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CCOP Provides Active Shooter Training Class



In the wake of the murderous attack on Club Q in Colorado Springs, CCOP quickly mobilized to establish an Active Shooter training class focused on the bars, businesses, and event organizers in our community.



“Having a plan before any incident occurs is essential,” Chief Greg Carey noted in many interviews with local television new channels.

“We don’t want to work out of fear. Fear is not a helpful thing, We want to come at it from a perspective of preparedness.”

In preparing for the class, CCOP collaborated with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials. Several F.B.I. Special Agents we in attendance at the class as well as representatives from the Department of

Homeland Security and the San Francisco Fire Department. Supervisor Raphael Mandelman spoke at the start of the class, reinforcing how important this training is for our community as a whole.



“Our first focus was on businesses and event organizers with the New Year fast approaching and the realization that our community could be targeted during that celebration,” said Chief Ken Craig of Community Patrol Service who led the training portion of the class.

“Many businesses are already well prepared, but some are grateful for the additional assistance and guidance we can offer.”

CCOP is committed to expanding this opportunity with additional training classes for businesses, event organizers and for members of the general public in 2023.

“We will be scheduling our very popular self-defense class and another Active Shooter class very early in 2023” Chief Carey added.

CCOP Chief Reaches 3,000 Hours Milestone



CCOP Chief Greg Carey reached a very impressive 3,000 hours of volunteer time dedicated to Castro Patrol in December of 2022.

Joining Castro Patrol in 2007, and assuming the Chief of Patrol position shortly afterwards, this milestone represents a total of more than 1,000 individual patrols and event participations.

Very few volunteers accumulate so many hours and so much experience with us, and we are certainly indebted to Chief Carey for his continued service, attention to detail, and commitment to CCOP and the community as a whole.

Please take a moment to extend your congratulations on this milestone when you next see him on patrol or at a community event.

SAFETY is a COMMUNITY EFFORT

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



Chief Ken Craig,
Community Patrol Service

In The Wake Of The Club Q Murders, Training & Action Is Required By Everyone In The Community



As members of the LGBTQQI+ and allied community, we must take steps to train, prepare, and protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community in general as much as possible, though all means possible. While we have been “lucky” to date, it may only be a matter of time and opportunity before an individual or group decides to target one of our bars, clubs, events, or the neighborhood itself. We are committed to providing training and guidance to all in a variety of topics to help us ALL be aware, be prepared, be ready to act if necessary, and to help us recover following any incident.

RUN – HIDE – FIGHT

This is the Federal, State, and local guidance in the event of an active shooter incident.

RUN

Escape is your best defense if this is a possibility for you. If you are not in the path or vicinity of the shooter(s), and you are able to, run or move away from the scene as quickly as possible and keep going until you are certain you are safe.

HIDE

If running to escape is not possible, find a room with a lockable door and barricade yourself in that space. Lock and block the door with anything large and heavy. Turn off the lights and turn off your cell phone ringer and vibrate functions. Remain there until first responders come to get you. (This may take quite some time, be patient and stay there while it is safe to do so.)

FIGHT

If running and hiding in a room are impossible for you, then FIGHT with all your might, and with anything you have at hand, to survive. Target the shooter(s) head, eyes, arms, and knees to incapacitate them and take them to the ground. Gang up on the shooter(s) if possible, to increase your odds of success. If you succeed in getting the weapon away from the shooter(s) DO NOT PICK IT UP. Use your feet to slide it away from the shooter(s) and push it into a corner until first responders arrive.

Treat

If you are shot, or if someone around you is shot, and if it is safe to do so without putting yourself in danger or attracting the shooter(s) attention, treat wounds by applying pressure and packing wounds with anything absorbent. Slowing or stopping bleeding may be a life-saving action. Consider tourniquets on arms and legs if needed to slow or stop bleeding until medical attention is possible.

SELF-DEFENSE and ACTIVE SHOOTER Training

CCOP will be scheduling these classes within the neighborhood regularly in 2023.

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.

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/

Community Safety Program



The San Francisco LGBTQI+ Community Safety Program (SF-LGBT-CSP) is a joint effort between the community and various Federal, State, and local agencies to provide training, guidance, advice, and support in developing a "fabric of safety" for all individuals, businesses, and events.

Through collaboration and cooperation, the CSP establishes some basic training concepts and standards, and facilitates the exchange of information and ALERTS that are crucial to preparedness, responsiveness, and recovery in the aftermath of any incident or attack.

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.

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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