



CCOP PATROLLER

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MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR ACTIVE PATROLLERS



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As incredible as it sometimes seems, CCOP will celebrate our 10th Anniversary in October of this year.

We want to thank everyone who has volunteered, and who continues to volunteer, to make CCOP possible.

CCOP HISTORY

Deputy Chief Ken Craig, KCCO is the only original founder of CCOP who remains an active patroller with us. All of the other founders and original board members have moved on to other things.

Ken actually developed and taught the training curriculum that allowed us to deploy our first patrols in 2006, and he has continued in that same role, refining our training and preparation, since then.

SHOULDER SURFERS



Possible suspects involved in "Shoulder Surfing"

We have noticed a number of suspicious people hanging around the Bank of America and CitiBank ATM's over the last few months whom we suspect may be "shoulder surfing."

Shoulder surfing involves remaining in close proximity to the ATM as unsuspecting people use the machine. The surfers try to obtain the PIN in the hope the user may leave without retrieving their ATM card, thus allowing the "surfers" to swoop in and withdraw additional cash using the PIN for the card.

Other scams are to wait until the machine is disbursing the cash, then distract the legitimate user of the machine while an accomplice grabs the cash.

We don't know for sure if the above individuals are indeed "shoulder surfers" and we have noted different suspicious characters hanging around various

time.

SFPD city wide is aware of the problem, but it is quite a challenge to actually catch them in the act with enough evidence or probable cause to arrest and convict them.

CCOP is responding to this concern by enforcing the California State law which prohibits loitering with 15 feet of a functioning ATM. While it may not eliminate this problem, it makes such thieves aware that they are being watched, and may encourage them to look for easier targets elsewhere.

WET WEATHER CONCERNS



With El Nino storms expected to continue for the next month or so, the wet weather brings significant concerns for the welfare of the homeless population that lives and sleeps in, and around, the neighborhood.

The City has committed to opening up additional shelter spaces during the rainy season, and recently opened up a new 150 bed shelter on Pier 80.

Unfortunately, as we all know so well, on many occasions the homeless people we interact with simply refuse to take advantage of the shelter spaces that may be available, even on very cold and wet nights.

We will continue to conduct well being checks on all people sleeping on the streets as we patrol, but we should also deliberately make an effort during the rainy and cold season to offer shelter and Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) services to individuals who may not be sleeping, but look as though they may intend to remain outdoors overnight.

There are numerous city services available which can be accessed through HOT or any city agency. If someone wishes to be taken to a shelter get their name and date of birth, and provide this to the HOT dispatcher at 415-734-4233. Add this number to your cell phone.

There are various non-profit and community services available throughout the city. Meals, clothing and medical services are available at various locations and times. Attached is a list of some of these services. Print out the attached list and carry it with you on patrol so you have it available to hand out.

Kyle Wong, (SO) Promoted To Senior Patroller (SPtr.)



We are very proud and honored to confirm that Kyle Wong has successfully completed the requirements and is promoted to Senior Patroller (SPtr.) with Castro Community On Patrol.

The process took almost a year to complete, beginning in April of 2015.

“Candidates to Senior Patroller go through a four hour training class to provide them with some of the additional skills and

knowledge they need to be familiar with,” said Deputy Chief Ken Craig, Director of volunteer training and certification for CCOP.

“The candidates must then meet some pretty strict pre-requisites such as having a solid knowledge of the CCOP program and operation, demonstrating leadership skills, and successfully leading patrols and special events,” Craig continued.

Senior Patrollers are authorized to lead patrols as well as supervising regular Patrollers. They can also represent CCOP at outreach and social functions among other things.

Kyle is the first of four candidates who began in 2015 to advance to Senior Patroller. Congratulations.

CCOP To Donate AED To Patrol Special Police



Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) units can literally help to save a life. The units help to analyze and provide small shocks to help restore a regular heartbeat for heart-attack victims where seconds can literally be the difference between surviving or not.

CCOP donated two AED units to the San Francisco Police Department for use in their vehicles a few years ago during a major promotion. Recently we realized that an AED unit would be an extremely beneficial item of equipment for the San Francisco Patrol Special Police Officers who work in

our own neighborhood.

Our Patrol Special Police Officers are often first on scene to many incidents in the area, and they support CCOP in many of our back-up calls. Having an AED in their vehicle would make the device readily available for any member of the Castro / Duboce.

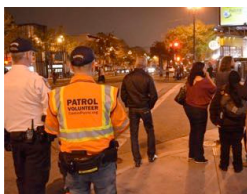
The devices are very simple to use, and the PSP would ensure all of their Officers are trained and certified to use the units, as are many of our CCOP Patrollers.

AED units typically cost between \$300-\$500.

“This is a small price to pay, to potentially save someone’s life,” said Deputy Chief Ken Craig who had initially suggested the donation at a CCOP volunteers meeting.

PATROLLER STUFF

WALK-ALONG PROGRAM



Do you know someone who is interested in CCOP, but they have not “taken the plunge” to train yet?

Invite them to join you on a “walk-along” patrol. You’ll need a minimum of 3 Patrollers and prior approval from CCOP. Contact us for more details.

THE NUMBERS



Through January 2016

Active Patrollers= 13
Inactive Patrollers = 5

Regular Patrols YTD = 13
Special Events YTD = 3
Patrol Hours YTD = 159

New Trainees YTD = 6
Re-certifications YTD = 6

CCOP CALENDAR

PATROL VOLUNTEER BASIC TRAINING CLASS PVBTC-051

TUESDAY MARCH 15
7PM – 10PM
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 8:00PM** 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.