



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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DHS & FBI ISSUE PRIDE 2024 SAFETY ALERT



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) issues an ALERT on May 10, 2024, stating **“Foreign Terrorist Organizations and their Supporters Likely Heighten Threat Environment during 2024 Pride Month.”**

The Public Service Announcement ALERT provides awareness to the public of foreign terrorist organizations (FTOS) or their supporters potential targeting of LGBTQIA+ related events and venues. Foreign terrorist organizations or supporters may seek to exploit increased gatherings associated with the upcoming 2024 Pride Month.

There is no specific identified target at this time.

FTO efforts to commit or inspire violence against holiday celebrations, including Pride celebrations or LGBTQIA+ related venues, are compounded by the current heightened threat

environment in the United States and other western countries. FTOs and their supporters have previously promoted anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric and targeted LGBTQIA+ related events or venues for attacks.

In **February 2023**, English language ISIS messaging featured an article focused on anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric and rallied against the growth and promotion of the LGBTQIA+ community. The message called for followers to conduct attacks on unidentified soft targets.

In **June 2023**, three alleged ISIS sympathizers were arrested for attempting to attack a pride parade in Vienna, Austria, using knives and a vehicle as part of the attack.

June 12, 2024 marks the eighth anniversary of the **Pulse Nightclub** Orlando, Florida shooting, during which the attacker killed 49 and wounded 53 people. After the Pulse shooting, pro-ISIS messaging praised this attack as one of the high-profile attacks in Western countries, and FTO supporters celebrated it.

“Heightened risks for the LGBTQIA+ community are always present during Pride month, and Castro Patrol has consistently offered pre-Pride safety training classes

for businesses, bars, clubs, nonprofits, and the community to help all prepare a little more.” Said Assistant Chief Ken Craig.

“This year may represent a more elevated risk than during other years due to the U.S. national election and the formal advisory by the DHS and FBI. We are offering an Active Shooter training class and a Beginners Self-Defense training class in June as part of our Pride safety training efforts.” He continued.



“It is extremely important that everyone is a little more attentive and aware, without becoming overly paranoid. If you see **anything** suspicious, report it immediately. That report could literally save lives.”

See Something? Report It!

Contact SFPD at 9-1-1 to report any suspicions or crimes.

Report threats to our local FBI Field Office at 415-553-7400 or call 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324)

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HARVEY MILK BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EVENT PATROL



We provided safety support for members of the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Freedom Band on May 19th, 2024 as they marched from the former Harvey Milk camera store at 575 Castro Street to Jane Warner Plaza as part of the annual Harvey Milk Birthday memorial celebrations.

The band played some favorite tunes at the camera store before forming up in the Northbound lanes of Castro Street to walk to JWP. We stopped traffic behind the band and audience members for the march, including stopping traffic at the Castro Street and 18th Street intersection to provide a safe corridor for the band.

Two of our newest Trainee Patrollers were thrown in at the proverbial “deep end” with traffic control duties in live traffic lanes for their very first “boots on the ground” patrol with us. Despite this challenge, they did fantastic and later in the day helped to distribute around two-hundred free safety whistles to members of the public on Castro Street.

CASTRO BRITE NITE PATROL



We provided a regular Roving Foot Patrol deployment to coordinate with the Castro Community Benefits District “Brite Nite” promotional event on May 25th, 2024.

“Brite Nite” is one of many programs by the CBD to encourage guests and visitors to return to the Castro and frequent the restaurants, bars, and businesses in the neighborhood. Billed as “A night of fun and lights throughout the Castro. Come dressed to GLOW in the dark!” the event involved some twenty-six businesses hosting glow parties, glow-go dancers in store windows and more. It was a fun evening.



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PATROL NEWS

FREE TRAINING IS ONE EXTRA BENEFIT OF BEING A PATROLLER



We are DEFINITELY biased, but we think our Patrol volunteers a lot on tangible, and some more intangible, benefits as a result of volunteering with us. You learn more about the Castro and its history. You understand more about the current laws and how they are applied. You meet and work with numerous individuals and groups in the neighborhood. You develop a closer relationship with the Police, Supervisors, and some Federal agencies as a result.

One of the best benefits as our Patroller is FREE access to all of our training classes for the public. As a Patroller you are always able to attend any of these classes, even if they are full and we're turning away others, and the class is always free of charge for our Patrollers as a way to encourage them to hone, perfect, and keep their skills and knowledge "up to speed."

If you have not signed up to participate in our up-coming Active Shooter and Self-Defense classes, and you're free on those dates, just register through our on-line Patroller scheduling tool.

