



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



Next Community Meeting:

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

Taraval Station Community Room

Thank you for subscribing to our Newsletter.

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@SFPDTaraval

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

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TARAVAL STATION



SFPD Taraval Station

Captain's Monthly Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 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

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



Traffic Enforcement

Our Traffic Enforcement Unit had been conducting traffic enforcement operations throughout the city. Their latest enforcement in the Taraval district was on Ocean Ave from Harold Ave to 19th Ave. The Traffic Enforcement Unit cited 60 violators. These violations varies from speeding, failing to stop at a stop signs or red lights, and failing to yield to pedestrians. These traffic operations and citations are in addition to what the officers here at Taraval Station conducts. Taraval Station conducts weekly traffic operation based on statistics and citizens input.

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>



Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- »»» Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- »»» Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- »»» Never use your oven to heat your home.
- »»» Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- »»» Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- »»» Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- »»» Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- »»» Test smoke alarms monthly.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education



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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Join SFPD at the Dash & Splash

Info from <https://specialolympics.com>

Saturday, February 23 @ San Francisco's Aquatic Park
Plunge with a Purpose

Hop, skip, run or jump into the chilly waters of the Bay Area for our amazing Special Olympics athletes. Whether you're a brave soul or a chicken, we invite you to join us as we Plunge with a Purpose - to encourage inclusion and change the way that people think about and treat individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Funds raised from the Polar Plunge will help us continue to create change in our communities and enhance the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities through sports. Join the fun and make a difference!

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Register Now @
SFPolarPlunge.com

- 1. Register Today**
Register online as an individual or join/start a team.
- 2. Fundraise**
Fundraise through friends, family, coworkers, and social media. Ask everyone to sponsor you.
- 3. Run and/or Polar Plunge**
Run the 5k before you Plunge into frigid waters in support of the athletes of Special Olympics. Dress in costume with a team and embrace the spirit of this one-of-a-kind event.

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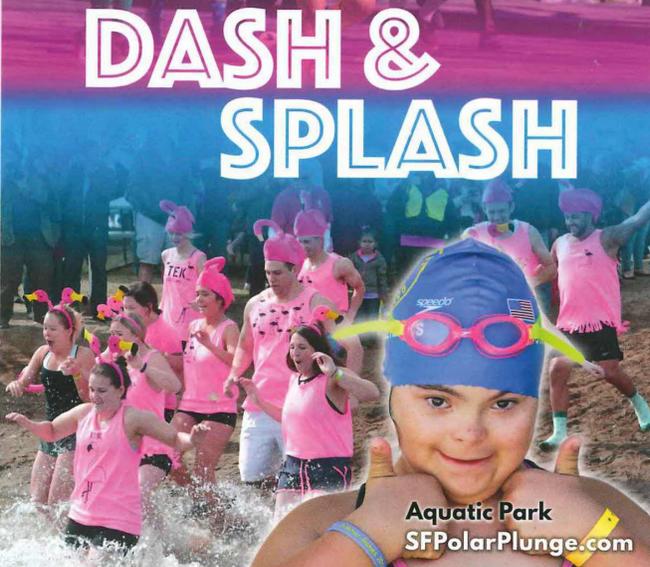

Special Olympics
Northern California

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Northern California

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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

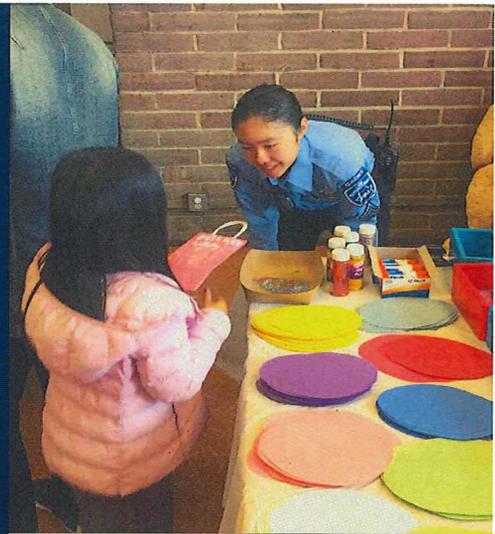
Wednesday, April 10th
6:00pm - 7:00pm

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**





TARAVAL STATION



**Wednesday
February 13,
2019
9:00AM - 11:00 AM**

**COFFEE
WITH A COP**

JAVA BEACH
Café
1396 La Playa St /
Judah St

**JOIN YOUR TARAVAL DISTRICT
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

**SAN FRANCISCO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Thanks to all who braved the weather and came to our Coffee with a Cop at Java Beach Café today. We had a great time meeting and talking to everyone. Thanks Java Beach Café for hosting us.





