Tenderloin Police Station Newsletter

Safety Tip of the Month: Playground Safety Tips

With the recent grand opening of the new Boeddeker Park, members of the Tenderloin community now have a safe, clean, and fun environment to enjoy. Please remember these safety tips when supervising children at the park.

- Actively supervise children on playgrounds. It won’t be hard – they’ll probably be calling for you to watch them climb, jump, and swing.

- Dress appropriately for the playground. Remove necklaces, purses, scarves or clothing with drawstrings that can get caught on equipment and pose a hazard. Even helmets can be dangerous on a playground, so save those for bikes.

- Teach children that pushing, shoving or crowding while on the playground can be dangerous.

- Check playgrounds where your children play. Look for age-appropriate equipment and hazards, such as rusted or broken equipment and dangerous surfaces. Report any hazards to the school or appropriate local office.

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide
Captain’s Message

Tenderloin Station will be hosting a monthly community meeting specifically for our Chinese speaking community. This month’s community meeting will be held at the Antonia Manor at 180 Jones on February 17th, at 2015 at 845am. We will be providing anti-scam material and other public safety information that is normally presented at the monthly community meeting held at Tenderloin Police Station on the last Tuesday of every month. The presentation will be translated into Chinese. Our hope is to move the meeting to different locations throughout the Tenderloin each month.

I received an interesting phone call Monday morning. When I picked up the phone, I noted a tone of immediacy in the voice of the female with an East Indian accent as she asked me if I was Jason. I did not answer her. She then recited some personal information about me. I looked at my cellular phone and noted that the number from which she was calling had a 415 area code. I remained silent and allowed her to speak. I could hear other operators in the background, and heard them also using an Indian accent, so the fact that the Caller Identification had a 415 area code was odd.

The person on the phone informed me that they worked for a specific, well-known computer company, and they feared that my personal computer had been hacked. The woman went on to say that if I went to my computer now they could walk me through a series of protocols that would reveal a serious problem, and at that point they would easily correct the problem remotely.

At some point she turned me over to a supervisor who also happened to have an East Indian accent. A moment or two into our conversation, he hung up on me.

This was a scam, and the number used by the caller was spoofed. Here are some things I would like people to consider.

1) Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the telephone number and/or name relayed as Caller ID to disguise the identity of the caller.
2) People who operate scams are highly skilled and often successful. It is not a good idea to try and outsmart them. Hang up the phone.
3) Never give out or confirm personal information over the phone. Instead contact the customer service number on your bill to verify the claim made by the caller.
4) If you are the victim of identity theft, use this guide.

Have a good weekend, and be safe.

Captain Jason Cherniss
Tenderloin Police District Map

**Triangular area bordered by Market, Larkin, and Geary Streets**
Number of markets in the Tenderloin Police District:

Type 20 alcohol permit - 2

Type 21 alcohol permits - 22

License types:

Type 20 - Off-Sale Beer And Wine

Type 21 - Off-Sale General

*Place your cursor over a circle for more information.
### Definitions

**Robbery** - Robbery is the taking of property from another by using force or by using fear.

**Assault** - An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with the present ability, to commit a violent injury on another person.

**Battery** - (Misdemeanor battery) is any willful and unlawful touching of another. (Felony battery) is the use of force or violence upon the person of another that causes serious bodily injury.

*Assault is when a person swings their arm and battery is when that arm makes contact with another person.*

**Aggravated Assault** - Assault upon another person with a deadly weapon or instrument other than a firearm or by any means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

