief to insert a jack or levers.
- Use a **hardened steel U-Lock** to secure back wheel inside the rear triangle of the bicycle frame.
- Check to make sure U-lock is secured to an **immovable metal object**.
- Secure front wheel with **cable or second U-lock**. Loop cable around the down tube of the bicycle or secure second U-lock to front wheel and down tube.
- Replace **quick release skewers and nutted wheels with keyed locking skewers and nuts** to ensure wheels and saddles are locked to the bike frame at all times.
- Check with **local bike shop** for proper installation of locking skewers and advice.



CPAB/PARK





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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San Francisco Police
Activities League

LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS

- Gain leadership and career skills
- Character development
- Community service
- Internship at SFPD Stations/ Bureaus

**4-week summer training at the SF Police Academy
June 10 - July 3, 2019**

Minimum qualifications:

- 14 - 20 years old
- Reside or attend school in San Francisco
- Enrolled in high school/college
- Have and maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Pass SFPD criminal history background check

Interested?

Attend the information session:

**Saturday, April 6th
10:30am - 11:30am**

OR

**Wednesday, April 10th
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Complete the application online

<http://www.sfpal.org/programs/law-enforcement-cadets>

Cadets@SFPAL.org. (415) 401-4666

**Application due by 5:00pm
Monday, May 6, 2019**





Previous Weeks Notable Incidents

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

Here's the link to the RSS feed for the Daily Crime Reports: <http://www.taraval.org/?cat=14&feed=rss2>

Daily Crime Report :: Sun – Feb 24, 2019

No notable incidents for this day. Go to <http://www.taraval.org/?p=14726>

Daily Crime Report :: Mon – Feb 25, 2019

Aided Case

4:35am

1300 LA Playa St

Officers responded to a report of an unconscious person breathing at an irregular rate. Responding officers located the person with numerous needles scattered around the area nearby. The officers determined that the person was experiencing an opiate overdose and administered emergency care with Naloxone before the arrival of a medic, who then took over.

Daily Crime Report :: Tue – Feb 26, 2019

Traffic Violation – No License Issued – Cited

8:13 am

Sunset Blvd & Irving St

Officers were on patrol and observed a vehicle making a turn without signaling. The officers conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver and observed a strong scent of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Looking into the vehicle, the officers observed that there was marijuana out in the open. A search located an illegal switch blade. After further investigation, the officers cited the driver.

Traffic Violation – No License Issued – Cited

7:52 am

24th Ave & Vicente St

A school resource officer was conducting traffic control when a vehicle was observed driving in the wrong lane of traffic and conducted a traffic stop. A computer check of the vehicle revealed that the driver's license had expired and the driver was cited.

Warrant Arrest – Suspended Driver's License – Traffic Violation – Arrested

10:09 pm

Lawton St & Funston Ave

Officers were on patrol in the area when there was a sudden sound of an accelerating car engine, in which a vehicle proceeded to speed through an intersection without slowing down or stopping at the crosswalk. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check on the driver revealed that his license had been suspended and that there was an active warrant from Davis for his arrest. The driver was arrested



Notable Incidents (Cont.)

Daily Crime Report :: Wed – Feb 27, 2019

Search Warrant

3:00 pm

Early January, a security camera caught two suspects burglarizing a home in the Sunset district. After further investigation, the suspects were identified and a search warrant was issued and executed. The **two suspects were arrested**.

Daily Crime Report :: Thu – Feb 28, 2019

Assault – Vandalism – Arrested

3:32 pm

400 Irving St

Officers responded to a report of a person with a knife. The victim stated that he was working on his vehicle when the suspect, a neighbor that the victim did not get along with, approached him and started to yell at him. The victim entered his vehicle in an attempt to ignore the suspect. When the suspect walked away, the victim exited the vehicle and entered into his house. Shortly after, the victim heard a commotion outside and observed that the suspect was holding on to a machete while standing next to the vehicle. The victim also noticed that his vehicle had been damaged since he last saw it. The victim confronted the suspect and a physical fight ensued. Responding officers located the suspect and after further investigation, **the suspect was arrested**

