



PATROLLER

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**Newsletter for the Patrollers, volunteers, and supporters of
Castro Community On Patrol in San Francisco, California, USA.**

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TAMALES FUNDRAISER FOR CCOP & CCC



CCOP Patroller, Leandro Gonzales, dedicates many hours of volunteer time to numerous causes and organizations throughout San Francisco, as well as working on his PHD.

CCOP and the Castro Country Club are honored to be the beneficiaries of his annual Tamales fundraiser with proceeds split between both organizations.

The Tamales are delicious, and the fundraiser benefits two excellent local nonprofits, if we do say so ourselves. (We may be a little biased.)

Check out the link below and consider supporting this important annual fundraiser that will really help us continue to Patrol the Castro.

[Tamales Fundraiser](#)

NEW SFPD CHIEF OF POLICE DERRICK LEW



Mayor Daniel Lurie formally appointed San Francisco's new Chief of Police, Derrick Lew in a ceremony in early December 2025.

Interim Chief Paul Yep will remain at the department for a short time to assist new Chief Lew to transition into the role.

Chief Lew is a 22-year veteran of the Department, born and raised within the city and is a very popular choice for the top job with the rank and file of the Department.

Chief Lew has stated that his goals are to continue the use of technology and to focus on drug markets, staffing, and violent crime. Chief Lew officially takes the reins of the Department on December 22nd.

We look forward to working closely with Chief Lew.

PROTECT THE CASTRO BY JOINING US

Ordinary people, doing extraordinary things is how we think of our Patrollers. They come from all walks of life, all backgrounds, and live throughout the Bay Area. They all share one single focus, helping to keep the Castro SAFE for EVERYONE.

We only ask for a minimum of one 3-hour patrol a month! We provide all training and equipment.

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S.F.P.D. CRIME DATA SNAPSHOT

[SFPD Crime Data](#) results citywide for the following specific categories between **1/1/2025 to 12/14/2025**

	2025	Yr - Yr %
Homicide	28	-15.2%
Robbery	1,575	-24.2%
Assault	1,980	-12.4%
Burglary	3,551	-28.6%
Veh. Theft	2,920	-44.3%
Larceny	15,831	-22.2%
TOTAL		-25.7%

During the same period last year, SFPD recorded a total of 35,411 reports, compared with a total of 26,208 reports this year, representing a 25.7% drop overall.

PATROL NEWS

CCOP SUPPORTED THE CASTRO MERCHANTS SIDEWALK SALE



CCOP fielded a patrol team in support of the Castro Merchants holiday sidewalk sale on Saturday December 6th from 11 AM to 3 PM. Merchants on Castro Street brought their wares out onto the sidewalks on a sunny and pleasant day for the event.

The day started off quite chilly, but warmed up very nicely as the sun came out in the afternoon. We also encountered a group of around twenty high-school students from Marin County who were in the Castro to better understand the history and people who were foundational in establishing the neighborhood as a safe LGBTQ+ area.

We did distribute one mylar thermal blanket to an unhoused individual who was feeling the early morning chill, but otherwise the day was very pleasant with shoppers mingling and enjoying the sunny weather.

It is always nice to see the Castro returning to the busy and dynamic neighborhood we all enjoyed and visited before the Pandemic. Events such as the sidewalk sale certainly help to bring back visitors, guests, and energy to the neighborhood which is a great thing to see in our humble opinion.

CCOP PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SAFETY SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL SANTA SKIVVIES FUNDRAISER



Many of the annual events we support throughout the year by fielding patrol teams are quite mundane and perfunctory. Others such as the annual SF AIDS Foundation, Santa Skivvies Run and fundraiser is something we eagerly anticipate and thoroughly enjoy attending 😊

Hundreds of scantily clad runners assemble to fulfill the short run through the Castro, enjoy the entertainment, and raise funds for the SF AIDS Foundation. It is always a relaxed, enjoyable, fun event and a highlight of the Calendar every year for us.

