



PATROLLER

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Newsletter for the Patrollers, volunteers, and supporters of Castro Community On Patrol in San Francisco, California, USA.

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CCOP Supports Castro Street Fair 2022



CCOP was very excited to support the annual Castro Street Fair once again in the traditional role that we have performed for more than ten years now.

The day was warm and sunny, and the fair was well attended with lots of smiles from attendees, which was very nice to see.

This was the second in-person fair since the COVID-19 Pandemic, and as a result attendance numbers and gate donations were lower than in prior years. All proceeds will be split between the community volunteer organizations that "worked" those donation gates and in other roles throughout the day.

We certainly look forward to continuing our long and rewarding relationship with the Castro Street Fair and their incredible staff and volunteers.

Congratulations To Our Two Newest Patrollers



Congratulations to Patroller A. Fish and Patroller D. Tokash who completed their Trainee Patroller period and were successfully promoted to full Patroller (Ptr.) status.

All CCOP Trainee Patrollers must complete on-line training followed by four (4) supervised Patrols in order to meet the requirements to advance in rank. We'd like to thank both for their dedication and commitment to CCOP.

DA & SFPD Target Drug Dealers In New Effort



New District Attorney, Brooke Jenkins, and SFPD Chief Bill Scott have launched a new effort to confront open-air drug dealing, and open-air drug use in San Francisco.

In the last three months SFPD Officers have made over 260 Felony arrests for narcotic sales and have seized over 28 Kilos of narcotics. The District Attorney's Office has increased Felony narcotic charges filed by over 95% over the same time period from the previous year.

We applaud both for this successful effort.

Homelessness Count Drops In San Francisco



The recent Point In Time count which is conducted annually in San Francisco, reported a 15% reduction in unsheltered homelessness since 2019, and an overall reduction in homelessness.

In July of 2020, the city set a target of adding 1,500 new units of permanent supportive housing over two years. Recently the city reported they have exceeded that goal by nearly 195%.

There is more work to do in this area, but these results are positive and worth recognition.

SAFETY is a COMMUNITY EFFORT

By Chief Ken Craig, KCTO, KCCO, St.SPCB



Chief Ken Craig,
Community Patrol Service

From Matthew Shepard, to Pulse Nightclub, to Continuing Transgender Murders Nationwide



On October 07, 1998, 21 year old University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard was brutally attacked and left tied to a fence in freezing conditions, to die. Matthew was targeted because he was gay and perceived as an easy target for theft. His two attackers acted gay to lure him to a remote field outside of Laramie where he was pistol whipped around his head 18-21 times. Matthew would die of his injuries in a hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado on October 12, sparking National and International outrage and horror.



On June 12, 2016, a lone gunman entered the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida a little after 2 AM and started shooting, murdering 49 and wounding more than 50 inside the club. At 02:35 AM the gunman placed a call to 9-1-1 from inside the club, where wounded patrons were trapped as Police tried to negotiate his surrender. It was not until 05:02 AM when Police forced entry into the club, ultimately killing the gunman who refused to surrender.

The murders at Pulse represented the single deadliest incident targeting the LGBTQ community in U.S. history, eclipsing the June 24, 1973, arson attack on the UpStairs

Lounge in New Orleans.

2021 was the 'deadliest year' since records began for Transgender People, with 375 murders throughout the world, with most occurring in Central and South America. There were 44 murders of Transgender victims within the United States in 2020, and 50 murders in 2021 according to the Human Rights Campaign. Sadly, 2022 has seen at least 31 murders of Transgender people to date.

The LGBTQI community remains a target for oppression, suppression, violence, and murder throughout the United States and throughout the world in a tragically increasing trend. The tremendous loss and pain caused by these senseless murders is incalculable and frankly intolerable. As a community, we must all come together to find solutions, mitigate the risks, train and prepare our community members to protect and defend themselves, and identify and prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the local and Federal laws available.

Castro Patrol works in many different areas to assist the community by establishing close liaisons with the local and federal law enforcement entities, to hold them accountable and responsible, and to support and assist them during missing person searches and murder inquiries. We work with victims of crime to help them understand the criminal justice system a little better, and to chaperone them through reporting, investigation, and court appearances, to help them advocate for their rights and desired outcomes. We also provide FREE community self-defense training classes that focus on individual safety and avoiding risky places and situations.

The San Francisco Police Department runs a Chief's LGBT Community Advisory Forum with members from the LGBTQI+ community meeting regularly with department command staff personnel to raise issues and work on initiatives. The San Francisco District Attorney's office is working on re-establishing their own LGBT Advisory Forum which will invite members from the LGBTQI+ community to meet regularly with their senior attorneys to raise issues and work on initiatives. Castro Patrol is involved in both Forums and we strongly encourage everyone to consider participating directly in the conversation and efforts to make San Francisco a safer and more accepting place for all members of the LGBTQI+ community.

Watch our website and Facebook pages for information on our next FREE Community Self-Defense Class and sign up early to participate as the classes are always very popular and they fill up fast.

Castro Cares Program Report



be a part of the solution

Castro Cares is a unique community collaborative providing supplemental outreach and hospitality services throughout the district to the city's homeless support services and the work of the San Francisco Police Department. The program is funded by a city grant and through public donations.

The program deploys uniformed Community Ambassadors 7-days a week. They interact with the residents, business employees and owners, visitors, and with those living on the streets. Through these interactions, the Community Ambassadors develop trusting relationships with many of the individuals who live on the street, but call Castro home. This relationship often helps to bring critical services, support, and resources to them, and it has helped transition a few into supportive housing and off the streets.

