



CCOP PATROLLER

MAY 2015

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR ACTIVE PATROLLERS

CCOP AT THE MARRIAGE EQUITY RALLY



We were happy to be asked to assist with the Marriage Equality rally that took place at San Francisco City Hall on the same that the Supreme Court began hearing testimony in the case in Washington D.C.

The event was much smaller than previous events, but still drew a few hundred supporters plus many media and government officials including State Senator Tom Ammiano, a number of City Supervisors and many well known activists and religious leaders.

We will be "on guard" for the SCOTUS decision in the case which is anticipated sometime in June as that decision will also involve a rally and march which CCOP will support once again.

AUTO BOOST / STRIP ARREST



We received information through Facebook of the arrest of a suspected Auto Boost/Strip suspect who had been observed by a vehicle owner, who followed the suspect and directed SFPD to him.

We Don't know specific details, but presume he was apprehended with stolen items from the victims vehicle, which should be enough to see him charged.

Many of the Auto boost/strip crimes going on in the neighborhood are very likely the result of only a few people who hit several vehicles a day, over a period of weeks. Getting one of the streets for any amount of time as the result of an arrest will help to reduce the number of incidents, at least for a little while. We'll try to follow up and find out the conclusion to this incident.

OUTREACH AT THE SF LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER



We participated in the now Annual AtmosQueer outreach events at the SF LGBT Community Center recently.

Along with around one hundred other LGBT and allied groups, we promoted CCOP and provided safety information and advice to a number of attendees.

Our thanks to Chief Carey and Ptlr. Kyle Wong, DBoA, for helping out at the CCOP booth.

CCOP WILL REMAIN AT MCC FOR A WHILE

As you know, we've been looking for a new patrol deployment location as the former MCC building has been sold to a developer.

We have been very fortunate to receive support from a number of local businesses who are eager to host us in

their locations including Walgreen's on Castro & 18th, Most Holy Redeemer Church on Diamond and a few others.

We have decided to take up both Walgreen's and MHR on their kind offers and look forward to building up a strong collaborative relationship with both over the next few years.

Walgreen's is undergoing some renovations in the area where we will store our equipment locker, so it will be a few months before we finally move to the new deployment location. We will let you know as soon as we do, don't worry :-D

In the mean time, the owners of the former MCC building have invited us to keep some equipment in that location, as they anticipate it may take up to two years for them to obtain the necessary permits to demolish the existing structure. In the meantime, they are interested in us being able to swing by and check out the building structure from time to time to ensure no vandalism or damage is occurring to the building.

As such, we will add the 150 Eureka location to our "passing calls" list on each regular patrol over the next few years once we finally move out to the new Walgreens location.

Strained Community / Police Relations



The murder of NYPD Officer Brian Moore is one, in a long string of recent incidents which has strained community / police relationships in many parts of the country.

The Bay Area and SFPD are not immune to such concerns with a recent Officer involved shooting in the Mission district raising concerns, and public dissatisfaction regarding a slightly older shooting of an individual who was shining a Taser laser light at Officers from a park at dusk.

The Ferguson, New York

and Baltimore "in custody" deaths of black individuals has also strained relationships, resulting in many marches, rallies and even riots as we all know.

Sadly during the same period of time, a number of Police Officers have also lost their lives in the line of duty, some directly related to the unrest within the communities around them.

At CCOP we work closely with the SFPD and we know many of the Officers personally and professionally.

We certainly have faith in the SFPD and we will do all we can to keep open lines of communication between the Police and the community we serve in general. With that said, extra caution is prudent when we are on patrol during these times.

Join SFPD ALERT For Candlelight Memorial



Sunday May 10 through Saturday May 16 is National Police Week in the USA, marking the day President John F Kennedy proclaimed as National Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, and the week on which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

Thousands will gather around the country and at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. to mark the week, and especially the day of May 13th as the names of Officers lost in the line of duty will be added to the wall of honor at the museum and a

special candlelight vigil will be held to mark the occasion.