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 – Feb 03, 2019

Battery

1:47 pm

3200 20th Ave

Officers responded to a report of a battery. The victim reported that he was getting his phone fixed at a kiosk when the suspect approached him and stated that his friend's kids were getting out of control. An argument started between the suspect and the victim before the suspect walked towards the victim's family. The victim attempted to stop the suspect from approaching his family and the suspect responded by pepper spraying the victim before fleeing the area.

Battery

5:41 pm

Winston Dr & Buckingham Way

Officers responded to a report of an incident of battery. The victim, a MUNI driver, stated that he was driving when he observed that the suspect, a passenger, was smoking. The victim told the suspect to leave the bus and the suspect responded by punching the victim twice before exiting the bus.

Daily Crime Report :: Mon – Feb 04, 2019

Resisting Arrest – Warrant Arrest – Arrested

10:21 pm

200 Garfield St

Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity where the suspect was walking around while holding a knife and talking to himself. Responding officers located the suspect and successfully detained the suspect despite the suspect resisting being handcuffed. A computer check on the suspect revealed two warrants for his arrest. **The suspect was arrested**

Daily Crime Report :: Tue – Feb 05, 2019

Warrant Arrest

6:42 pm

2400 37th Ave

Taraval Station was informed that a subject with an arrest warrant out of Ontario County, New York was living in the district and officers responded to the location. The subject was located and **arrested** without incident.

Robbery

12:55 pm

Irving St & 23rd Ave

Officers responded to a report of an incident of robbery. The victim reported that she had been waiting for a bus when the suspect suddenly approached her and punched her in the stomach. The suspect then took the victim's cell phone and clipper card from her hands before entering a waiting car that fled the area immediately.

Battery

3:54 pm

1000 Quintara St

Officers responded to a report of an incident of battery. The victim, the owner of a flower stand, stated that he was sitting inside when a glass marble hit him on his head. The victim looked up and observed that a known suspect was immediately driving away.



Notable Incidents (Cont.)

Daily Crime Report :: Thu – Feb 07, 2019

No notable incidents for this day. Go to <http://www.taraval.org/?p=14654>

Daily Crime Report :: Fri – Feb 08, 2019

No Driver's License – Probation Search – Cited

3:19 pm

Noriega St & 29th Ave

TNT officers were patrolling in the area and observed a known subject driving a vehicle. The subject had a previous history of being on probation and not having a driver's license. The officers conducted a traffic stop and a computer check confirmed that the subject still did not have a license and was still on probation. **Officers cited the subject.**

Warrant Arrest

3:36 pm

900 Great Hwy

TNT officers received information about a suspect that had a warrant for domestic violence with information about the suspect's frequently visited locations. Responding officers successfully located the suspect **and arrested him.**