**Burglary** - The intent upon entry into a property to commit grand theft, petty theft, or any felony.

**Grand Theft** - Grand theft is theft committed when the value of the money, labor, or property taken exceeds $950.

**Petty Theft** – Theft where the value of the property taken is less than $950.

### In the Tenderloin 1/28 through 2/3

#### Robberies

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<td>12:43am</td>
<td>Att. Robbery w/force, 74 Turk</td>
<td>The known suspect demanded money from the victim. The suspect then punched the victim several times. There was no property loss.</td>
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<td>1/30</td>
<td>10:55pm</td>
<td>Att. Robbery w/force, Ellis/Mason</td>
<td>One suspect punched the victim and the second suspect used pepper spray. There was no property loss. Two arrests made.</td>
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<td>1/31</td>
<td>12:30am</td>
<td>Robbery w/force, 350 Ellis</td>
<td>The victim was jumped by two unknown suspects. Loss was $300.00 in cash.</td>
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<td>1/31</td>
<td>2:12am</td>
<td>Robbery w/force, 25 Taylor</td>
<td>The victim was surrounded by five suspects and attacked. Loss was a cell phone and $120.00 in cash.</td>
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<td>2/1</td>
<td>5:31am</td>
<td>Robbery w/force, 55 Cyril Magnin</td>
<td>Two suspects forcibly took the victim’s iPhone. Police officers were patrolling the area and saw the incident. Two arrests made.</td>
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<td>3:45pm</td>
<td>Robbery w/force, 355 Leavenworth</td>
<td>The suspect and victim knew each other and got into an argument over inappropriate text messages. The suspect then punched the victim numerous times and took the victim’s cell phone.</td>
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2/1  5:10pm  **Robbery w/other weapon**  
   473 Ellis  
   The two suspects punched, bit and used pepper spray to steal the victim’s purse. The purse was recovered.  **Two arrests made.**

2/1  5:50pm  **Robbery w/force**  
   123 Eddy  
   The victim dropped his iPhone onto the sidewalk. The unknown suspect picked up the phone. When the victim asked for the phone, the suspect punched the victim and left with the phone.

2/1  10:25pm  **Robbery w/other Weapon**  
   200 Leavenworth  
   The suspect snatched a $5 bill from the victim’s hand. When the victim demanded the money back, the suspect threatened the victim with a metal baseball bat.

2/2  1:11am  **Robbery w/knife**  
   Golden Gate/Taylor  
   The wheelchair bound victim was confronted by two unknown suspects at knifepoint. Loss was a cell phone and a Bible.

2/2  6:40am  **Att. robbery w/knife**  
   150 Golden Gate  
   The victim was sitting in a vehicle when the suspect approached and brandished a knife. When the suspect demanded money, the victim drove off. No property loss.

2/3  1:04am  **Robbery w/gun**  
   211 Mason  
   The victim was confronted inside a fast food restaurant by five unknown suspects. The victim was surrounded and one of the suspects brandished a handgun and demanded property. Loss was a watch, a gold ring and a gold necklace.

2/3  7:15pm  **Robbery w/force**  
   240 Hyde  
   The victim was witnessing a fight and used his iPhone to call police. The suspect that was involved in the fight stopped fighting and punched the victim and took his phone.

**Assault/Battery/Violent Crimes**

1/28  6:05am  **Battery**  
   277 Golden Gate  
   The victim would not allow the suspect into the building because the suspect didn’t live there. The suspect shoved the victim into the wall.

1/29  1:52pm  **Battery**  
   128 Eddy  
   The victim and suspect got into an argument that resulted in a fight.

1/29  2:00pm  **Battery**  
   100 McAllister  
   The victim was punched by the suspect for no apparent reason.  **Arrest made.**

1/30  4:20pm  **Battery**  
   30 Grove  
   For no apparent reason, the suspect punched a librarian.

1/30  6:20pm  **Battery**  
   Hyde/Ellis  
   While walking by each other, the suspect bumped into the victim. The victim said, “Excuse you!” The suspect then punched the victim.
1/31 1:37am **Battery on Police Officer**  
144 Eddy  
The suspect was asleep in the gutter. When awoken by a police officer, the suspect spat blood on the officer. **Arrest made.**

1/31 7:55pm **Aggravated assault w/knife**  
161 Hyde  
Following an argument, the unknown suspect stabbed the victim on the arm. The victim was in stable condition.

2/1 2:00am **Aggravated assault w/force**  
114 Powell  
For an unknown reason, the victim was punched on the nose by a naked unknown suspect.

