



CCOP PATROLLER

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MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR ACTIVE PATROLLERS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRAINEE PATROLLERS!



We held our 44th new volunteer training class on Saturday January 24th, adding three new Trainee Patrollers (TPtr.) to our ranks.

We are happy and proud to welcome:

- 15-0241 Robert Atanasio
- 15-0242 Rhonna Belland
- 15-0243 Rhonda Shaw

We had hoped that the ten people who pre-registered for the class may help us towards our goal of fifty new patrollers in 2015, but unfortunately six of the ten cancelled in the few days prior to the class for various reasons.

Class 044 means we are now seeking to try to add 47 new Patrollers over the next eleven months. Our next training class will take place on Tuesday March 10th from 7pm to 10:30pm. Please encourage your friends and family to sign up and patrol with us and help us reach our goal of

fifty new Patrollers in 2015.

NEW PATROL OUTREACH EFFORTS



We'll be offering some additional, new patrolling opportunities in 2015 in support of our general outreach efforts to attract new patrol volunteers, and in support of the Castro Business Watch program which we established and continue to spearhead for the neighborhood.

Our new part time Administrative Assistant, Ptlr. Liem Nguyen had taken on the task of helping us with public outreach fixed post patrols, to try to encourage sign-up's for our next patrol volunteer training class. The first outreach effort at 18th Street and Castro Street elicited five interested individuals. We will establish some additional outreach patrols ahead of our next training class in March and would certainly appreciate your support in staffing an information table to sign-up potential new trainees.

We will also schedule some special patrols to help us

promote the Castro Business Watch (CBW) program to businesses within the catchment area. CBW operates very much like a neighborhood watch, but is entirely focused on businesses. The program is FREE and is really a no-brainer, but it takes a little time to explain the benefits of the program to some of the businesses in order to get them involved – and that's where you come in.

Watch out for Outreach Recruitment patrols and CBW Patrols on the schedule, and sign up to help us out if you can.

PATROLLER METAL STARS



The Chief's of Patrol and the Patrol Directors Group approved the procurement of ten full size metal patrol stars during our January Directors & Volunteers meeting.

The stars will be silver in color and will look like the image show above.

The stars will be issued to Patrollers at our deployment location for use during their patrol period, and they will be returned at the conclusion of the patrol.

"We know that metal stars impart a sense of professionalism in the eyes of the general public, as well as a sense of pride in the Patroller wearing the star," said Patrol Chief, Greg Carey.

"The stars are pretty expensive to order individually, so we didn't expect many Patrollers to purchase them on their own. So, CCOP will purchase a number of them to issue at the time of patrols, just as we do with the reflective vests and two way radios. We'll recover them at the end of every shift."

Still under consideration is modifications to the reflective vest to add a badge tab to which the stars could be affixed by each volunteer. In the short term however, it is likely that stars will be displayed on a leather belt clip which could either be worn on the belt, or on a chain around the neck.

We anticipate the stars will be available by mid March, or soon thereafter, and Team Leaders will be responsible for issuance and recovery of each star.

How To Build Your Own Patrol Team



One of the advantages of achieving full Patroller rank, is that you can then build your own patrol team, and you can patrol regularly with that team. You can even set your own patrol schedule and duration for that team.

Provided you have two other team members who are at least Patroller ranked or higher, feel free to chat with them independently to figure out days and times that work for everyone to patrol. Then simply send an e-mail to PATROL@CastroPatrol.org to let us know who will be

patrolling and the start and end time of the patrol. We'll review the request and in most cases it will be added to the schedule without any problems.

As we need to provide you with access to our deployment location and equipment locker, the only likely limitations would be availability of the keys and our ability to get them to your team lead for the patrol time you choose. But we'll do our best to make it work.

We do, naturally, ask that you continue to support our "standing" patrol shifts on Friday and Saturday evenings if you can, as these are important to us, but flexible scheduling allows you to fit patrolling around your own work or personal commitments, while continuing to keep the community safe.

Trauma Evaluation Added To Well Being Check Process



In last month's issue of CCOP PATROLLER, we discussed the Golden Hour and the importance of recognizing trauma as a significant contributing factor to injury survival rates.

The concepts of trauma recognition and evaluation have been added to our CCOP well being check protocols, and should be used by all CCOP Patrollers from this moment forward when assessing an individual during a well being check, prior to physical contact with

the individual to avoid the possibility of exacerbating a trauma related injury.

