



Newsletter

Greetings SAFE Friends & Supporters!

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Neighborhood Watch: Many Catching the Wave!

Part of SAFE's mission is to prevent crime and violence by bringing communities and resources together to problem-solve and create strategies to increase public safety awareness. We do this by forming Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups, and by connecting the communities we serve with the police department and other city agencies.

The essence of Neighborhood Watch is to build cohesive communities that are equipped with the tools and resources to address crime and quality-of-life issues, and that are empowered to create safer neighborhoods. Since July 2000, SAFE has formed almost 350 new Neighborhood Watch Groups. WOW!

That means that all those residents, schools and merchants came together to make a difference in their neighborhoods. Many of the groups are still active... whether they gather to discuss crime issues, to learn about personal safety, to meet their District Police Captain, or to just socialize at a block party. The point is that neighbors who know each other are more likely to look out for each other, and are more likely to create safer communities.

Click on the link below to learn more about SAFE's Services.

[SAFE and Neighborhood Watch](#)

Neighborhood Watch Success Stories!

300 Block of Church Street

This SAFE NW group was formed two years ago, which has created a greater sense of caring for the area, and resulted in two arrests, one for tagging, and one for assault and vandalism.

The group is very active and regularly gets together to meet new neighbors, host sidewalk sales, and to have fun social events like barbeques and block parties.

37th Avenue Neighborhood Watch... and Beyond



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Get your SAFE Gear!

Contact the SAFE Office for SAFE swag:

- SAFE T-Shirts
- Travel Mugs
- Fanny Packs
- Safety Whistles

Public Safety Fair!

A Public Safety and Health Resources Fair for residents and merchant of **Bayview Hunter's Point and Potrero Hill.**

- Saturday, May 19, 2007
- Southeast Community College, 1800 Oakdale
- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- <http://www.sfsafe.org/>

Community Unite!

A Night to Celebrate Neighborhood Watch Groups - SAFE's Annual Event & Fundraiser

The Neighborhood Watch on 37th Ave. and surrounding blocks in the Outer Sunset started over a year ago. Since that time they have had about half of the 57 households on the street and surrounding 3 blocks along Sunset Blvd. attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings. Also included were representatives from A.P Giannini Middle School, West Portal Lutheran School, Ortega Branch Library and Sunset Ministry, which are all in the neighborhood. Twenty-five households participate in the block map, phone tree, and have passed around the engraver for Property ID. This is a great example of Community Watch!

In addition to the SAFE representative, David Chan, at the NW meetings, the group has had guests attend their later meetings while operating more on their own, including Sergeant Steve Quon from the Taraval Station, a representative from DPT, and Supervisor Ed Jew. A major success of the group is discouraging people from parking campers and RV's along the park median, which was a major concern of the neighbors, and reducing the number of commercial and out-of-area vehicles in the same area.

Other things they are looking into include more street lighting, trimming trees, NERT training, trash clean-up, and a PG&E safety presentation. Neighborhood Watch Signs... and a block party are soon to come! Art Tom, Block Captain, states, "Our sense of community and neighborhood is much stronger now than it was before we started a SAFE Neighborhood Watch... and hopefully it will continue to grow."

Ingleside District

By Captain Paul Chignell, Commanding Officer, Ingleside Police Station

Here at the Ingleside Police Station we solicit issues of community concern that are ongoing. In a nutshell, rather than constantly responding to calls for service at a specific trouble spot, we want to solve the problem.

Throughout the district, we have officers working on community problems such as drug houses, nuisance abatement and magnets for criminal activity.

One of these issues that arose several months ago was a house on the 1900 block of San Jose. A number of drug users and petty criminals took over the house which in turn caused major problems for adjacent neighbors throughout the New Mission Terrace neighborhood.

Concerted action was taken by the designated project manager Sgt. Eli Turner and his group of officers. Plainclothes officers Josh Kumli, Dan Gibbs and Andy Cox made numerous arrests over a period of months for drug possession and dealing, wanted fugitives and other crimes. A real hero was Deputy City Attorney Curtis Christy-Cirillo, who spearheaded a nuisance abatement action coupled with the documentation from the officers to resolve the problem. Our station permit officer Kathy Pubill also played a major role. All of the miscreants have been removed from the residence and the neighbors are quite happy.

We are here to serve.

- CALLING ALL SUCCESS STORIES! -

Thursday, October 11, 2007.

SAVE the DATE!

Submit your Neighborhood Watch Success Stories, and you could be featured at our annual event.

CCOP Fundraiser

Super Hero Fundraiser Benefit for Castro Community on Patrol.

- Sunday, May 6, 2007
- At Truck, 1900 Folsom Street
- 4:00 p.m.
- <http://www.castropatrol.org/>

Come as your favorite Superhero & help support the heroes of

Castro Community On Patrol!

