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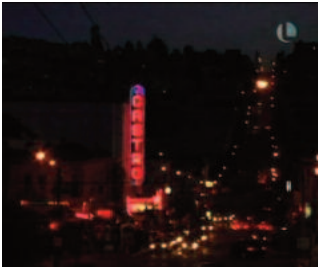
The Patroller

“Creating a Visible Safety Presence”

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Triangle Martial Arts Association (TMAA) and CCOP were featured in episode 3 of this year’s “Be Real” series on Logo TV, the gay/lesbian cable/satellite TV channel. Details about future airing of the episode or clips from the series may be found at: <http://www.logoonline.com>

Finding and Keeping Volunteers through Participation

Invite Friends to Join

Remind your friends to join the next new-volunteer training. A personal invitation is much more likely to get someone interested in joining than being handed a flyer. Talk to your friends or people you work with about becoming a patroller. Also, remember to promote the Patrol with organizations with which you are affiliated, such as a softball teams, church, or social groups. Remind everyone to register online as soon as possible so Ken knows how many people to expect. Also remind them to download and study the training guide before the training session. Registration: <http://www.castropatrol.org/volunteer/>

After your friends join, you can schedule to patrol with them and make it a special event each month. Let Damian know who you want to be teamed with when you provide your availability.

Mark your calendar: Saturday 14-JUN-08; 2:00 to 3:30 PM; 501 Castro (Bank of America Community Room)

Strategic Planning Session

As Castro Patrol prepares for its 2nd anniversary of community service, the board wants to hear from as many volunteers as possible about ways to improve the experience for patrollers and the work being done. We are hoping for a high number of volunteers to be part of a Strategic Planning Session to be held in July. The session is a great opportunity to meet many of the volunteers that you have not yet patrolled with. It will combine the social aspect of bringing people together with the serious business of how to make Castro Patrol work better.

The main focus of this meeting will be to hear concerns or suggestions for improvements from the volunteers on a number of topics, including:

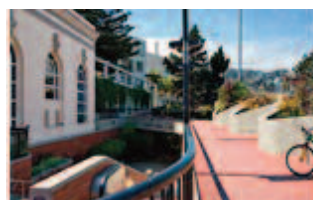
- ★ The way the patrols operate
- ★ Scheduling of teams
- ★ Enlisting new volunteers

- ★ New types of on-going skills training to focus our work
- ★ Changing the structure of the board
- ★ Volunteer activities beyond the walking patrols

To add some fun to the event, there will be food served, and some recognition of various team members.

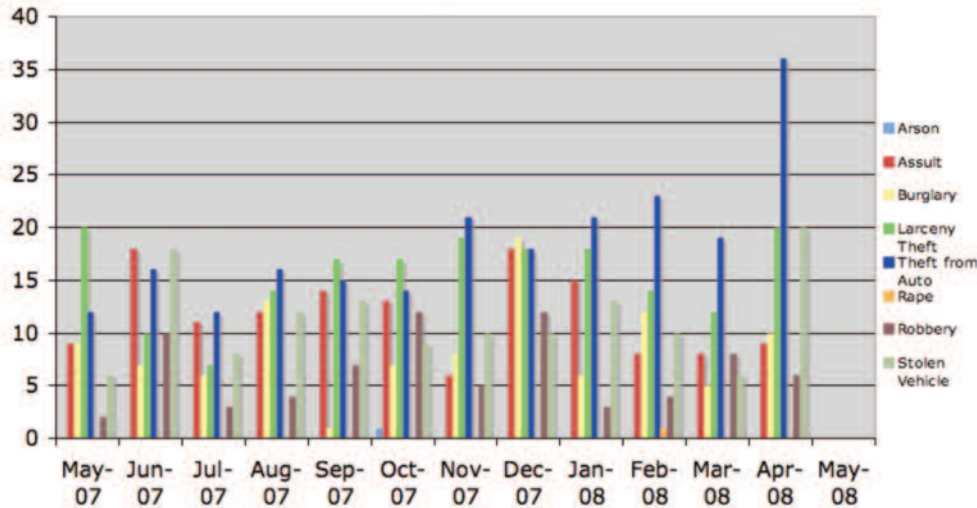
We will discuss how new skills workshops can serve to “re-qualify” patrollers without asking them to repeat the introductory training class every 2 years. Some of this training may come from experienced members, while others can come from 3rd party experts. We will seek suggestions for topics, presenters, and schedules for these sessions.