2/1 5:59am **Aggravated assault w/force**  
342 Jones  
The victim was sleeping on the sidewalk. He was confronted by two unknown suspects who punched and kicked the victim.

2/1 8:00pm **Aggravated assault w/object**  
142 Mason  
For no apparent reason, the unknown suspect struck the victim with an unknown object.

2/2 2:00am **Aggravated assault w/force**  
220 Jones  
The victim was being punched by an unknown suspect for an unknown reason.

2/2 4:07am **Aggravated assault w/knife**  
788 O’Farrell  
Two unknown suspects and two victims got into an argument. One of the suspects stabbed one of the victims twice on the left arm.

2/2 5:00pm **Brandishing**  
34 Turk  
The suspect and victim got into an argument over money. The suspect brandished a knife and threatened to kill the victim. **Arrest made.**

2/2 5:00pm **Battery**  
666 Ellis  
The victim and suspect were friends. While the suspect was visiting the victim, they got into an argument. The suspect slapped the victim.

2/2 6:40pm **Battery**  
44 McAllister  
The suspect and victim had a history of not getting along. The suspect spat upon the victim. **Citation issued.**

2/2 8:20pm **Battery**  
200 Leavenworth  
Following an argument, the suspect punched the victim. **Citation issued.**

2/3 7:30pm **Battery**  
Golden Gate/Leavenworth  
The suspect and victim knew each other and got into an argument. The suspect then kicked the victim.
### Narcotics Related

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<td>Cocaine sale</td>
<td>Sale of suspected cocaine.</td>
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<td>Poss. of narcotics</td>
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<td>Shoplifting</td>
<td>Stolen were three designer hats. The suspects ran out without getting detained.</td>
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<td>Stolen/recovered were two designer purses.</td>
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<td>9:10pm</td>
<td>Theft from locked Vehicle</td>
<td>Broken driver side rear window. Loss was a duffle bag containing clothes, laptop and cell phone.</td>
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<td>7:13am</td>
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<td>Theft</td>
<td>A parking boot was cut off the wheel of a car.</td>
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<td>5:06pm</td>
<td>Theft from building</td>
<td>Loss was $108.00 from the cash register.</td>
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<td>23 Stockton</td>
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<td>Theft from person</td>
<td>The victim had her iPhone snatched from her hand.</td>
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<td>Att. Theft from locked vehicle</td>
<td>Broken driver side window. There was no loss because the owner of the</td>
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<td>274 Ellis</td>
<td>vehicle interrupted the crime and scared off the suspect.</td>
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<td>3:25am</td>
<td>Theft from locked Vehicle</td>
<td>Broken passenger side front window. Loss was a purse containing a wallet</td>
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<td>16 Taylor</td>
<td>and $700.00 in cash.</td>
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<td>Stolen/recovered were four shirts. Citation issued</td>
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<td>Theft of license Plate</td>
<td>A license plate was stolen off of a vehicle.</td>
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<td>1/31</td>
<td>3:00pm</td>
<td>Burglary</td>
<td>Entry was made through the front door despite the property owner locking</td>
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<td>207 Powell</td>
<td>the door. No sign of the door being forced open. Loss was 13 laptops, 20</td>
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<td>cell phones and 20 iPads.</td>
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<td>Theft from building</td>
<td>Loss was $310.00 in cash.</td>
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<td>Broken passenger side rear window. Loss was a backpack containing a laptop.</td>
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<td>Shoplifting</td>
<td>Stolen/recovered were numerous clothing items and jewelry. Arrest made.</td>
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<td>Shoplifting</td>
<td>Stolen/recovered was a comforter and stationary. Citation issued.</td>
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<td>11:30am</td>
<td>Theft from locked Vehicle</td>
<td>Broken driver side window. Loss was miscellaneous paper documents.</td>
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2/1 12:20pm  Theft from building  
400 Taylor  
Loss was a briefcase containing a laptop.

2/2 4:00am  Theft from unlocked vehicle  
Powell/O’Farrell  
Loss was an iPhone.

