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San Francisco SAFE Encourages You To Take The Lead In Creating A Safer More Resilient Community!

As San Franciscans, we know that at any moment the earth could begin shaking and we could find ourselves in a very precarious situation. We encourage all of you to take an active role now in getting to know your neighbors, building a cohesive and communicative group that is ready to act and respond effectively, and start planning just how you will be resilient as a neighborhood. SAFE has long been a partner with NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team), DEM (Department of Emergency Management) and the Red Cross and supports their efforts this April as we remember the 1906 quake which occurred on April 18th.

NERT will stage a city-wide drill on April 17th and you can help!



NERT needs volunteers to play the role of victims in the city-wide drill at Everett Middle School on Saturday, April 17th. You will be assigned a particular injury and be made up with theatrical bandages. It is a fun opportunity to hone your acting skills and help out a great cause. Practice makes perfect. People of all ages are welcome. There is nothing like an actual hands-on experience to prepare us for what we may encounter in a real life disaster. Please contact NERT to become a volunteer - (415) 970-2022.

For more information on upcoming NERT trainings click the flyer below.
[NERT 2010 Schedule](#)

Service Workers of San Francisco Celebrates 10 years!

Residents and visitors to San Francisco continue to reap the many benefits of the public service work undertaken by parolees under the supervision of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. For the past 10 years, Program Supervisor Ken Wong and parole agents have planted trees, cleaned up graffiti and picked up trash in local parks. "As the facilitator of the community clean-up,

it is vital for parolees to give back to the community," Wong said, adding that "it helps to restore their sense of worth while restoring the community's faith in them." Back in 2000, Wong sought a method for parolees to give back to the community. With this in mind, he approached San Francisco officials asking for materials and tools for parolees to take to the community to clean parks. Several months later, he took a group of 10 parolees out to clean up local parks, streets and buildings that were tagged with graffiti. Since then, Wong and his staff have expanded the program to monthly community clean ups, and more than 1,000 parolees have participated in the effort.



For more information or to request a clean up in your area contact Ken Wong:
ken.wong@cdcr.ca.gov

Church Of The Epiphany Will Host Excelsior Safety Meeting!



The Church of the Epiphany Community Social Concerns Committee recently planned an Excelsior Community Safety Meeting set for 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24, 2010, in the Church of the Epiphany Cafeteria, at the corner of Italy and Naples Streets. SAFE will facilitate the meeting.

SAFE assisted the Committee in planning meeting content, materials, agenda, and outreach to the Excelsior Community and its environs (where six SAFE Neighborhood Watches now exist and two others are being established).

The agenda includes identification of some current Excelsior concerns, an overview of SAFE services, information and materials on Best Practices for Personal Safety, How to Observe, Report & Effectively Access Emergency Services, as well as establishing a SAFE Neighborhood Watch. The one hour SAFE presentation includes an ample question and answer period.

All interested are invited to attend. More information may be obtained by calling the Church of the Epiphany at 415-333-7630.

SAFE Is Recruiting Members For The Board Of Directors!



Are you ready for an exciting opportunity to join a team of amazing community leaders? SAFE is currently recruiting for members for its Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity! Qualified candidates will play an active role in helping SAFE continue its vital services as well as lead us into new ways to create safer neighborhoods. SAFE is the leader in crime prevention education, and we are continually building our partnership with the Police Department and other local agencies in order to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. We are looking forward to adding new members to our team, and would like candidates who have experience in

fundraising and event planning. Contact Cindy Brandon, Executive Director, at (415) 553-1981 or cindy@sfsafe.org for more information.

SAFE Welcomes Back New Mother Cindy Brandon!

SAFE's Executive Director will be coming back to work in April after her maternity leave. The SAFE team is excited to have our leader reinstated and are overjoyed for her and her expanded family.

The Staff and Board of SAFE encourages you to continue the great community work you do and help us to spread awareness. A SAFE city starts by making a SAFE neighborhood.

Sincerely,
--The SAFE Team

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