We assist the event by holding vehicle traffic on Market Street at Castro Street to allow the bulk of the runners to cross the intersection safely, and we then provide additional safety visibility at the Market Street and Noe Street intersection when the runners arrive at the finish line.

This year the Skivvies Run event was partnered with the Castro Art Mart event which was a nice addition.

Our congratulations to all Skivvies runners and to the SF AIDS Foundation for another fun and successful event.

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CCOP PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SAFETY SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING EVENT



The LGBTQ+ community came together to celebrate the annual lighting of the Menorah in Jane Warner Plaza on December 15th, just one day after the horrific Active Shooter murders at [Bondi Beach](#) in Sydney, Australia.

CCOP was proud and honored to provide additional safety support and visibility, alongside a large contingent of San Francisco Police Officers from Mission Station. It was wonderful to see a larger attendance than in prior years as the Castro came together and stood in unity, love, solidarity, and compassion with Bondi Beach and everyone impacted by that incident.

California State Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor Daniel Lurie, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, and SFPD Captain Amy Hurwitz of Southern station were also in attendance at the event.

CCOP was recognized in 2024 by the F.B.I. for our [Active Shooter training](#) and outreach in the wake of the Club Q murders. We stand ready to repeat those classes for our community.

CCOP PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SAFETY SUPPORT FOR THE CASTRO WINE WALK EVENT



In our final formal event for 2025, we were happy to deploy a safety patrol on December 18th in support of the Castro Merchants Wine Walk event.

Fourteen establishments throughout the neighborhood participated, from the Academy at 2165 Market Street to the Castro Village Wine Shop at 4121 19th Street. We certainly saw quite a few people enjoying the event throughout the neighborhood which was nice to see.

We also ran into the famous Tree Twins and had to stop for a picture with them (above) to help set the mood for the festive season in the Castro.

Meanwhile in SoMa West we attended a Happy Hour event to help promote our [self-defense class in SoMa on January 17th](#).



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BY Chief Ken Craig, Community Patrol Service

ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS

The recent Active Shooter incidents at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island in the United States of America on December 13, 2025; then the shootings at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia on December 14, 2025, bring into stark and cold reality the sobering fact that such horrific incidents can literally happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone. Our most sincere condolences go out to all who lost loved ones in any such incident, and to the family, friends, colleagues, and all the first responders who are impacted by such incidents.

Active shooter incidents are among the most sudden and traumatic forms of violence a community can face. Active shooter incidents typically unfold in minutes and frequently conclude quickly after beginning; often before law enforcement can arrive. Active shooter incidents are, in essence, terrorist incidents, the goal of which is to generate fear, confusion, and mass loss of life. It is therefore extremely important for everyone to have knowledge and training to help recognize incidents quickly and respond effectively. This can quite literally mean the difference between life and death.



The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States of America has maintained an active-shooter dataset and periodic reports going back to 2000. In their research they found that the number of designated active shooter incidents can vary year to year, with high volatility over short timeframes but an overall increase when comparing multi-year spans.

- In 2024 the FBI designated **24** shootings as active shooter incidents — a 50% decrease from the 48 incidents designated in 2023. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- In 2023 the FBI identified **48** active shooter incidents that year, which produced **244 casualties** (105 killed and 139 wounded). The 2023 incidents occurred across multiple location categories (open space, commerce, education, health care, residence) and across many states. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- Over longer windows the FBI's reporting shows that active shooter incidents rose in the 2000s and 2010s compared with the early 2000s; the Bureau's multi-year reviews and related studies show clear year-to-year volatility and a rising multi-year baseline through parts of the 2010s and early 2020s. (The FBI and partner research teams have documented trends and cautioned that single-year changes may reflect normal volatility rather than long-term trend reversals.) [Federal Bureau of Investigation+1](#)

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A few additional patterns the FBI and research partners consistently report:

- **Location mix:** Many incidents occur in open spaces and commercial settings. In 2023, more than half of incidents occurred in open spaces; commerce and education are other frequent categories. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- **Weapons used:** Handguns are the most commonly used firearm type in these incidents, followed by rifles and rarely shotguns. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- **Shooter profile:** Most shooters are male, and a nontrivial share act alone. The FBI's cataloging emphasizes that shooters' ages and motives vary widely; only a portion have an identifiable connection to the target or location. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

Carefully studying past incidents helps clarify how rapidly they can escalate, how they frequently stop, and why certain safety practices are recommended.