Daily Crime Report :: Fri – March 01, 2019

Battery

7:41 pm

2600 Sloat Blvd

Officers responded to a report of a battery. The victim reported that the suspect had put her hands on him and a witness stated that the suspect had approached them with a golf club in her hands and yelled at them. Responding officers made contact with the suspect, who stated that she worked in the area and received information that several kids were in the area and making too much noise. The suspect admitted to approaching the victim and witness with a golf club in her hand and that she placed her hand on one of them, who were yelling at her. After further investigation, it was determined that there were no injuries. Neither party wanted to press charges and **the suspect was admonished**.

Daily Crime Report :: Sat – March 02, 2019

Assault

6:03 pm

1400 46th Ave

Officers responded to a report of an assault. The victim reported that he was shopping inside a store when he observed the suspect harassing the workers and patrons. The victim told the suspect to leave the store. However, once outside the store, the suspect continued to harass people who were nearby. The victim then got into an argument with the suspect which led to a physical fight. During the fight, the suspect pulled out a knife before the victim punched the suspect and the suspect fled the area. Responding officers located the suspect and a search revealed a knife in his possession. After further investigation, **the suspect was arrested**.



Notable Incidents (Cont.)

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

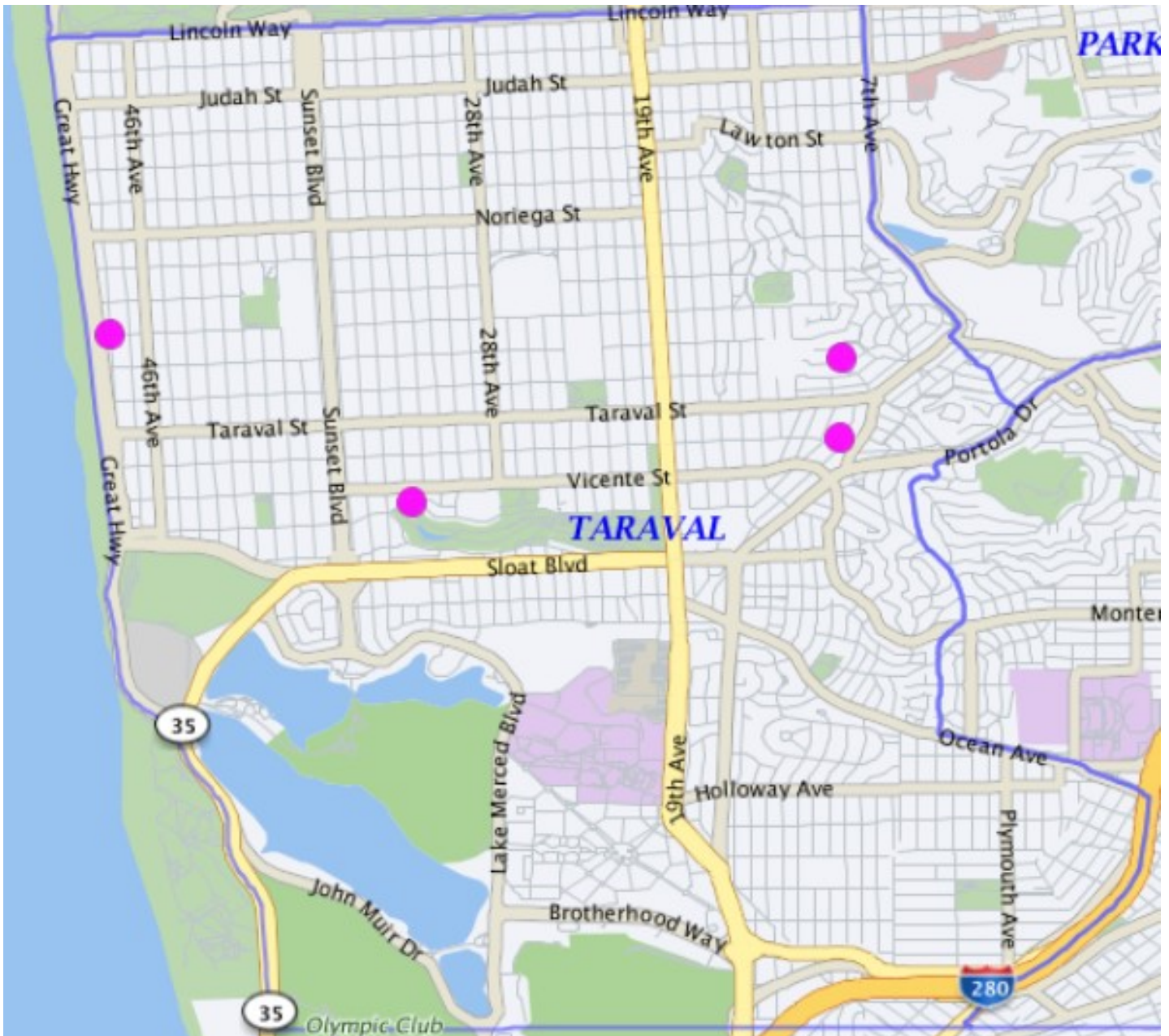


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Burglary 03/01/19 – 03/06/19

BURGLARY	Attempted Forcible Entry	0
	Forcible Entry	1
	Unlawful Entry - No force	3
		4



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.



Robbery 03/01/19 – 03/06/19

ROBBERY	Firearm	0
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0
	Other Dangerous Weapon	0
	Strongarm (no weapon)	0
		0

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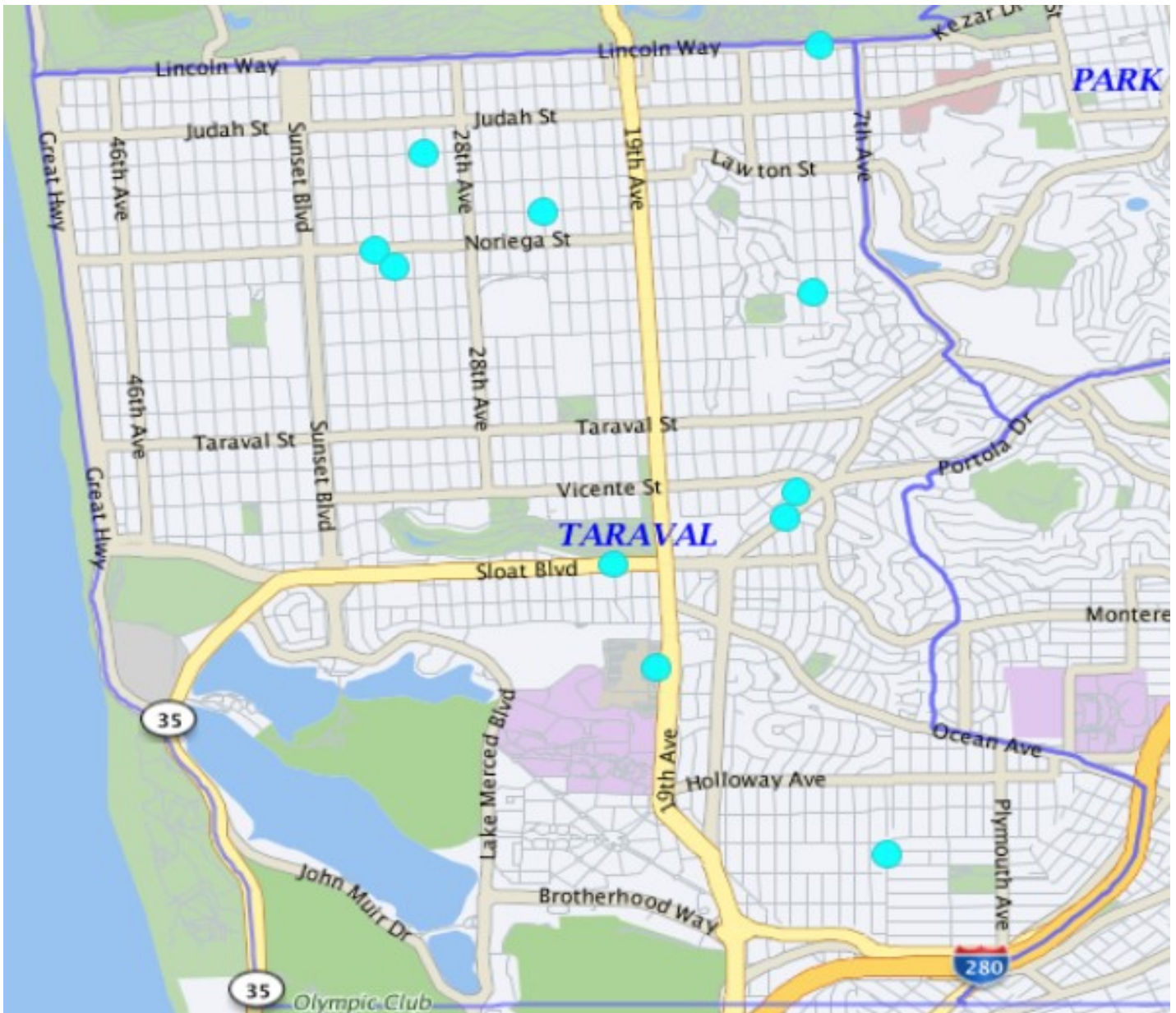