Daily Crime Report :: Sat – Feb 09, 2019

No notable incidents for this day. Go to <http://www.taraval.org/?p=145659>

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

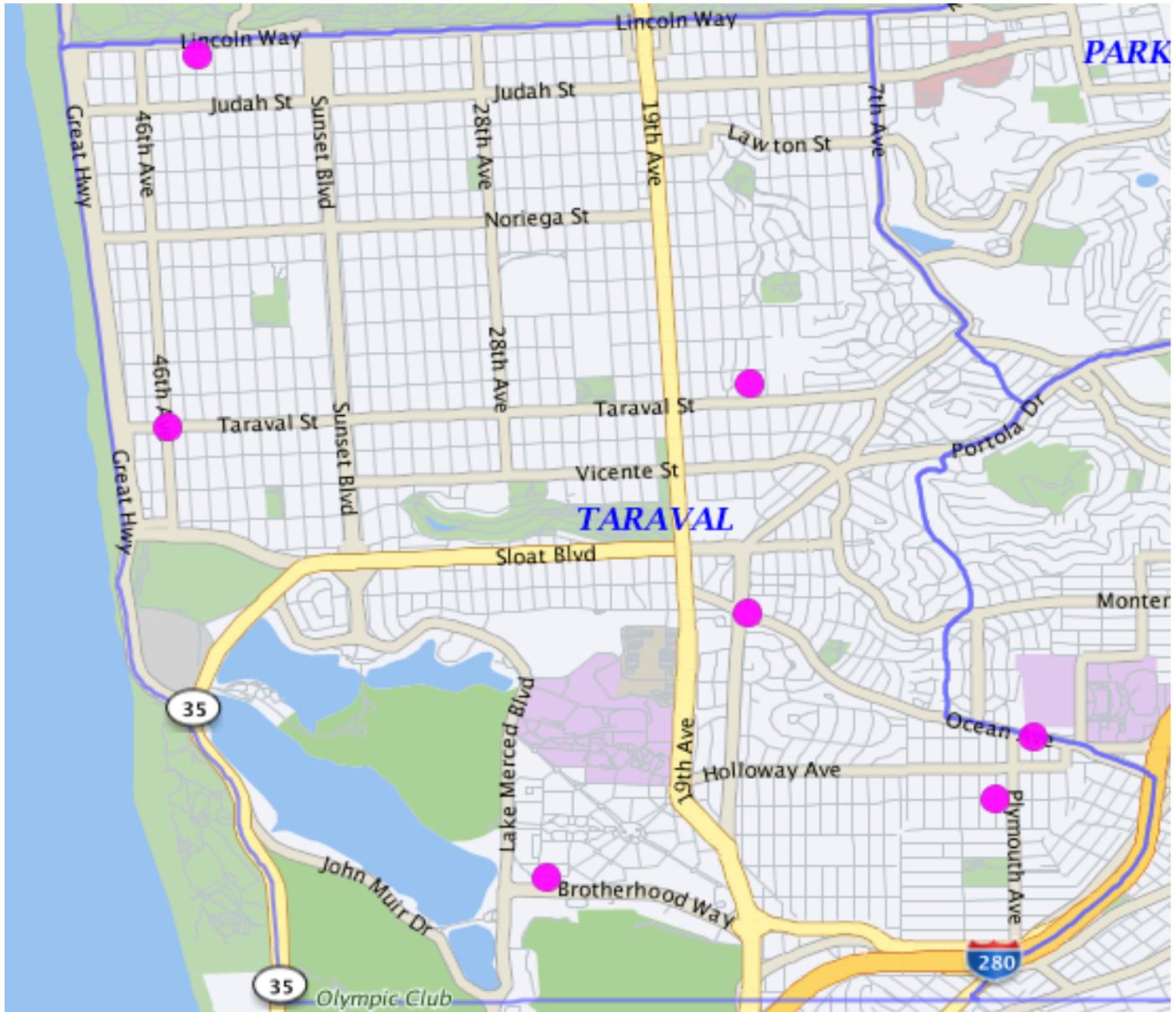


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Burglary 02/01/19 – 02/13/19

BURGLARY	Attempted Forcible Entry	3
	Forcible Entry	3
	Unlawful Entry - No force	1
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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.