Virginia Tech (April 2007)

The Virginia Tech spree is an important early 21st-century example. It involved two related attacks on a university campus that together left many dead and dozens wounded; the attacker killed dozens in classroom buildings and dormitories before dying by suicide. The event highlighted the importance of rapid campus alerts, the difficulty of reaching victims in complex buildings, and the role of institutional policies (access control, threat identification, emergency notification) in mitigating harm.

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Sandy Hook Elementary (December 2012)

The Sandy Hook attack at an elementary school underscored the extreme vulnerability of certain locations (schools), the catastrophic consequences when a shooter targets children, and the vital needs of prearranged safety plans, first-responder coordination, and long-term victim support. That tragedy was a pivotal point in national debates about school safety, access controls, and broader prevention efforts. [Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Mass public killings (e.g., large-crowd attacks)

Large mass-casualty incidents (for example, the 2017 Route 91 Harvest Festival attack in Las Vegas) show how an attacker in a high-capacity venue can inflict large numbers of casualties in very short order; they also underline how venue layout, mass notification systems, rapid medical triage, and EMS capacity shape outcomes. (Such attacks are sometimes categorized differently — “mass shootings” vs. “active shooter incidents” — but studying them advances understanding of how to reduce casualties in crowded settings.) [TIME](#)

These examples differ in motive, scale, and setting, but they converge on three operational lessons:

- (1) Active shooter events are fast, measured in minutes;
- (2) Many end before responders arrive; and
- (3) Early, practical civilian actions and rapid medical care save lives.

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A consistent finding from FBI studies and related research is that **a substantial share of active shooter incidents end before law enforcement arrives** — because the shooter stops, is neutralized, or leaves. That means that people in the vicinity of an incident usually cannot rely solely on first-responder arrival times. Training that teaches immediate, options-based responses (run, hide, fight) and treat by providing basic trauma care (bleeding control) dramatically improves survival odds. [USDA+1](#)

1) Decide immediately: Run — Hide — Fight (options-based)

- **RUN (evacuate) if you can do so safely.** Leave belongings behind, move in a preplanned direction away from the sound of gunfire, help others escape if you can, and call 911 once safe. If there is an accessible, safe path, evacuation is the preferred option because distance reduces risk. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- **HIDE (shelter in place) if evacuation isn't safe or possible.** Barricade doors, silence phones, turn off lights, remain out of sight, and make the hiding space as difficult to penetrate as possible. Hide behind furniture to help slow down or stop any bullets fired into the space you are hiding. Stay as low to the ground as possible to help avoid any bullets fired into the space. Remain quiet and try to communicate your condition to authorities when possible. Lock or block doors with heavy furniture, close blinds, and remain still and calm. Within the space you are hiding, find and secure anything you can use as a weapon to defend yourself IF the space is breached by the attacker. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- **FIGHT (last resort) if your life is in imminent danger.** If confronted directly and no other options exist, act aggressively, use improvised weapons, target the shooter's head, eyes, throat, groin, elbows, knees, hands, and do everything possible to disrupt the attack. Try to get control of the weapon the attacker is using and remove it from them. If you successfully disable the attacker, remove all weapons from them and place them on the ground well away from the attacker and anyone else in the room – **DO NOT KEEP THE WEAPONS IN YOUR HANDS OR POINT THEM AT THE ATTACKER** – as Police responding may misidentify you as one of the attackers. Training courses for “active attack” scenarios teach small-group disruption tactics; however, these are high-risk moves and should only be used when escape and hiding are impossible. [USDA](#)