2/2 2:47pm  Shoplifting  
170 O’Farrell  
Stolen/recovered were two bottles of designer cologne. Citation issued.

2/2 4:55pm  Theft from person  
O’Farrell/Stockton  
The victim was texting when the suspect snatched the phone from her hand.

2/2 5:12pm  Embezzlement  
55 Stockton  
The suspect was arrested for embezzling $3,300.00 worth of cash and merchandise from his employer. Arrest made.

2/2 7:30pm  Theft from person  
55 Cyril Magnin  
The victim was texting when the suspect snatched the phone from her hands.

2/3 12:30am  Theft from locked Vehicle  
170 O’Farrell  
Broken driver & passenger side windows. Loss was a backpack containing clothes and a tablet computer.

2/3 1:38am  Theft from locked Vehicle  
56 Mason  
Broken passenger side rear window. Loss was a backpack containing clothing and $1,700.00 in cash.

2/3 9:20am  Theft from unlocked Vehicle  
44 Ellis  
The theft was from a delivery truck. Loss were 20 iPhones.

2/3 12:57pm  Shoplifting  
150 Stockton  
Stolen/recovered was a designer shirt. Arrest made.

2/3 1:45pm  Theft from locked Vehicle  
431 Jones  
Broken passenger side rear window. Loss was two backpacks containing paper documents.

2/3 8:10pm  Shoplifting  
170 O’Farrell  
Stolen/recovered were four shirts. Citation issued.

**Miscellaneous**

1/28 8:00am  Vandalism  
30 Grove  
Four windows were shattered at the Main Library.

1/28 2:10pm  Stay away order Violation  
170 O’Farrell  
The suspect was seen in the children’s section of Macy’s in violation of a court order. Citation issued.
1/28 8:58pm  **Possession of Stolen firearm**  
222 Hyde  
After being told to not smoke so close to the building entrance, the suspect said he’d “shoot up” the business. A stolen handgun was recovered.  **Arrest made.**

1/29 3:03am  **Warrant arrest**  
74 Turk  
**No bail warrant. Arrest made.**

1/29 11:03pm  **Warrant arrest**  
Jones/Eddy  
**No bail warrant. Arrest made.**

1/29 10:16pm  **Recovered firearm**  
265 Eddy  
A handgun was recovered from the hubcap of a parked vehicle.

1/31 9:42pm  **Warrant arrest**  
Eddy/Taylor  
**No bail warrant. Arrest made.**

2/1 11:34pm  **Warrant arrest**  
62 Turk  
**$7,000.00 arrest warrant. Arrest made.**

2/2 12:42am  **Poss. of firearm by Prohibited person**  
1 Powell  
While attempting to steal a PIN number at an ATM, the suspect was detained and in possession of a firearm.  **Arrest made.**

2/2 2:23am  **Warrant arrest**  
161 Leavenworth  
**No bail warrant. Arrest made.**

2/2 10:30am  **Vandalism**  
186 Eddy  
Broken driver side window. There was no entry into the vehicle and no property missing.

2/2 3:39pm  **Warrant arrest**  
177 Eddy  
**No bail warrant. Arrest made.**

2/2 4:20pm  **Warrant arrest**  
44 McAllister  
**Several warrants totaling $190,000.00. Arrest made.**

2/2 7:00pm  **Stay away order Violation**  
501 Ellis  
Suspect was in violation of a court order to stay away from the area.  **Arrest made.**
How are you involved with the Tenderloin?

I work in the Tenderloin managing Glide’s HIV/Hepatitis C Prevention Program. I have been working at Glide for 5 years, and I have to say that I am so lucky to work at a job I love. I have done HIV/AIDS work in the Tenderloin for UCSF and Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center for 15 years, and have also lived in the neighborhood for 10 years. Up until recently, my 8-year old daughter and I lived, worked and played in the Tenderloin until rent increases forced us to move away.

Where did you work or reside prior to joining the Tenderloin community?

