

Happy New Year!

Happy 2008! The Staff and Board of SAFE hope that your Holidays were joyous, and that your year ahead is safe, happy and healthy! If you are making any New Year's Resolutions, remember to include learning more about personal safety, crime prevention and emergency preparedness. This resolution should be easy... and will only help you to be safer at home, at work or while out and about this year!



SAFE Takes Action for Chinese New Year!

The Year of the Rat is approaching, and falls on February 7, 2008. During this time, SAFE will be launching its annual Lunar New Year Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness Press Conference at the Gate to Chinatown, Grant Avenue @ Bush on Wednesday, January 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

We will provide Asian merchants and residents with educational information on preventing extortion, robbery, fraud, burglary, shoplifting and pick-pocketing crimes during the forthcoming festival celebrations. This is a city-wide campaign involving police officers of all Police Districts in San Francisco and volunteers from a number of public agencies and Community-Based Organizations, reminding the public to be aware of crime and to make prompt police reports about criminal and suspicious activities.

This will be the 11th annual Lunar New Year Public Safety Awareness campaign with joint collaboration by SAFE and the SFPD. Since the launching of the first campaign in 1998, we have achieved a significant drop in extortions targeting Asian merchants. In this year's campaign, SAFE will also emphasize the effective prevention of Burglary and Fraud Schemes that seem to be on the rise. Members from the SFPD Gang, Fraud and Burglary Units will attend the event.

The campaign is a great example of Community Policing, encouraging merchants and residents to get to know the police officers in their neighborhood, and to be aware of ways to help prevent crime.

This year, SAFE and Captain Jim Dudley of Central Station will kick off the Lunar New Year Safety Campaign - everyone from the public is encouraged to attend. **If you would like to volunteer with SAFE by assembling information and/or distributing crime prevention educational materials on or before January 23rd, please email david@sfsafe.org.**

For more information on the Lunar New Year Safety Campaign and other SAFE activities, visit the link below.

[Lunar New Year 2008](#)

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Neighborhood Watch Leaders & Block Captains - You're Wanted!

SAFE announces the kick-off of the first quarterly Neighborhood Watch Block Captain & Leaders Meeting!

Are you a SAFE Neighborhood Watch Block Captain or Leader? Or are you part of a Neighborhood Watch group that would like to get to know other groups in your area to make your community safer? Or are you part of a Neighborhood Watch group that needs to be revitalized? Does your block have a Neighborhood Watch Sign?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above questions, your presence and input are requested at SAFE's first Block Captain and Neighborhood Watch gathering, which will be scheduled in late March.

Did you know that SAFE is the only organization in San Francisco that is contracted and trained to create and facilitate Neighborhood Watch Groups? We LOVE this responsibility! We are passionate about and dedicated to crime prevention and public safety. YOU can be a part of this too -

By attending the Block Captain meeting, you will benefit by representing your Neighborhood Watch and your block at this crime prevention advisory meeting; learning about what other Neighborhood Watch groups are doing to address crime, safety and quality-of-life issues in their district; and connecting with nearby Neighborhood Watch groups that are looking to expand their reach and organizing efforts for safer, more empowered, and more cohesive communities. You will be contributing to a larger public safety effort with SAFE, which will enhance our community policing efforts and help us to stay connected with the activities of our groups.

In order for SAFE to accurately connect with our current Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and leaders, we would like you to send us your contact information including your name, address, phone number, email address, and police district. Please send email to SAFEleaders@sfsafe.org.

If you have a Neighborhood Watch Sign.... this meeting is especially important - we want our groups to remain active and involved!

Click on the link below to learn more about Neighborhood Watch and the upcoming Block Captain Meetings.

[Neighborhood Watch & Block Captain Information](#)



Resolve to be Prepared in 2008!

San Francisco's NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) is coordinating with SAFE to provide free Personal Preparedness Workshops & Block Captain Trainings in January. Workshops will

cover personal disaster planning, risk awareness, disaster supplies and block captain information. They are about 3 hours long and will count towards the Personal Preparedness component of your full NERT Training.

Workshops will be held at the SFFD Division of Training
2310 Folsom Street @ 19th Street.

- Thursday, January 17th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Tuesday, January 22nd, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 29th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

You can RSVP to sffdnert@sfgov.org or call (415) 970-2024 to register.

View the NERT Training Flyer [HERE](#) or click on the link below for all of NERT's Trainings and information.

[NERT Trainings & Information](#)

Other SAFE News

- **SAFE Welcomes new Board of Directors Member, Carolyn Ho** - Carolyn joined the SAFE Board in December after learning more about SAFE and starting her own Neighborhood Watch Group in the Taraval Police District. She was excited to learn more about crime prevention and how to engage and empower the community. Her commitment to safer neighborhoods has brought her to the next level: a member of the SAFE Board of Directors! Welcome Carolyn!
- **Join the SAFE Team** - We are currently hiring for the position of Crime Prevention Specialist, with an emphasis on Child, Youth and Family Safety. View the job description [HERE](#).
- **Crime Alerts** - Top ten list of most stolen auto burglary items (from Capt. Dudley, Central Station):
 1. GPS Mapping devices- windshield or dash mounted
 2. Laptop Computers
 3. iPods or other portable MP-3 players
 4. Cameras and / or equipment
 5. Cell phones
 6. Luggage
 7. Packages, shopping bags, etc.
 8. Gym bags with gym clothing
 9. CD's, sunglasses, dash stereos, etc.
 10. Cash, coins, FastTrak transponder

Remember - DO NOT leave anything visible in your vehicle. Stuff might not be that valuable to you.... but it's valuable to a thief, and it's not worth the broken window!

Click on the link below to get more information from the San Francisco Police Department, crime alerts, and your District Station Captain information.

[San Francisco Police Department](#)

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Have a SAFE and Happy New Year!
--The Staff and Board of SAFE



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