Watch for date/location in your e-mail



Castro Crime by Month

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News from the Board

NOTE: There will be no board of directors meeting in May because the meeting date falls on Memorial day. Any needed business will be covered by e-mail or phone.

The board will be going through some changes in June. Carlton Paul has expressed a desire to step down as chair because of conflicting time commitments with other projects. Carlton has shown very good leadership through the first 18 months of CCOP and will remain involved with the board so that his associations with various city officials and other organizations benefit CCOP.

Greg ("Greggy") Carey has agreed to take over the role of chair for the next year. Scott Weiner will remain as vice-chair.

The board continues to look for others to become part of the board to replace members who have moved on for various reasons throughout the past year. The desire is to bring most of the board members from the ranks of the patrollers so the decisions being made reflect the experiences of those doing the work.

This past year's budget included a \$20,000 grant (managed through SF Safe) that has been the major part of keeping the group functional. CCOP will again apply for a grant from the city to help with the main expenses, such as uniforms, radios, batteries, training booklets and printed flyers and leaflets.

Phil Crawford produced several fund raising events which produced several thousand dollars to help keep the group fluid. This money covers costs that cannot be covered by the city grant, such as awards, and the anniversary event. Desmond has agreed to help with some fund raising events in the near future.

A new logo will be available soon to use on flyers and posters. Chuck Chung has been working with an artist to produce new artwork drawn as comic-book heroes representing CCOP volunteers. The artwork will have 2 variations, with full details and a silhouette that can be used when smaller images are needed.

The circular CCOP logo will continue to be used as the "pseudo-badge" on uniforms and various literature such as the newsletter masthead and leaflets.

Assaults Down, Car Break-Ins Up

Two statistical trends* reported in last month's newsletter continue: 1) The number of assaults remain low, and 2) The number of car break-ins is getting worse. Other types of theft, including larceny and stolen vehicles, are also higher than the average for the previous year. Robberies in April were near the monthly average.

Good News about Assaults

During the first 9 months of these records, there were an average of 12 assaults per month. The average for February, March, and April has shown a 30.8% drop to 8.3 per month.

The locations of assaults have also changed. For most of the year, the majority of reported assaults had taken place on Castro Street between 18th and Market, and Market Street between Castro and Noe. Looking at the crime maps often surprised people as these crimes were happening in the area with the best lighting and the most people.

The past month has seen assaults move to the outlying parts of our patrol area. Most of them were near Church Street.

*All metrics in this article come from SFPD website, and represent a radius of 1/2 mile from Castro and 18th Street.

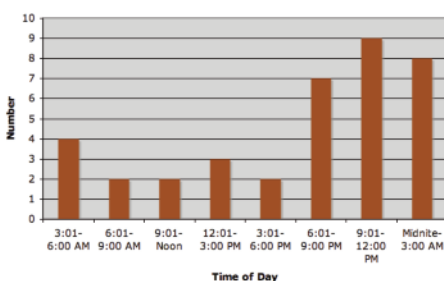
We do an analysis of crime by day of the week and by time of day every 2 months. There has been a noticeable shift in the time of day for assaults and robberies in the most recent period. The two graphs at the bottom compare two 60-day intervals. The first (Dec. 07 through Feb. 08) shows the trend that had been noticed through most of the year. The most common time for these crimes had been from 6:00 PM to 3:00 AM. During the most recent analysis, there were only 6 in the evening/night interval for the entire 60-day period. The peak has now moved to noon and 6 PM.

Vehicle Break-Ins Double

As reported last month, car break-ins have been the most common crime reported in the patrolled area (purple bar in the graph above). April 2008 showed the highest number for the entire year, with 36 reported in the month compared to the monthly average of 18.6. Stolen vehicles also showed the highest number in the year. There were 20 vehicles stolen in April compared to the average of 11.3.

We can discuss these trends in more detail at the Strategic Planning Session. Spreadsheets and crime maps will be available for review.

Robbery & Assault by Time of Day
Castro Area: 16-DEC-07 through 14-FEB-08



Robbery & Assault by Time of Day
Castro Area: 17-FEB-08 through 19-APR-08