While many people cannot make the trip to Washington D.C. for the vigil, the museum offers an on-line web cast of the moving event, which the SFPD Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) will show at the SFPD Police Academy on **May 13th** beginning at **5pm** and ending by 7pm.

If you would like to join the ALERT volunteers to mark this occasion please sign up using the Eventbrite link below. To light a virtual candle in memory of a fallen officer, click [HERE](#).

To join us on May 13th at the Academy:

[CLICK HERE TO ATTEND](#)

PATROLLER STUFF

REWARDS PROGRAM



Our Staff Admin, Liem Nguyen, is working on a pretty cool Patroller Rewards program designed to recognize the time and effort you put into supporting CCOP with some discount coupons for local restaurants and businesses. Stay tuned for more details soon.

THE NUMBERS



Through 05/05/2015

Active Patrollers= 13
Inactive Patrollers = 5

Regular Patrols YTD = 24
Special Events YTD = 10
Patrol Hours YTD = 501

New Trainees YTD = 6
Re-certifications YTD = 10

CCOP CALENDAR

PATROL VOLUNTEER BASIC TRAINING CLASS PVBTC-046

SATURDAY MAY 09
1PM – 4:30PM
MudPuppy's Store
536 Castro 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 2:30PM** 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.

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

Traffic Control Safety Protocols - 101

BY Deputy Chief Ken Craig, CCOP



The dangers inherent in stepping out into an active roadway in order to try to control moving traffic may seem quite obvious to the lay person, but there are many less obvious and very deadly mistakes and lapses in judgment that all Patrollers must pay close attention to when assigned to Traffic Control duty.

VISIBILITY & POSITION

One of the most important things to consider when stepping into any active roadway are the visibility factors, not only the prevailing weather and light conditions, but also the layout of the roadway itself and how your own clothing and equipment either aids your visibility or inhibits it.

Visibility is a KEY vital component to safely conducting traffic control duties. Not only must you be able to see approaching traffic with plenty of time to assess their speed and direction and make the necessary decision on how to control them as they approach your position, but drivers and riders must also be able to clearly see you, recognize an irregular situation in the roadway is present and afford them enough time to slow down and assess your visual instructions effectively.

Your positioning in the roadway, and your effective use and placement of emergency vehicles, flares, traffic cones, high visibility clothing and handheld flashlights will be a significant factor in allowing you to be seen, and allowing drivers and riders time to react to your presence and your visual commands.

Whenever possible ensure you are positioned in such a way that you can be clearly seen for the maximum distance

possible in all directions of the roadway. Lay flares up to fifty yards preceding the incident if they are available to provide enough advance warning to on-coming

CLEAR & CONFIDENT

Use clear and confident hand signals and flashlight signals to indicate your commands to on-coming traffic.

Don't **ASSUME** the on-coming traffic will correctly interpret your intentions and that they will follow them. Remain focused on the first few vehicles approaching your position until they properly comply with your visual commands.

Don't **PRESUME** that because the first few vehicles complied with your commands that all others following will do so. Following vehicles will have more obstructions ahead of them which may limit their ability to see you.

Always face **TOWARDS** on-coming traffic, even if it is only passing you at a very slow pace, as it does not take much for you to be injured by a protruding wing mirror or some other wider than normal load.

As you face on-coming traffic, keep checking on any stopped traffic behind you to ensure it remains stationary. Also, keep an eye on your overall surroundings to make sure your position within the roadway remains safe and your "emergency bail out" point remains available to you.

THE CARDINAL RULE

Remember when conducting traffic control that the **CARDINAL RULE** is that YOU do not get hurt, and you do your best to ensure no-one else gets hurt.

If you're conducting traffic control following a disaster, people will be "out of sorts" and perhaps less focused than they should be. There will be many distractions, and the risks will be greatly amplified.

Take time, slow things down, be compassionate and do the best you can in the difficult circumstances you may find yourself in.