I am from Glasgow, Scotland originally, and I grew up in a pretty traditional working class family. I used to make music in a band and did a bit of video film making for a while. I benefited from the UK education system by getting a scholarship that paid me to go to university in London. I found this to be an excellent experience.

Just prior to coming to the USA in 1997, I was a volunteer counselor and harm reduction educator for “Release.” Release is a Community-Based Organization in London, UK. This was one of those turning points when I learned how satisfying it is to have meaningful work that helps people improve their lives. I worked the crisis line at Release, and while I was not one to swallow the media generated stereotypes of drug users, it was still a very eye opening experience for me to see the incredibly diverse range of drug users who called the line. It could be your mother, father, brother, sister, your son, or your daughter type thing – truly people from every walk of life.

I then traveled to Key West Florida and volunteered for the National AIDS Brigade doing HIV Prevention, HIV and Hepatitis C testing and Syringe Exchange. It was inspiring work. We educated the community and helped people who were infected get treatment. We also helped drug users access drug treatment.

Why did you choose the Tenderloin as a place to live and work?

This is an easy one to answer. I came to San Francisco in 1999 for a vacation. I was walking around the Tenderloin, and I just thought “wow!,” I appreciated the lively street culture. It reminded me of my childhood in Glasgow’s public housing estates. Obviously, a part of this street vibrancy was a lot of folks using drugs openly – a lot of street wheeling, dealing, and hustling action. The proximity of San Francisco’s upscale downtown scene to the Tenderloin was curious for me. I feel that people react to places like the Tenderloin by either wanting it to be swept away and out of view, or they ask, “How do we help make this better?”

I wanted to be a part of the solution.
What projects or organizations are you working on in the Tenderloin?

I manage the HIV Prevention Programs for the Glide Foundation. These programs include: community based outreach, HIV and Hepatitis “C” counseling and testing, providing linkage to care for people who test positive. Also, we provide syringe access and disposal services, along with drug overdose prevention and education.

HIV and Hep C testing are vital to the Tenderloin and although we are a relatively small program, last year we managed to provide 667 HIV and Hep C tests. Our Syringe Access Services had over 11,000 contacts with clients. I feel it is very important that the public understand the importance of Syringe Access and Disposal programs.

How have you seen the Tenderloin change in the time you’ve been here?

Urban communities are generally dynamic environments, so there will always be changes. The important thing from my perspective is to identify what is driving the changes and what is the desired outcome? The Tenderloin is one of the few working class low-income neighborhoods that are left in the city. The conundrum is how to maintain a community that is diverse, safe, and vibrant while also being affordable. I feel that the dueling extremes of poverty and affluence in this city are destructive and unsustainable.

Can you tell us something about the police in the Tenderloin?

I tend to see issues like drug use very differently than Law Enforcement. As I mentioned above, the thing that strikes me most is our failure to address the drug use that happens in our community. I know that many leading Police and Policy makers believe that we can never arrest our way out of the challenges of drug use. They cite the failure of a 50 year “War on Drugs” as evidence of the wastefulness of this policy and the terrible consequences that it has had on families and communities. Other countries have recognized that drug use is better dealt with under the umbrella of Public Health. I believe that in our community we have to be bolder and create evidence-based public health interventions that will provide real solutions.

Locally, I like that police host their own community meetings and send delegates to community meetings. They demonstrate that they are involved in the community building process. Captain Cherniss and the Tenderloin SFPD are very present in the community and they are willing to listen to public feedback, whether positive or negative. To me this is an essential component of policing – to be available and accountable to those you serve.

What are your favorite parts of the neighborhood?

When I do evening street outreach with my team, the vast majority of folks who are hanging on the street are so grateful and appreciative that we are doing this work. This is counter to the stereotype. I love shooting hoops at the gym or in the new Boeddeker Park. Even though I am the oldest rookie in the world, I play hard. I love meeting people, and eating incredible daal and saag-paneer at our awesome Indian eateries. Also, I do enjoy an occasional post work pint of IPA while chatting with some locals or coworkers.

Tell us something about the Tenderloin that people should know.