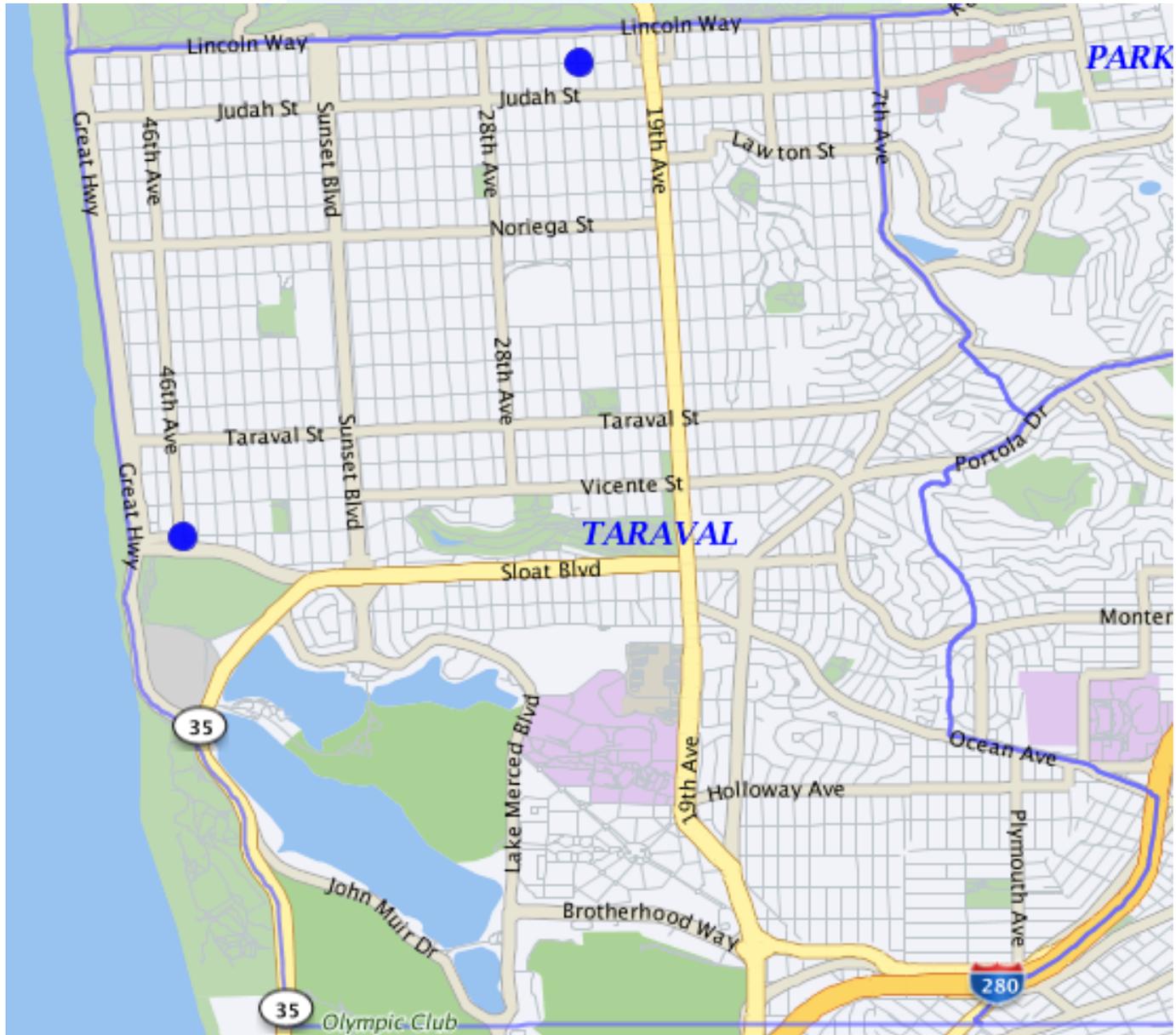


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Robbery 02/01/19 – 02/13/19

ROBBERY	Firearm	0
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0
	Other Dangerous Weapon	1
	Strongarm (no weapon)	1
		2