You can view last month's edition of CCOP PATROLLER and the Trauma article by going to the Patroller Resources section when you log in to our web site, or you can ask for an updated version of the Patrol Volunteer Basic Training Class manual by sending an e-mail to PATROL@CastroPatrol.org at any time.

The key change is to assess any well being check individual for signs of trauma while moving through the initial verbal response stage of the check, and before moving on to the physical stimuli phase. If you observe any warning signs of possible trauma, then minimize unnecessary movement of the individual and call 911 for emergency responders.

PATROLLER STUFF

WE'LL BE MOVING



The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on Eureka Street has sold their building to a developer, thus we will soon have to re-locate our equipment locker and deployment location.

We are looking for a suitable alternative location and will let you know as soon as we have secured a new space.

THE NUMBERS



Through 01/25/2015

Active Patrollers= 17
Inactive Patrollers = 8

Regular Patrols YTD = 3
Special Events YTD = 2
Patrol Hours YTD = 87

New Trainees YTD = 3
Re-certifications YTD = 6

CCOP CALENDAR

PATROL VOLUNTEER BASIC TRAINING CLASS PVBTC-045

TUESDAY MARCH 10
7PM – 10:30PM
Chase Bank Community Room
2112 15th Street

To recertify: If you need to re-certify, send us an e-mail to let us know you will attend, and turn up **no later than 8:30PM** for the practical patrolling portion.

Know some friends or family who want to join you on patrol, have them sign up on-line for the class TODAY.

PATROL DIRECTORS & VOLUNTEERS MONTHLY MEETING

EVERY 2nd Thursday
of each month.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12
8PM – 9:30PM
Chase Bank Community Room
2112 15th Street

ALL Patrollers, non-patrol volunteers, supporters and members of the public are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings.



Castro Community On Patrol PATROL ACADEMY

N.E.R.T., A.L.E.R.T., D.A.R.T, A.C.S. and More!

BY Deputy Chief Ken Craig, CCOP



As a CCOP Patroller, you have already take a huge step in the self-preparedness and volunteer responder direction, which will be so critical to survival, response and recovery during a wide spread disaster, whether human-made or natural in nature.

At CCOP we believe you can NEVER have too much training, information, knowledge or experience; but on the other hand, you can definitely have TOO LITTLE. Thus we encourage our volunteers to actively participate in the variety of volunteer response programs available to everyone, and we'll even credit you for the time you spend with them in drills and classroom exercises.

N.E.R.T.

The San Francisco Fire Department (S.F.F.D.) Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (N.E.R.T.) program started in 1990, one year after the 1989 magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17. The program is designed to make volunteers self-sufficient for up to 72 hours following a disaster and also provides a structure to allow you to respond in support of the Fire Department in your local neighborhood.

The program is 18 hours of FREE training taught by Fire Department firefighters in classes held throughout the city.

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A.L.E.R.T.

The San Francisco Police Department (S.F.P.D.) Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (A.L.E.R.T.) program started in 2013 and is the police department equivalent of

the SFFD NERT program. All ALERT volunteer must first complete the FREE NERT training ,and then undergo an additional 8 hours of FREE training taught by San Francisco Police Officers. ALERT volunteers will deploy alongside Police Officers to help in various non-sworn roles during and in the aftermath of a disaster.

A background check is required to participate in the ALERT program.

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D.A.R.T.

The Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) is the Animal Care and Control department version of NERT and ALERT, which will help to establish animal shelters for dogs and cats next to some of the human shelters in the aftermath of a disaster. NERT training and certification is a pre-requisite before taking the DART training, which is 20 hours of additional training.

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A.C.S.

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) is a unit of trained professionals who supply communications support to the City and County of San Francisco on a regular basis, but particularly during times of disaster. When many typical forms of communication may be unavailable post-disaster, ACS can assist the city, and other volunteer organizations such as NERT, ALERT and DART to communicate through HAM radio.

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE FREE TRAINING AVAILABLE

We strongly encourage our volunteers to take advantage of all the exceptional, FREE training that is made available throughout the year, throughout the city. Not only will the training make you a better CCOP Patroller, but it could also quite literally help you and your loved ones to survive and recover WHEN the big one comes, or when any human-made or natural disaster befalls this beautiful city of ours.