I think we would do well to look at the life and example of Father Alfred Boeddeker. His unconditional love for community and his commitment to the poorest and most marginalized folks in our community should inspire all of us to be change makers.

One more thing we should know about you?

I play guitar and dream of being a rock star. “Maybe in the next life...
When did you come to the Tenderloin?

I was assigned to Tenderloin in August 2009.

What drew you to law enforcement?

I joined the San Francisco Police Department in 2007. I always liked police movies, but never thought of being a police officer myself. After high school I joined the Air force as a Crew Chief on KC-135s, which is an in-flight refueling aircraft. After September 11th, my career field was flooded with new military recruits. The influx of new blood made it so that if I wanted to remain in the Air Force, I was going to have to choose another position. All I wanted to do was work on planes. I went home to my wife and told her that I was leaving active duty. Soon she was on the phone with her sister, who is an inspector in the SFPD. I jokingly told her to put in a good word for me because we were heading back to California. My sister-in-law encouraged me to apply.

I thought working on aircraft was the best job in the world. Boy was I mistaken. I love being a Police Officer.

How does your family feel about you being a police officer?

My Mother was never a fan of my decision to become a Police Officer. Coming from a smaller city where the police are bored and the citizens don’t question them, I couldn’t blame my Mother for feeling the way she did. I convinced her how different it was in San Francisco. We do our best to help solve problems where they exist, rather than making problems where there weren't any to begin with.

What are some of the other assignments you have had?

I trained at Southern Station, did probation at Mission Station, and was sent to Tenderloin for my permanent assignment.

What is your favorite part about being a police officer in the Tenderloin?

The area is small enough that I get to know the citizens of the neighborhood. After helping people, most of the time, I will see them again. This allows me to connect with people time and time again. I really value this aspect of my work.

I also get to know the people involved in criminal
activity. Human beings are creatures of habit, and if someone I recognize is wanted, I usually have a good idea of where to find them. The Tenderloin also draws in other units who like to come into the district and help us out, and I enjoy working with them as well as the officers assigned here.

**What is one of your most memorable experiences working in the Tenderloin?**

One memorable experience was when a hot prow burglary occurred in the northern part of the district. The suspect somehow had a key to the building and surprised some people in their apartment. My partner at the time, and I retrieved some video and looked for this guy for more than a week. We didn’t know who he was, and the video was just mediocre. One day we spotted him walking down the street. He still had the keys on him.

Also, this might not be what you’re looking for, but it has to do with training a recruit that was having a lot of trouble in his initial phase of training. It was questionable as to whether the officer was going to successfully complete the training program. Resurrecting this officer’s training and putting someone who really wanted to do this job back on track is something that I think about often.

**Tell us about your experience as a Field Training Officer.**

I like training new recruits because it’s very rewarding to see them change from a civilian into a crime fighter. I enjoy helping them adapt to the work we do. I try to encourage them to be proactive rather than reactive.

**How have you seen the Tenderloin evolve since you’ve been here?**

I’ve seen some new business open in some challenging spots in this district. This has helped change the face of those blocks just a bit. Also, Boeddeker Park is open, and it’s open late! It’s pretty cool walking out of the station and listening to kids playing across the street.

**What do you see as the most effective thing you can do during your shift to help the Tenderloin community?**

Few things are as valuable as getting out of your patrol car and walking a few blocks. As a police officer, you see so much more when you get out of your car and walk around the community you serve. Because of the demand for police service, we cannot always do this, but it’s great when we can. When you’re walking, you project a larger threat of apprehension, and people up to “no good” often leave.

**What prior life or work experience do you think best helps you as a police officer?**

I was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas for six years, and was deployed to the Middle East eight times for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During that time, I got used to pilots breaking my planes. And like when I worked on planes, I like solving problems. I just try to do what I’m supposed to do. I’m a Police Officer.

**What are some of the things you enjoy doing when you are not patrolling the Tenderloin?**

I’ve been married to my wife for 13 years, and I have 3 children. They get most of my attention on my days off. I also try to take every opportunity I can to hang out with some work friends away from work.

