



CCOP PATROLLER

JULY 2015

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR ACTIVE PATROLLERS

BUSY PRIDE WEEKEND FOR CCOP



Our Pride weekend began on Friday 06/26 with the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) announcing their landmark decision in 5-4 favor of marriage equality at 10 AM Eastern, 7 AM our time.

That decision set in motion a number of plans that had been discussed and strategized for a few weeks, between the Day of Decision organizers, SFPD, DPT, DPW, the community and of course, CCOP.

Coming on the Friday of SF Pride weekend, we anticipated a huge turnout at the Day of Decision event in the Castro to celebrate the historical moment.

Chief Carey led the event organizing for CCOP with support from D.C. Craig. Patrollers Neil Fullager, Alex Upchurch, Jeff Johnston, Patrick Dillane and Liem Nguyen responded to our call for volunteers at short notice,

and joined by four emergent community volunteers, we formed a total of five Safety Monitor teams to watch over the event.

We assisted organizers in shutting down traffic on the 400 block of Castro Street to facilitate the establishment of the stage, and we helped MUNI with traffic control so they could re-direct their busses along Market Street.

The Day of Decision event went off without a hitch, and both the event organizers and Captain Daniel Perea, commander of Mission Police Station expressed their appreciation and thanks for CCOP assistance at the event.

PINK PARTY RESULTS



While CCOP elected not to participate in the Pink Party event, we have heard feedback that in general the event was quite successful.

There were undoubtedly a

few challenges as may be expected with a new event of this magnitude which organizers will hopefully effectively address for 2016.

Security personnel presence at some gate entrances was apparently "spotty" at times and response times for medical units arriving at locations within the event were apparently longer than optimal. We also understand that it took much, much longer to clear and re-open the streets than was planned for – something CCOP had cautioned the organizers about when we heard their initial plans.

Still, the event overall was a success with no major problems or criminal incidents, and everyone apparently enjoying the experience. We therefore congratulate the organizers and wish them well in the planning for Pink Party 2016.

CCOP AT SF PRIDE 2015



CCOP was proud to join the

the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Pride Alliance organization once again, as they walked with the SFPD Command Staff in the 2015 San Francisco Pride Parade.

This marked the fifth year in a row that CCOP has joined the SFPO Pride Alliance Officers in the parade and we wish to thank the Alliance for their generosity and warm welcome once again this year.

D.C. Craig led this event, with Chief Carey and Patrollers Alex Upchurch, Neil Fullagar, and Parick Dillane joining us along with Trainee Patroller Leandro Gonzalez.

SFPD Chief Greg Carey and most of the Deputy Chiefs and Commanders from the SFPD were present and walked in the parade with the Pride Alliance Officers, reinforcing the departments commitment to equality and diversity in their hiring and policies.

Participating in the SF Pride Parade with the Pride Alliance offers a unique opportunity for CCOP to solidify our close working relationship with the police department in general, and with the SFPD command staff in particular. It was a very fun day indeed.

CCOP Body Worn Cameras Have Arrived



Video and audio recording devices can be invaluable training and evidence tools in many situations as recent media stories have alluded to. CCOP has not formally deployed such technology before, however Chief Carey and Deputy Chief Craig have worn their own person body worn cameras for more than three years.

In a recent Patrol Chiefs and Directors decision, we decided to procure a number of higher quality

body worn cameras for use during CCOP patrols.

Chief Carey, D.C. Craig and D.C. Hill will be issued their own cameras, while the remainder will be stored in our equipment locker for issuance to team members for patrols and returned to the locker following patrol.

The cameras, and all voice and images recorded will remain the property of CCOP at all times, and a new CCOP camera and voice recording policy is being developed to cover their use during CCOP patrols.

All Patrollers wearing a camera will be required to advise anyone we contact that they "are being video and voice recorded." Our hope is the cameras may help to capture vital evidence from time to time while we're on patrol.

CCOP Will Move Our Deployment Location Soon



With the closure of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on Eureka Street, the Patrol Chiefs and Directors have been searching for an alternative and suitable deployment location for us to launch our patrols.

We had a number of minimum requirements to meet in this regard. The location had to be open to us 24/7/365, it had to offer us unhindered access to our equipment locker yet it had to provide secure storage for the

locker and its increasingly important and expensive contents.

As we began the search we were very fortunate to have a number of entities offer us the use of their facilities, out of respect for the work that we do on behalf of the community. We were humbled and blessed by this outpouring of support and with due consideration have accepted an offer from Walgreens at the corner of Castro Street and 18th Street for our new deployment location.