NERT Training

SAFE Supporters, Sign Up Now!

Who: Everyone

What: Disaster Preparedness Training

When: Thursday Evenings

May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14 & 21

Why: YOU are vital to the recovery of the City after a disaster!

RSVP to sffdnext@sfgov.org or call 415-970-2024

Submit your Neighborhood Watch Success Story to highlights@sfsafe.org. You may be featured in future newsletters and at SAFE's Annual Event in October!

Campus Safety

By Dan Lawson, SAFE Board President, USF Director of Public Safety

In regards to public safety issues, we can imagine a college campus as a microcosm of the surrounding community. Other than a heavier concentration of young adult males and females on a campus (which poses its own unique problems surrounding alcohol and drug abuse), demographic and safety issues parallel those in most communities across the country. Most campus public safety strategies are grounded in prevention. Most of our crime on the USF campus is theft-related and preventable.

Public safety awareness, keenly honed by prevention tactics, is delivered by means of safety fairs, email and web page bulletins, and presentations offered by public safety staff in collaboration with departments across the campus. These strategies are consistent with those applied by SAFE. Our biggest challenge is changing behavior. Our message is based on a few critical values: personal accountability, personal preparedness, self-reliance, and collaboration. These values can be applied to minimizing crime opportunities, being prepared for natural disasters, and dealing with infrequent yet tragic events such as what occurred at Virginia Tech most recently. Anecdotally, members of our university community who embrace these values, feel more empowered, and perceive their community as SAFE.

For General Personal Safety Tips On and Off Campus, please click on the link for [SAFE's Brochure](#).

Highlighting Officer Lois Perillo

A peek into Officer Lois Perillo's career will knock your socks off. A 23-year veteran with the San Francisco Police Department, she started the bicycle patrol program in 1989. Officer Perillo is much respected for her community policing activities in Noe Valley and was the author of the Police Beat column for the Noe Valley Voice for ten years. A real advocate for youth made her the perfect candidate for the SFPD's Youth Services Unit and School Resource Officer at J. Denman Middle School for five years. Currently, Lois is the liaison to the San Francisco Unified School District - SARB-Student Attendance Review Board; member of the Safe Schools Task Force; member of the Inter Agency Case Review Committee and Chair of the San Francisco Red Ribbon Committee. She also holds title as life member of International Association of Women and Police.



Officer Lois Perillo is a real shining star!

Options for Action in Bernal Heights

On April 24th, Bernal Heights residents met at Paul Revere Elementary School for “**Options for Action**” to seek ways to get involved in

public safety efforts. New information was presented by panelists from NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams), SFPD Ingleside Station, 3-1-1, MONS (Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services), & SAFE.

Participants learned from SAFE how to observe and report crime and suspicious activity. Residents engaged with Sgt. Tim Plyer about the need for the police to be involved with youth that gather near the Library on Cortland. Lt. Erica Arteseros introduced the Bernal Heights NERT leaders and promoted the need for more residents to be trained to be disaster responders. We received from Heidi Sieck our own private tutorial on how the new 3-1-1 service works. As the liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Andrea Bruss discussed her role and encouraged residents to contact her about public safety and other issues that negatively impact Bernal Heights.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting can contact:

- SAFE – To organize a SAFE Neighborhood Watch or Home Security Assessment, (415) 553-1984, info@sfsafe.org
- SFPD Ingleside Station – To report chronic public safety and quality of life issues, (415)404-4000. Sign-up for station's daily email crime report, paul.chignell@sfgov.org
- NERT – To enroll in the next NERT training starting May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14 and 21 6:30-9:30
- 3-1-1 – Accessing City services is now made easy by calling 3-1-1. www.sfgov.org/311
- MONS – Need assistance with a City service, contact Andrea Bruss at (415)554-6532, andrea.bruss@sfgov.org

Support SAFE!

Volunteer

- Board of Directors - SAFE is recruiting members now! Join our team and help to make SAFE even more successful. Interested candidates can contact Cindy Brandon at (415) 553-1984 or cindy@sfsafe.org.
- Volunteer - We always need volunteers... for events, fundraising and office tasks.
- Internships - Learn about crime prevention and the non-profit and public sectors while developing sustainable projects in the crime prevention and public safety fields.

Donate

- Donate your services, supplies, or your time! SAFE has a wishlist on its website: [Wishlist](#).
- Make a secure contribution on our website or by clicking on the [JustGive](#) link.

Show Your Support

- Write your elected officials - tell them you support continued and increased funding for SAFE through the SFPD.
- Attend a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors or the Police Commission and comment on how SAFE and its essential services have benefitted your group.

- Visit the Board of Supervisors website for your representative, the budget process, and hearing schedules: www.sfgov.org/bos.

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