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Auto Burglaries 03/01/19 – 03/05/19

Auto Burglaries	12
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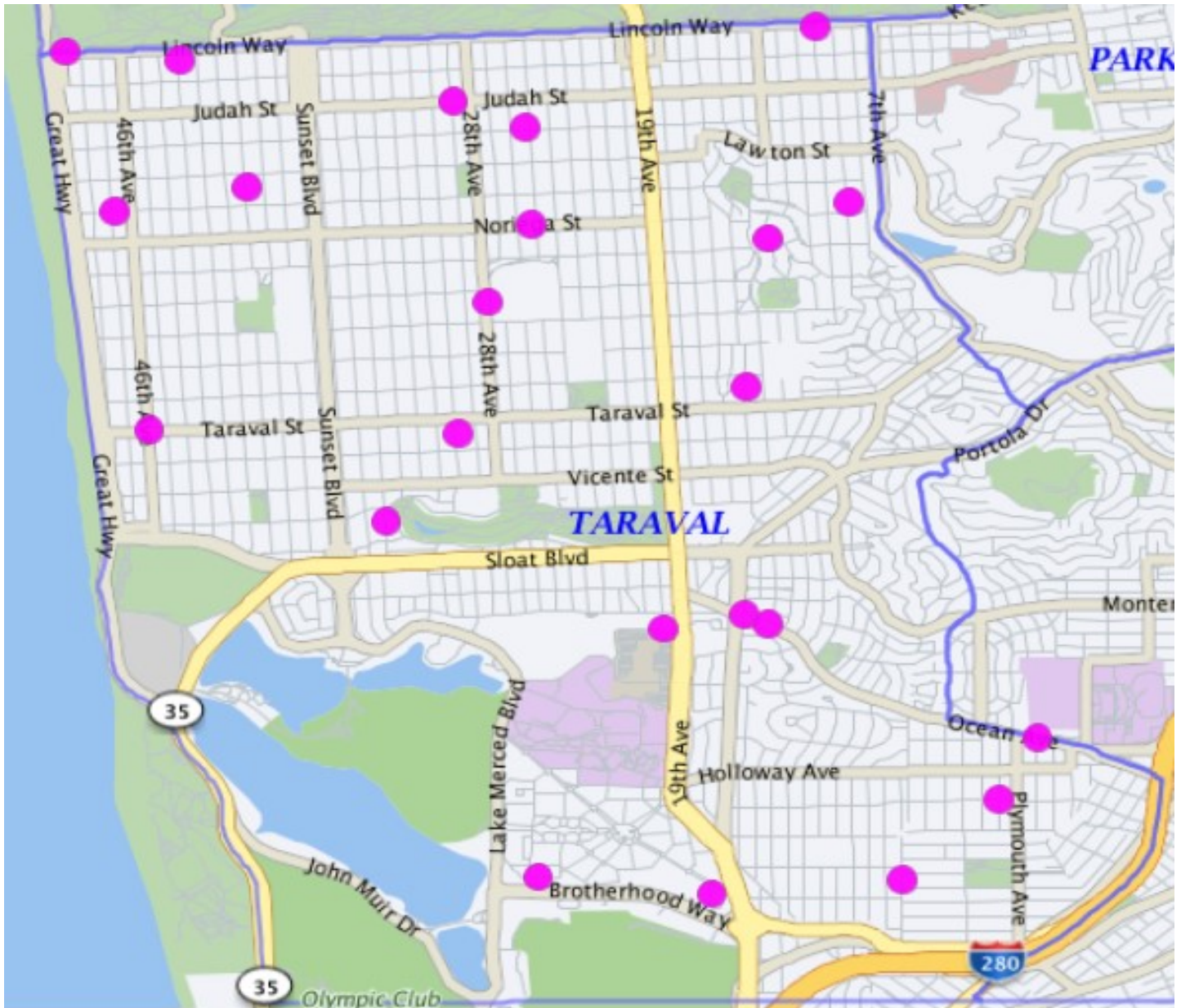