The store is undergoing renovation, but as soon as that is complete, we will move our equipment locker to the store and we will advise all active Patrollers by e-mail of the new procedures for Patrol Deployment from Walgreens. We look forward to a long and happy partnership there.

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 07/01/2015

Active Patrollers= 12
Inactive Patrollers = 1

Regular Patrols YTD = 34
Special Events YTD = 14
Patrol Hours YTD = 762

New Trainees YTD = 7
Re-certifications YTD = 12

CCOP CALENDAR

PATROL VOLUNTEER BASIC TRAINING CLASS PVBTC-047

TUESDAY JULY 14
7PM – 10:00PM

Chase Bank Community Rm
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 8:00PM** 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

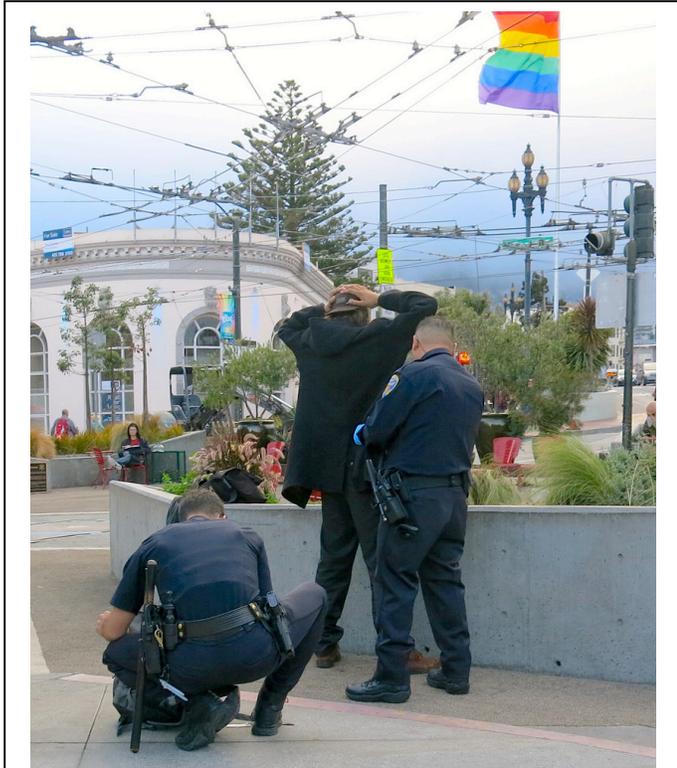
ALL Patrollers, non-patrol volunteers, supporters and members of the public are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings.



Castro Community On Patrol PATROL ACADEMY

JWP & HMP Park / Plaza Rules

BY Deputy Chief Ken Craig, CCOP



Knowledge of the laws and statutes that apply to prohibit certain acts when we are on patrol, and an understanding of how each law or statute applies, is invaluable to the CCOP Patroller, as it will help you provide more useful information to member of the public, and it will clarify situations when SFPD should be called.

With both Jane Warner Plaza and Harvey Milk Plaza Ordinance 22-12 sets forth the current laws which apply to each location as follows.

- A. Hours** – The plazas are open for public use 24/7/365.
- B. Sleeping** – Prohibited under S.F. Park Code section 3.13.
- C. Camping** – Prohibited under S.F. Park Code section 3.12.
- D. Peddling / Vending** – Prohibited unless permitted by a valid city permit.

E. Performance of Labor – i.e. construction, gardening, etc. is prohibited unless authorized by the Department of Public Works or their authorized agents.

F. Smoking – Pursuant to S.F. Municipal Code on unenclosed city owned property such as parks, sports facilities, squares, farmers markets etc. smoking is prohibited.

H. Penalties –

a) Violators must immediately leave or abate the violation when advised to do so.

b) INFRACTION

\$100.00 first violation

\$200.00 second violation within one year of the first violation

\$500.00 third and each successive violation within one year of the first violation

Infraction must be committed in officials presence to issue a citation pursuant to CPC Part II, Title 3, chapters 5, 5C and 5D.

The SF Board of Supervisors is currently considering amending these “rules” to make it illegal to allow animals or people to sit or enter the flower beds and planter boxes within the plazas. This amendment has not been brought before the board of supervisors or approved at this time.

Naturally, we would much prefer violators to willingly amend their conduct in a cooperative manner, rather than create unnecessary confrontations. There are however occasions where resistant individuals should be addressed by professional responders and video and audio recordings captured by our Patrol teams have been sufficient in the past to provide enough probable cause for responding Officers to issue citations. Our new cameras should help in such situations also.