This relationship with the "regular" homeless residents of the Castro significantly assists in identifying transient homeless who have little interest in respecting the neighborhood, residents, or businesses, which in turn assists the Castro Cares partner organizations in addressing those individuals directly and mitigating their impacts.

Between January and June of 2022 (latest published figures) the Castro Ambassadors conducted 904 homeless engagements, performed 602 wellness checks, and responded to 7 overdoses.

To find out more about the Castro Cares program, or to donate in support of the program, check out their website at www.castrocbd.org/castro-cares/

Castro Business Watch Program



Castro Business Watch program is a unique business collaborative allowing owners and employees to share information and support each other. Modeled on the Neighborhood Watch program, CBW is a FREE program open to all registered businesses in the Castro / Duboce Triangle neighborhood.

CBW is overseen by San Francisco Safety Awareness for Everyone (www.SFSAFE.org) which offers additional safety and security services to businesses throughout the city.

To find out more, contact us at INFO@CastroPatrol.org and we will be happy to chat with you, and enroll you into the program.

Community Patrol Service



Community Patrol Service (CPS) is a not-for-profit community organization that works with neighborhoods throughout the United States who wish to develop a Community On Patrol Service (COPS) organization such as Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP).

CPS will offer free advice, guidance, training information, suggestions, and non-fiscal support throughout the development of your own COPS group.

To find out more, contact us at CommunityPatrolService@gmail.com and we will be happy to chat with you, and enroll you into the program.

WHO / WHEN / WHERE / HOW

LIFE THREATENING OR CRIME IN PROGRESS ?

Call 9-1-1

In any situation where life is at imminent risk, or where a crime is in progress right now, call 9-1-1 for an immediate emergency response.

NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY?

Call 415-553-0123

In situations which are less critical or immediate but where a Police or Fire response may still be required, use the non-emergency number above.

San Francisco District Supervisor's Office

Supervisor Raphael Mandelman
District 8,
Call 415-554-6968
MandelmanStaff@sfgov.org

San Francisco District Supervisors represent you and can assist in many areas of concern that involve formal Government agencies or departments. If their office cannot assist you directly, they will help to put you in contact with resources that can assist.

San Francisco District Attorney's Office

350 Rhode Island Street
North Building, Suite 400N, 94103
Call 628-652-4000
DistrictAttorney@sfgov.org

The DA's office prosecutes crime in San Francisco and offers various services for victims of crime.

VICTIM SERVICES: 628-652-4100
HATE CRIME HOTLINE: 628-652-4311

San Francisco Official Resources

San Francisco Federal Bureau of Investigation
415-553-7400

San Francisco Police Department Mission Station
415-558-5400 SFPDMissionStation@sfgov.org

San Francisco Police Department Park Station
415-242-3000 SFPDParkStation@sfgov.org

SFFD Street Crisis Response Team
Call 911 for people in severe mental distress

SFFD Street Wellness Response Team
415-553-0123 for homeless related non-criminal issues

San Francisco City Services
3-1-1 to report "things" i.e. human waste, trash, etc.

San Francisco Safety Awareness For Everyone
415-416-6436 <https://sfsafe.org>

Mental Health Services For Everyone
9-8-8

Community Resources

Castro Community Benefits District Services
415-500-1181 ExecDirector@castrocbd.org
Cleaning Services: 415-471-7536

Castro Cares Community Ambassadors Program
Call or Text 415-471-7536

Castro Community On Patrol
415-ASK-CCOP INFO@CastroPatrol.org

24 Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

Trevor Project
212-695-8650 (LGBTQQI+ youth in need of support)

SF Adult Protective Services (APS) Hotline
415-335-6700 or 1-800-814-0009

PG&E – Gas Leak / Downed Power Line
1-800-743-5000 or 9-1-1

3 HOURS A MONTH MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE



CASTRO COMMUNITY ON PATROL NEEDS YOU

GIVE US JUST THREE HOURS A MONTH AS A PATROL VOLUNTEER, TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP), a program of San Francisco Safety Awareness For Everyone (SF-SAFE), seeks new volunteers to help patrol the Castro neighborhood on a monthly basis.

CCOP has successfully patrolled the Castro neighborhood for over 15 years, deploying teams of three unpaid volunteer Patrollers for a 3-hour shift which they select themselves.

Our patrols offer assistance, information, guidance, and support to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Castro, interacting with thousands of people every year. We are "First Reporters" by calling in Medical, Fire, or Law Enforcement professionals when needed, and we will offer assistance when safe to do so until the professionals arrive.

CCOP also assists other community groups to make their events successful, and we are often a part of the developing history of the LGBTQQI+ community. In the past we've assisted at PROP8 rallies, Pulse Nightclub memorials, Harvey Milk annual events, and many others. We also assist at regular community events by providing safety teams to events such as the Sisters Easter in the Park, SF PRIDE safety events, Castro Street Fair, CBD Music in the Plaza, SFAF Santa Skivvies Run, PRC Holiday Dinner and many more.

Our volunteers are mostly members of the LGBTQQI+ community, but we are open and welcoming to ALL who want to donate just three hours a month to help keep the Castro neighborhood a little safer. We provide full training, and you will deploy with experienced Senior Volunteers. Patrolling is fun, you get to meet lots of people, and you can feel good about helping out the community.

JOIN US TODAY, AND HELP US BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

WWW.CASTROPATROL.ORG

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