2) When you call 911

Provide clear, concise information: your location (floor, room), the number of shooters (if known), and a brief description of the shooter(s). Stay on the line and follow operator directions. Do not hang up until told — dispatch may need to keep you connected to get updated information. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

3) If law enforcement arrives

- Once you are CERTAIN they are legitimate law enforcement officers, identify yourself verbally to the officers and advise them “NO SHOOTERS HERE” if that is the case.
- Keep hands visible, empty, and raised high above your head.
- Follow officers' instructions exactly. They may be focused on stopping the shooter and may not be able to help injured people immediately.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers; those movements can be interpreted as threatening. [USDA](#)
- If you know where the shooters are, provide this information clearly, slowly, and as precisely as possible.

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4) Provide lifesaving first aid (stop the bleeding)

TREAT - Uncontrolled hemorrhage kills quickly. If you are safe and able, apply direct pressure to bleeding wounds, use a tourniquet for severe limb bleeding (high and tight, proximal to wound), and pack wounds with gauze or cloth when necessary. Training in basic hemorrhage control (e.g., Stop the Bleed courses) equips civilians to provide effective immediate care until EMS arrives. [USDA](#)

5) Prepare ahead of time (before an incident)

- **Know building exits** and multiple evacuation routes.
- **Practice emergency plans** at home, school, and work — run evacuation drills, and rehearse communication plans with family and coworkers.
- **Designate safe rooms** with locks, minimal visibility, and supplies (flashlight, first-aid kit, phone charger).
- **Learn bleeding control and basic first aid**; the training time is short compared with benefits.
- **Establish clear communication trees** for post-event family reunification and for notifying emergency contacts. [Federal Bureau of Investigation+1](#)

6) For organizations: engineering, policy, and training

Institutions reduce risk through a combination of physical security and non-physical strategies:

- **Physical controls:** layered access, controlled entry points, ballistic considerations in critical locations, visible surveillance, and rapid panic-alert systems.
- **Procedural controls:** visitor screening policy, active monitoring of concerning behavior, threat-assessment teams, and emergency notification systems.
- **Human factors:** routine training for staff and students, tabletop exercises with local first responders, and investment in psychological-safety resources and threat-reporting mechanisms. The FBI recommends active, options-based training that prepares people to make quick, context-dependent decisions. [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

Stopping attacks before they start requires community-level actions: early reporting of threats, mental-health resources, workplace harassment and violence prevention programs, and effective coordination among schools, businesses, law enforcement, and public-health systems. Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams (BTAM) - multidisciplinary groups trained to evaluate and intervene with individuals who show warning signs - are widely recommended as an upstream prevention strategy. Identifying early possible ideation towards violence in individuals and offering support and alternatives to redirect the individual into non-violent courses “may” prevent an individual resorting to a mass killing response. Almost all suspects of mass killing incidents slowly developed their radical views, developed their plans and targets over time, and often share their plans with others. This offers an opportunity to interdict and mitigate such individuals when this information is presented to law enforcement and/or community safety resources.

Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP) in association with Community Patrol Service (CPS) has offered training for members of the public, event organizers, and business owners in basic [Active Shooter](#) concepts as well as the more in-depth [Active Shooter – Terrorist Incident – Event Protection](#) class. These classes were developed with the collaboration of the FBI, Secret Service, SFPD, and the SFFD. Contact us to arrange or attend a class.

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WHO / WHEN / WHERE / HOW

LIFE / PROPERTY THREATENING OR CRIME IN PROGRESS ?

Call 9-1-1

In any situation where life or property 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 Rafael 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.

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

Community Patrol Service
CommunityPatrolService@gmail.com

SFPD LGBTQ+ Community Advisory Forum
LGBTQ.forum@sfgov.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

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Castro CBD, Castro Cares Program

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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/

SFPD LGBTQ+ Advisory Forum



"Working together to create a safer and stronger community for all"

The San Francisco Police Department, LGBTQ+ Advisory Forum was formed in 2010 and welcomes LGBTQ+ volunteer members from around the city. Members meet quarterly with SFPD command staff, to offer input on SFPD Policy, raise concerns, work on community projects and learn more about the SFPD.