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Burglary 02/01/19 – 02/28/19

BURGLARY	Attempted Forcible Entry	6
	Forcible Entry	10
	Unlawful Entry - No force	7
		23



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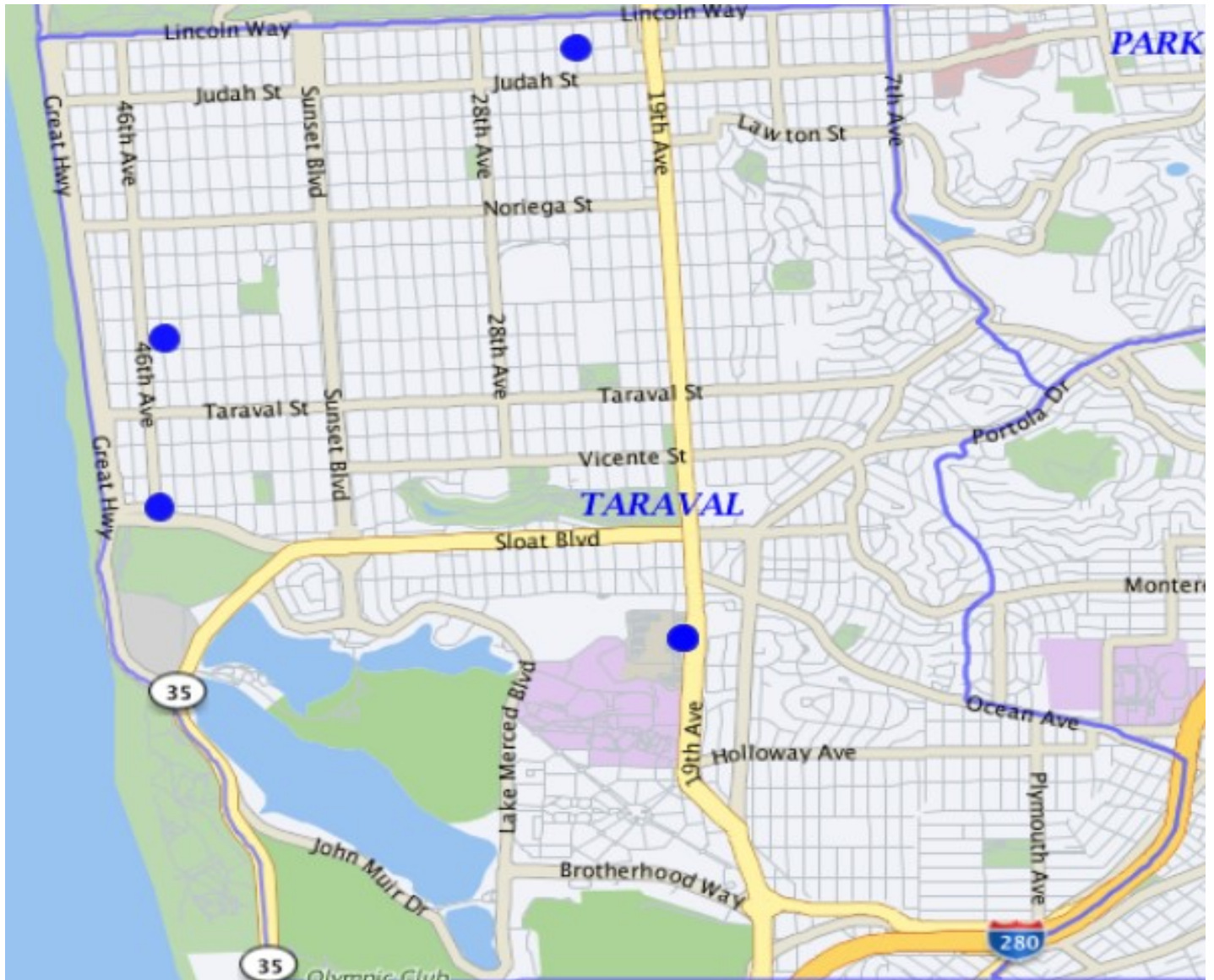


