



Happy New Year From San Francisco SAFE!

SAFE wants to wish all of you a happy and healthy 2010! We are committed to continuing our hard work to build safer more resilient neighborhoods in the coming year and we need your help. Please help us to spread the word that to know your neighbors and be able to work effectively to address immediate local issues strengthens the city as a whole. Encourage those you know to start a Neighborhood or Business Watch program or to work on a creative community project. SAFE is here to help. Acting as a guide and a support, our experts can assist individuals and neighborhoods to identify issues and access the resources needed to problem solve effectively.

MUNI Safety Concerns

SAFE has been working with SFPD and MTA to address safety concerns on MUNI. Several specific routes have seen a spike in crime. Please protect your valuables by keeping them concealed. iPods, iPhones and other handheld devices are being taken in what is called a "snatch and grab" theft. Please help spread the word to others to stay aware on public transportation and to report any suspicious activities to the police.



[Click here for SAFE MUNI tips](#)

SAFE Values Excelsior Youth in Collaboration!

When considering safety, it is very important to connect with youth in any given area in order to gain better insight into what they see as potential dangers and hazards. In a very successful collaborative effort with the Excelsior Action Group, SAFE was able to connect with families and youth in continued attempts to expand its services. Working together with Neighborhood Watch groups and reaching out to parents, children and care givers and encouraging that they all work together is vital to the safety of any family. SAFE's child safety specialist Elly Mayen looks forward to working with parents, schools and the youth in the Excelsior to highlight the vibrancy of their neighborhood.

[Email Elly Mayen for more information](#)

SAFE Provides Unique Services to Mono-Lingual Seniors in San Francisco



San Francisco has a very large Russian-speaking community, many of it's members are elderly, and do not speak adequate English. By making presentations and developing and distributing brochures on personal and pedestrian safety in their native language, SAFE has been helping these people tremendously. SAFE has long-standing relationships with many Adult Day Health Centers serving the Russian seniors and people with disabilities. For example, Irina Chatsova, a Russian-speaking public safety coordinator has been giving presentation in Russian at L'Chaim ADHC and Ruth Ann Rosenberg ADHC since 1998. This year Irina gave series of well-received presentations at both Centers. Knowing that the majority of seniors cannot subscribe to the police stations' newsletters due to the language barrier and lack of computer skills and therefore are unaware of current crime patterns in the city, in her presentations Irina included numerous incident descriptions from latest newsletters. SAFE also provides customized presentations in Spanish and Cantonese.

[For Older Adult Safety Brochures click here](#)

Valencia Gardens holds a Safety Fair and Toy Giveaway

A great family event took place on December 19, 2009 organized by Valencia Gardens' Tenants Association, John Stewart Company, Mission Housing Development Corporation and SAFE. Over seventy families from Valencia Gardens attended the event and each child received a toy donated by Operation Dream. Before receiving their toy, each family had to visit three tables and get information from the staff of the following organizations:

(1) Majeid Crawford from SAFE

(2) Steve Harper from NERT/ S.F.F.D.

(3) 2 fantastic officers from the Mission District Police Station

We were honored to help support this event. When communities come together to engage in celebration and learn new strategies for safety, we see the fruits of our labor. Great job to all involved for a successful event!

[Click here for more neighborhood news!](#)

Lunar New Year - The Year of the Tiger!

Lunar New Year is right around the corner, which means SAFE is once again working hard to develop new materials specific for the Asian population regarding important safety strategies for merchants during the celebrations. Please stay tuned for more information regarding events and press conferences in February 2010. The Chinatown conference and canvassing event will be held on Monday, February 8th at 1:30pm and the conference in Visitacion Valley will be held the following day February 9th also at 1:30pm. The hope of this annual event is to provide essential crime prevention materials to the Chinese merchants so that they can help SFPD address trends like extortion, burglary, and robbery. The event also serves as a reminder that whatever your language, culture and perspective you have the same right to live safely in San Francisco.



[For more information or to volunteer contact David Chan](#)



Other SAFE News - Welcome Caelan!

On December 30th, a healthy baby girl was born to SAFE's Executive Director Cindy and her husband Mike. Caelan Jane Grady was born 7lbs 3oz and measured 19.5 inches. All are doing well and SAFE sends the warmest wishes to the family. Cindy will be on maternity leave until the Spring.

SAFE's Quarterly Block Captains and Leaders meeting is tentatively set for **February 25th, 2010. Please stay tuned for details.

The Staff and Board of SAFE hope that your
Holidays were joyous, and that your year ahead is safe, joyful
and prosperous!

Sincerely,
--The SAFE Team

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