PURCHASE SFPD PRIDE ALLIANCE ITEMS TO BENEFIT THE OFFICER JON C COOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND



As CCOP is a member of the SFPD LGBTQ+ Advisory Forum, we are happy to promote the SFPD PRIDE Alliance fundraiser in support of the Officer Jon C Cook scholarship fund that helps LGBTQ+ individuals achieve a career in law enforcement.



SFPD PRIDE Shoulder Patch \$10 each.
SFPD PRIDE Baseball Hat \$30 per hat.
SFPD PRIDE Beanie Hat \$30 per hat.
SFPD PRIDE T-shirt \$20 per shirt.

TO ORDER:

Please email Officer Candy Hilder @ Candy.Hilder@sfgov.org

Officer Jon C. Cook, a 38-year-old rookie with the San Francisco Police Department, died Wednesday June 12, 2002, as he and his partner raced to help arrest a suspected violent felon. Their marked unit collided at 17th and Dolores streets in San Francisco with another police car on its way to the same call.

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CCOP BREAK-EVEN

BY Board President and Chief of Patrol, Greg Carey

By Chief Greg Carey, KCCO, ~~St.WECB~~



Chief Greg Carey
Castro Community On Patrol



Castro Patrol is celebrating May 23, 2024 as “**Liberation Day**”!

On that date, we were able to pay the last two outstanding invoices that dated back to August of 2023. The [unexpected collapse of our long-time fiscal sponsor](#) in January of 2024 had left us with nearly \$11,000 in unpaid debt.

After learning of the criminal investigation of the former sponsor, we decided to become a stand-alone nonprofit organization. California approved us as a [nonprofit corporation](#) on February 17, 2024 and the IRS approved us as a 501(c)(3) charitable enterprise on April 17. These two approvals allowed us to establish a bank account and begin asking for donations.

Castro Patrol has always been very efficient because our work continues to be done by unpaid volunteers. Various City departments provided \$20,000 per year for 16 of the prior 17 years. These funds provided safety equipment, uniforms, literature, 120,000 whistles for the public (at an average cost of 85 cents each) and funds to pay a part-time contractor who helped keep things organized. We also own and maintain three AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) available to the public at late-night businesses or with us when we provide safety at various events.

Thirty-seven individuals and groups have donated. Many people helped through [GoFundMe](#) donations. On May 23, 2024, we received a contribution that allowed us to finally repay the last two overdue invoices. This came as a great relief. We had climbed out of a deep hole and could finally see daylight.

We are grateful for the contributions so far. But this only brings us to zero. We plan to continue the [GoFundMe](#) campaign as each donation large or small allows us to continue our work in various ways. At some point we hope to find a corporate sponsor who can provide enough funding for a year or two of continuity.

Please let us know if you can provide us with any contacts with organizations that might be willing to invest in continued neighborhood safety.

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Castro Community on Patrol, Inc.
Statement of Activity
January 1 - May 23, 2024

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Donations	3,686.92
In-Kind Donations	288.00
Special Events Income	8,213.92
Training Income	1,790.00
Total Revenue	\$13,988.84
GROSS PROFIT	\$13,988.84
Expenses	
Advertising and Promotion	143.84
Bank and Services Fees	143.48
Contract Services	2,415.00
Legal and Professional Fees	335.00
Medical Equipment and Supplies	577.21
Office Supplies	84.74
PMB Rent	213.00
Software & Computer Expense	30.00
Special Events Expense	338.00
Training Costs	550.00
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure	0.00
Uniforms & Equipment	6,786.95
Total Expenses	\$11,597.22
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$2,371.62
NET REVENUE	\$2,371.62

Castro Community on Patrol, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As of May 23, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	0.00
In-Kind Clearing	3,511.62
US Bank	
Total Bank Accounts	\$3,511.62
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	1,040.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$1,040.00
Other Current Assets	0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$4,551.62
Total Current Assets	\$4,551.62
LABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	1,140.00
Retained Earnings	-10,497.16
Net Revenue	13,508.78
Total Equity	\$4,551.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,551.62

Castro Patrol Liberation Day
Our old bills are paid after 9 tough
months: 8/28/23-5/23/24

Now we look for funds to let us
continue providing services.

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Help Castro Patrol Recover

Castro Community on Patrol (CCOP) lost all finances including pending City grants when SF-SAFE (it's fiscal sponsor since 2006) came under criminal investigation in January 2024. The result was nearly \$11,000 in unpaid bills and no capital for continued operation. The CCOP Board decided to form its own nonprofit corporation and then rebuild a financial basis to continue its important community services including walking safety patrols, training of the public, and helping other nonprofits develop safety plans. (Details on the GoFundMe landing page linked below)

The likelihood of regaining City funding is low for at least the next 2-3 years. In the meantime, CCOP plans to fund its work through private donations and possible corporate grants.