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Robbery 02/01/19 – 02/28/19

ROBBERY	Firearm	0
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0
	Other Dangerous Weapon	1
	Strongarm (no weapon)	4
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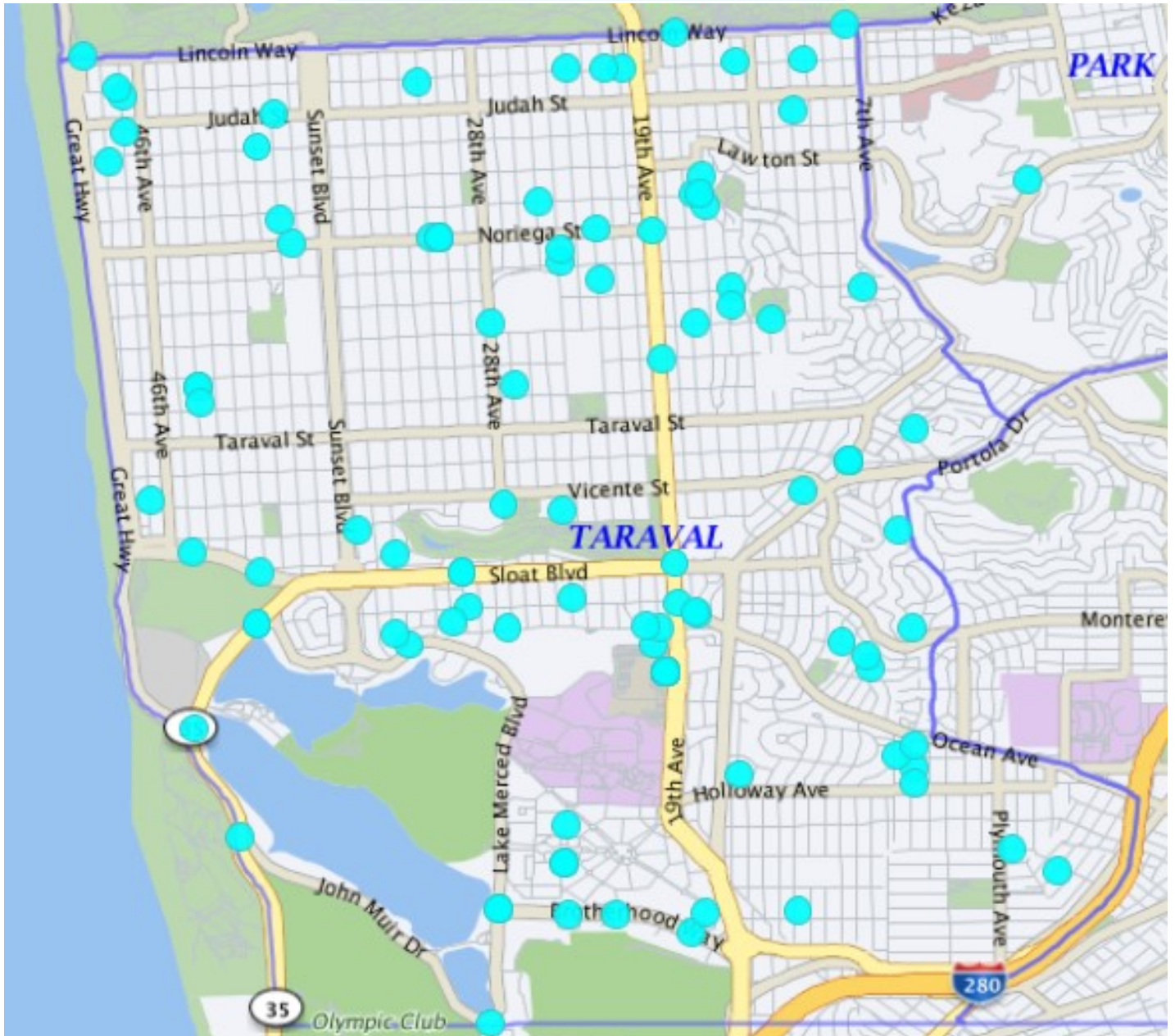