To find out more, contact us at SFPD.LGBTQ.Forum@gmail.com and we will be happy to chat with you about how to become a permanent member..

SFPD SAFE PLACE Program



The [SFPD SAFE PLACE](#) program is a collaborative effort between SFPD and San Francisco Businesses to offer a temporary "safe haven" to victims of crime or harassment until law enforcement or medical professionals arrive.

The program mission is to reduce hate crimes, bullying, harassment, and discrimination. By working together, we can encourage crime reporting and promote safety and security.

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.

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BE THE DIFFERENCE

**GIVE US JUST THREE HOURS A MONTH AS A PATROL VOLUNTEER,
TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP / Castro Patrol) needs volunteers to help us patrol the Castro neighborhood on a monthly basis. YOU could be our next Trainee Patroller! Our next Community HERO.

We have successfully patrolled the Castro neighborhood since 2006, deploying in teams of three unpaid volunteer Patrollers who walk for a 3-hour shift which they select themselves. Our patrols provide assistance, distribute free safety whistles, offer guidance, and deliver support to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Castro, interacting with thousands of people every year.

We **ARE** often “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. We **DON'T** break up physical fights or put our volunteers into dangerous situations.

Our volunteers are mostly members of the LGBTQ+ community, but we are open and welcoming to **ALL**. We provide full training, and you will always deploy with other experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated volunteers. Patrolling is fun, you get to meet lots of people, and you can feel good about helping out your community. Sign up TODAY and become a neighborhood HERO tomorrow.

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SIGN UP. BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.



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**NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED PEOPLE
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.**

BE THE DIFFERENCE!

WWW.CASTROPATROL.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER

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Castro Community On Patrol
Community Patrol Service & SoMa West CBD
PRESENTS

Beginners Self-Defense Class



Saturday January 17, 2026
1 PM – 4:30 PM

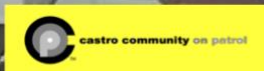
OPEN TO ANYONE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
LOW IMPACT CLASS SUITABLE FOR ANYONE
ONLY \$30 PER ATTENDEE : PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Use the link below to register :

<https://SoMaWestSD1.eventbrite.com>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.CastroPatrol.org
INFO@CastroPatrol.org



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SIX STEPS TO ASSIST IN PROSECUTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1

IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN PROGRESS, OR A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION:

CALL - 911

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS OR SOMETHING AUTHORITIES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT:

CALL - 415-553-0123

MEET AND PROVIDE A WITNESS STATEMENT TO POLICE.

If Officers don't see the incident you called about themselves, and find no other criminal activity when they arrive, they cannot CITE or make an ARREST without a witness to the incident.

2

3

GET THE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) NUMBER THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THE INCIDENT

Officers will provide this when you provide your witness statement. This number will allow you to track the case from investigation to prosecution.

FOLLOW UP WITH SFPD INVESTIGATORS

Call the SFPD Station that responded to your incident and provide the CAD # to get updates on the status of incident.

4

5

FOLLOW UP WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Using the CAD#, work with the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the case, and let them know what YOU WANT to happen in the case.

GO TO COURT, AND STAND AS A WITNESS

If the case goes to court, be sure to attend and be willing to provide witness testimony on the stand, and/or victim impact statements.

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REPORT HATE CRIMES



This location is a SAFE PLACE for victims of hate crimes and harassment to call 911 and wait for police to arrive.