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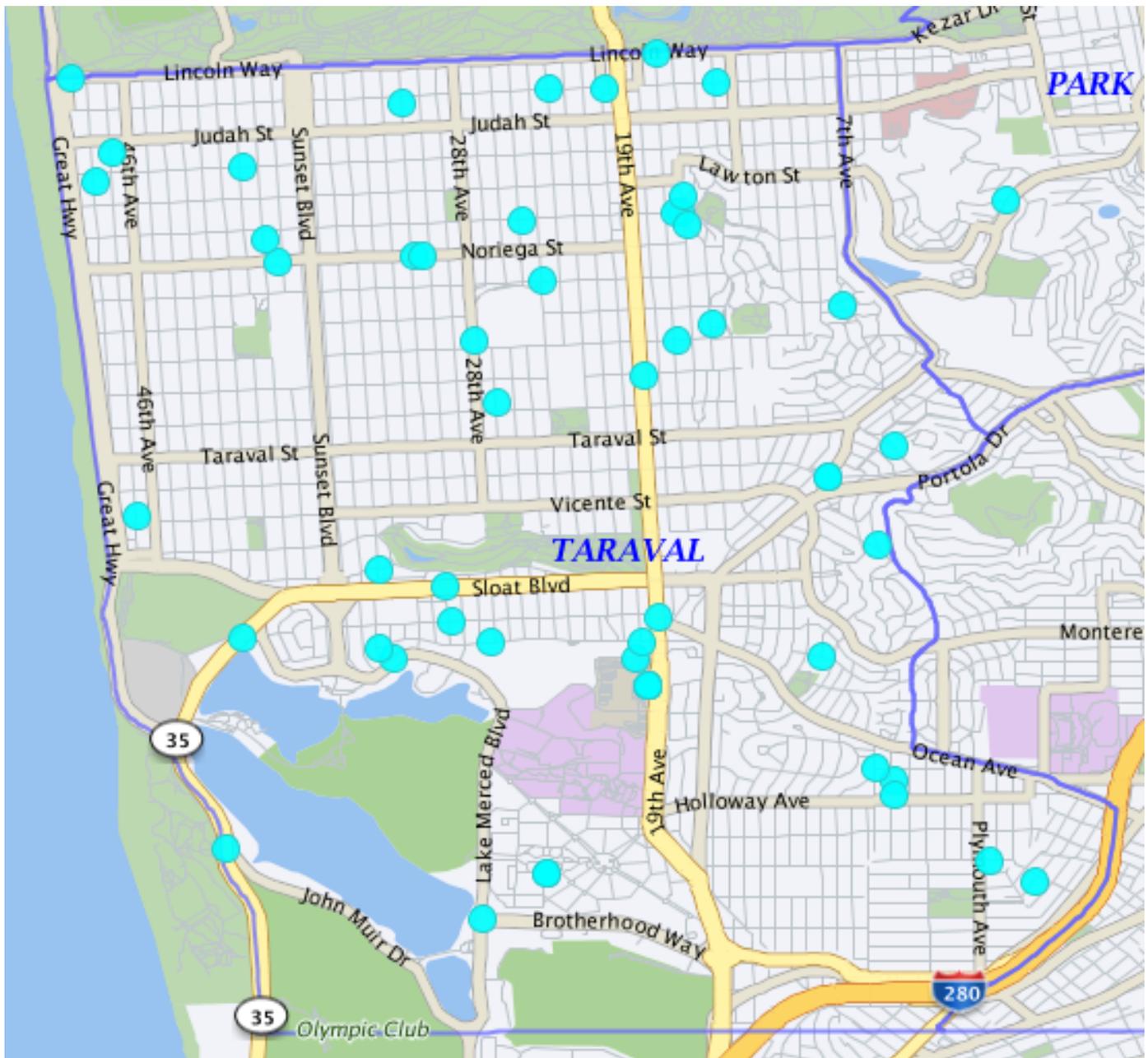


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Auto Burglaries 02/01/19 – 02/13/19

LARCENY THEFT	Auto Burglaries	62
		62



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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	
9-1-1 POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL AVAILABLE 24/7	3-1-1 CITY SERVICES & INFORMATION AVAILABLE 24/7	415-553-0123 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE 24/7	
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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.



YOUR FEEDBACK
will help US serve YOU better!

sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback

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.

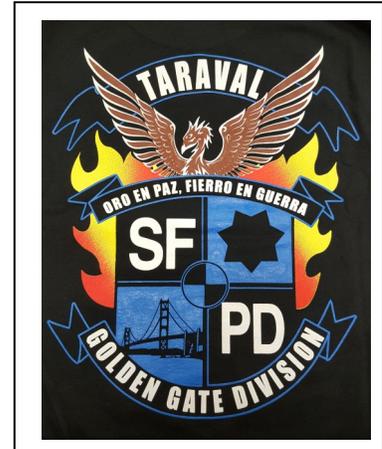
Visit us at sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback. Your feedback will help SFPD better serve our City. Comments will be reviewed by our Community Engagement Unit and forwarded to the relevant unit, department office or neighborhood station for review and follow up, if appropriate.

(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: 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
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 / 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.