There are two ways you can help:

Donate through the GoFundMe web page: <https://gofund.me/3a2a2efc>

OR

Mail a check (saving CCOP the 3.9% GoFundMe handling charge):

Castro Community on Patrol
584 Castro Street #731
San Francisco, CA 94114

Website: www.castropatrol.org

Questions: info@castropatrol.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CastroPatrol



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WHO / WHEN / WHERE / HOW

LIFE THREATENING OR CRIME IN PROGRESS ?

Call 9-1-1

In any situation where life 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 Cares Program Report



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/

SF LGBTQ+ Safety Program



The San Francisco LGBTQ+ Community Safety Program (SF-LGBTQ-CSP) is a joint effort between the community and various Federal, State, and local agencies to provide training, guidance, advice, and support in developing a "fabric of safety" for all individuals, businesses, and events.

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.

Castro Business Watch Program



Castro Business Watch program is a unique business collaborative allowing owners and employees to share information and support each other. Modeled on the Neighborhood Watch program, CBW is a FREE program open to all registered businesses in the Castro / Duboce Triangle neighborhood.

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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DON'T BE AFRAID, GET TRAINED AND PREPARED

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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ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Saturday June 8, 2024

1 PM – 3 PM

**IN THE HEART OF THE CASTRO NEIGHBORHOOD
OPEN TO ANYONE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
ONLY \$20 PER ATTENDEE : PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Use QR Code above to register or go to

WWW.CASTROPATROL.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP.

BEGINNERS SELF-DEFENSE CLASS



Saturday June 15, 2024
1 PM – 4:30 PM

IN THE HEART OF THE CASTRO NEIGHBORHOOD
OPEN TO ANYONE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
ONLY \$30 PER ATTENDEE : PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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WWW.CASTROPATROL.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP.

B SAFE 4 PRIDE

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN,
TAKE AWAY ONLY GOOD MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

- **REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR CRIMES**
- **DON'T GET WASTED**, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN
- **GO WITH FRIENDS**, AND WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS
- **TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU REALLY NEED WITH YOU**
CARRYING MORE CASH OR CARDS OR JEWELRY THAN YOU REALLY NEED ONLY INCREASES THE CHANCES YOU MAY LOSE IT
- **DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING UNATTENDED**, IN YOUR CAR, ON A TABLE, OR IN A CLUB. DON'T LEAVE IT SO YOU DON'T LOSE IT
- **PLAN AHEAD**, SO YOU KNOW HOW YOU'LL BE GETTING HOME
- **HOOKING UP?** IF YOU HOOK UP WITH A STRANGER, SNAP A PICTURE OF THEM AND SEND IT TO A TRUSTED FRIEND
- **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!** IF YOUR GUT IS TELLING YOU SOMETHING OR SOMEONE ISN'T RIGHT, WALK AWAY
- **BRING YOUR SAFETY WHISTLE.** BLOW 3 SHORT, SHARP BLASTS REPEATEDLY IF YOU NEED HELP. **CALL 9-1-1** IF YOU HEAR A WHISTLE BLOWING LIKE THAT



This message is brought to you by the
San Francisco Safety Coalition



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE



CASTRO COMMUNITY ON PATROL WANTS YOU!

[GIVE US JUST THREE HOURS A MONTH AS A PATROL VOLUNTEER,
TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY](#)

Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP) seeks new volunteers to help patrol the Castro neighborhood on a monthly basis.

CCOP has 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 information, 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.

CCOP also assists other community groups to make their events successful, and we are often a part of the developing history of the LGBTQ+ community. In the past we’ve assisted at PROP8 rallies, Pulse Nightclub memorials, Harvey Milk annual events, and many others. We also assist at regular community events by providing safety teams to events such as the Sisters Easter in the Park, SF PRIDE safety events, Castro Street Fair, Glow in the Street events, CBD Music in the Plaza, Santa Skivvies Run, PRC Holiday Dinner and many more.

Our volunteers are mostly members of the LGBTQ+ community, but we are open and welcoming to **ALL** who want to volunteer just three-hours a month to help keep the Castro neighborhood a little safer. We provide full training, and you will always deploy with experienced volunteers. Patrolling is fun, you get to meet lots of people, and you can feel good about helping out the community.

www.CastroPatrol.org | info@CastroPatrol.org | 415-735-5337

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