EMERGENCY CALL 911

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SAFETY FOR EVERYONE



As a **COMMUNITY** we need to come together to help mitigate and eradicate any violence on the streets, targeting anyone in the neighborhood, but this needs **EVERYONE** to participate and get **INVOLVED**:

1. **TRAIN** so you know how to defend yourself and what to do when you are threatened, or feel threatened,
2. **USE** the community support opportunities available throughout the neighborhood if you need them, and encourage loved ones and friends to do the same,
3. **HELP** anyone in trouble by using your **SAFETY WHISTLE** to call attention to the incident, and hopefully many other community members will do the same,
4. **CALL 9-1-1** immediately to report any acts of violence or threats of violence so Police can respond as quickly as possible – time may be of the essence,
5. **PROVIDE** the details of what you saw to Police if you are a witness to a violent incident. Only witness statements can lead to an arrest, charges, and ultimately conviction. YOUR statement may be critical,
6. **FILE A REPORT** with Police if you are the victim of a violent incident. SFPD are trained and required to be professional, empathetic, and understanding when you need to report a criminal act against you. San Francisco and California are **SANCTUARY** locations so don't worry about your immigration status in the U.S. when reporting. Have a trusted friend or organization with you when you make your report.
7. **SHARE** your incident details with INFO@CastroPatrol.org so we can not only support you through the legal process, but we can also track these incidents to help us recognize patterns and work with SFPD to target dangerous areas or times with more enforcement.

SAFETY is a COMMUNITY EFFORT. The WHOLE community needs to respond and shout with one voice "WE WILL NOT BE VICTIMS, WE WILL NOT BE TARGETS, WE WILL FIGHT BACK."



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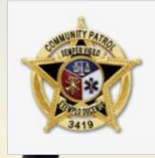


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DATING SAFETY



USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM. Share emails, online profiles, and details of your new date with a trusted friend.

CHECK IN. Ask your BUDDY to reach out to you by phone or text during your date to verify you are good.

NO – IS NEVER NEGOTIABLE. SAY NO TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.

ESCAPE ANY WAY YOU CAN. If you feel threatened or at risk do what you need to ESCAPE to safety.

DEFEND YOURSELF. You are entitled to defend if you need to. Better to be tried by 12, than buried by 6.

REPORT IT. If you are threatened, abused, or injured by a date, report them to 9-1-1 and let your friends know.

SEEK SUPPORT. From friends, from the community, and from government and nonprofit entities.



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IS AGAINST THE LAW
AND OFTEN LEADS TO SERIOUS INJURY OR WORSE.
DON'T BECOME A MARTYR.**

DO YOU NEED HELP?

- **Are you regularly subjected to acts of degradation, physical or verbal abuse, intimidation, or excessive control?**
- **Do you feel UNSAFE with your intimate partner?**
- **Do you feel empowered to make decisions for yourself?**

Abusers rarely stop their abuse, but frequently escalate to more serious attacks. Ask for help!

LGBTQ Anti-Violence Project: 1-212-714-1141

FORGE Transgender Project: 1-414-559-2123

Youth LGBTQ Help Center: 1-800-246-7743



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ANGEL SHOTS

**THIS ESTABLISHMENT RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS
THE ANGEL SHOT SAFETY PROGRAM**

DO YOU NEED HELP?

- **Are you on a DATE that is not going well?**
- **Do you feel UNSAFE?**
- **Is anyone BOTHERING you or making you feel UNCOMFORTABLE?**
- **Are you being FORCED to do something against your will?**

**ASK OUR SECURITY STAFF OR YOUR SERVER FOR
AN "ANGEL SHOT."**

**WE WILL HANDLE THINGS DISCRETELY AND WE
WILL PROTECT YOU UNTIL YOU ARE SAFE &
SECURE.**



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SLAVERY BY A DIFFERENT NAME.
TARGET THE TRAFFICKERS AND HELP SAVE THE VICTIMS.**

DO YOU NEED HELP?

- **Are you FORCED to work for little or no reimbursement?**
- **Do you face physical or psychological abuse if you do not work as demanded?**
- **Can you leave at any time, without fear of retribution?**
- **Are you expected to do things outside of your comfort zone, such as performing sexual favors for strangers?**

National Human Trafficking Hotline

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