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Auto Burglaries 02/01/19 – 02/28/19

Auto Burglaries	119
	119



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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	
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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!

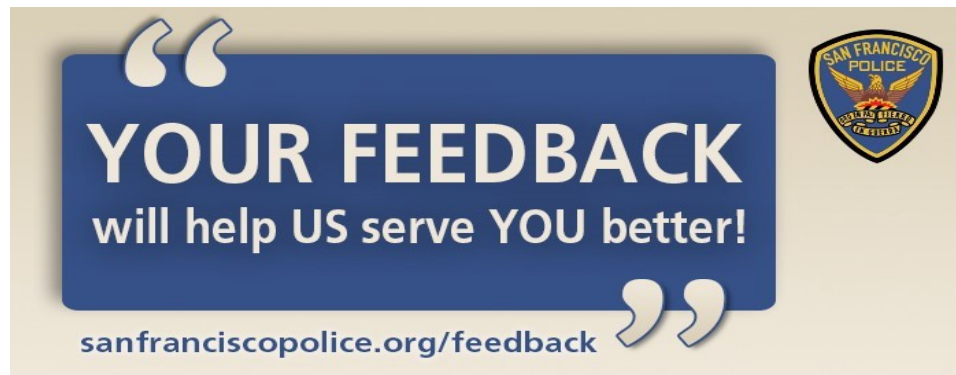
1. Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer) Go to www.nationaltestingnetwork.com, choose law enforcement, and register to take the San Francisco exam (\$45). Financial assistance is available.
2. Choose an available exam date that's convenient for you.
3. 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.



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.

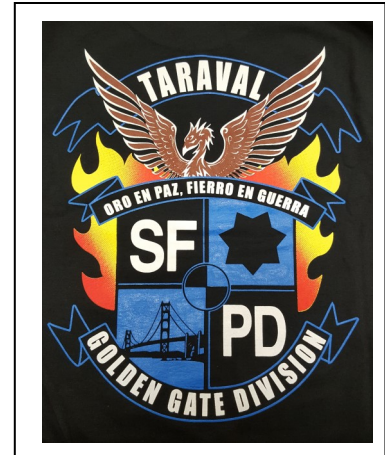
Visit us at sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback. Your feedback will help SFPD better serve our City. Comments will be reviewed by our Community Engagement Unit and forwarded to the relevant unit, department office or neighborhood station for review and follow up, if appropriate.

(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: 575-4444
Taraval Station Tip-Line 242-9753
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: 553-1752 - Jack Shannon
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

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.