**What’s your favorite spot for food or coffee in the Tenderloin, and what do you get there?**

Tikka Masala at 425 Ellis Street. I haven’t had anything there that I didn’t like. Also, the Nile Cafe at 544 Jones has amazing tea.
While AT&T Park technically is not a photo from the District (above), we did not want to let Officer Harris' love for all things Star Wars escape our Newsletter.

Coming this Spring the Tenderloin Museum will open at 398 Eddy Street.
“How to lock your bike” Video
Created in collaboration with SF SAFE and SF Bicycle Coalition.
This informative video showcases SFPD’s recommended locking strategy to secure your bike. Click here for the video.

“Community Meeting”
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 8:45am
Antonia Manor 180 Jones
Specifically for our Chinese speaking community. We will be providing anti-scam material and other public safety information. The presentation will be translated into Chinese.

“U.N. Plaza Food Trucks”
Recurring event every Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am to 2:00pm
U.N. Plaza
Off the Grid is the largest network of gourmet mobile food markets anywhere. Hundreds of vendors come from locations around the Bay Area.

*Captain’s Monthly Community Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at Tenderloin Station. Please check announcements for cancellations or change of venue.*

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### San Francisco Police Department & SF SAFE Anti Bike Theft Tips

#### Just Purchased A New Bicycle What Do I Do Checklist

- Write down your serial number, make, model and color of the bicycle. Put it in a safe spot where you won’t forget it. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition has a freezer form that is very handy. [www.sfbike.org](http://www.sfbike.org).
- Buy a U lock. Don’t depend on cable locks. They are very ineffective. Learn the right way to use a U lock. Locking up incorrectly could cost you your bicycle. Any bicycle mechanic or sales clerk will be happy to demonstrate how to utilize the rear triangle.
- Replace quick release bolts with skewer sets. Bicycles are sold with quick-release levers for easy parts removal and storage. The downside of this convenience is that anyone can easily pilfer your seat or front tire in seconds. To prevent this, replace quick-release levers with skewer sets. Skewer sets can be bought at nearly any bicycle store and act as a locking nut-and-bolt to prevent your wheels from being removed. Some can only be undone with a special key, while others may require an Allen key. LOCK UP YOUR BICYCLE EVEN IN YOUR GARAGE!
- Take several pictures of the bicycle.
- **Register your bicycle free of charge with the SAFE bikes Program ([www.safebikes.org](http://www.safebikes.org)).**

#### My Bike was Stolen, What Do I Do Checklist

- File a Police Report – (Let units respond to you or complete a counter report). Make sure you include the serial number, make and model in the report.
- **Register with [www.safebikes.org](http://www.safebikes.org) and [www.stolenbicycleregistry.com](http://www.stolenbicycleregistry.com).**
- Set up internet alerts using [www.Ifttt.com](http://www.Ifttt.com) or a Google alert.
- Contact [www.sfSAFE.org](http://www.sfSAFE.org) for security assessments and more useful information.
- Utilize social media, post to craigslist, and notify the cycling community.
- If you have video surveillance or possibly know where video surveillance is located then make sure that is indicated in the police report.
- Please follow me on twitter @sfpdbiketheft.
- Check out [www.parkstation.org](http://www.parkstation.org) we post stolen recovered bicycles on the Anti Bicycle Theft page.

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**Sheldon Brown Locking Strategy**

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Prepared by Officer M. Friedman #2048, Park Station for Bike Registration and Anti Bike Theft Tips go to [www.safebikes.org](http://www.safebikes.org)
“Safe Passage”, a two part project that began in 2008, encourages community participation and effort to help improve street safety for children, and maintain a harmonious environment for all Tenderloin residents.

The 11-block street mural of a bright yellow brick road provides children with visual guides around the neighborhood so they can walk safely to their schools, afterschool programs and homes without getting lost. Borders of the program are from Ellis Street to Golden Gate Avenue; between Leavenworth Street and Jones Street, and on Ellis Street, between Leavenworth and Hyde Streets.

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