



Newsletter

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Greetings SAFE Friends & Supporters,

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Text-a-Tip

The SFPD recently launched Text-a-Tip, which is an anonymous crime tip line.

The text messages are sent to the police department's operations center. This crime-related information is then forwarded to units in the field for action.

The SFPD hopes that this new tool will encourage improved communications between the police and the communities they serve.

[Text-a-Tip information](#)

NERT Trainings

NERT offers free trainings on how to be personally prepared for a natural or man-made disaster. SAFE has also partnered with NERT to host a "Personal Preparedness

Community Involvement = Stronger, Safer, more Resilient Neighborhoods

What do you do to be involved in your neighborhood or in your community? Do you participate in a Neighborhood Watch Group? Do you volunteer?... Clean up the parks?... Are you NERT trained? Now is a great time to get involved, get prepared, and create stronger, safer, more resilient neighborhoods.

Please check out the community events throughout this newsletter. Get involved and have fun!

5K Fun Run/Walk for SAFETy!

SAFE is raising awareness of personal and family safety - whether you are out for a walk in the park, going for your daily run, walking the dog, or waiting for MUNI, we want everyone to learn the best ways to be safe and aware of your surroundings.

Participate in the 5K Fun Run/Walk for SAFETy! You can also join the Stroller Brigade! Register as an individual or as a Neighborhood Watch Team. It's a great way to get to know more of your neighbors, and participate in a team event that will highlight your Neighborhood Watch Group. Prizes for the top 3 finishers. We expect approximately 200 participants!

**The Neighborhood Watch Group with the most participating neighbors in a team will receive a gift card for their next Block Party.

- Sunday, October 25, 2009
- Golden Gate Park, Peacock Meadow
- Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m.; Race at 11:00 a.m.
- Participant BBQ & After-Party: 11:30 a.m. til 2:30 p.m.
- Registration fee is \$10 per person. Children under 10 are free. Get friends and family to pledge or sponsor your run.



for a Resilient Community" workshop.

- Wednesday, 9/23
- 6:00-7:45 pm
- Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond St.
- RSVP to 970-2024
- [NERT Website](#)

Check out NERT's Website for the full training schedule.

Volunteer for CCOP

Help make the Castro and Duboce Triangle neighborhoods safer! Volunteer for Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP)!

CCOP is a trained walking patrol group that observes and reports suspicious activities to the police department. Their visible presence helps to deter illegal activities, and builds a stronger, safer neighborhood. Volunteer to patrol on weekend nights or for special events.

Free training. Visit the [CCOP Website](#) for more information.

The Big Rumble SF

To commemorate the anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, agencies including Committed2Community, DEM, NEN, and NERT are hosting a series of events from October 12-17 that will help to foster a culture a preparedness for San Francisco neighborhoods.

SAFE is helping to promote the "Where were you in '89" Block Parties, and will

- View the [5K Event Flyer](#) - distribute far and wide!
- Be a [Sponsor](#) or [Food/Beverage Donor](#)! Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be widely recognized.
- Register or Volunteer at www.sfsafe5K.dojiggy.com

Music ~ Prizes ~ BBQ

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Other sponsors: [Rainbow Grocery](#), Bi-Rite Market, Safeway. Thanks to Kevin Roberson for creating the event logo.

[Register for the 5K Fun Run/Walk for SAFETY](#)

SAFE's David Chan Honored!

The Asian Pacific American Community Center Club celebrated their 7th Anniversary at 66 Raymond Community Center on Saturday August 22, 2009. At the celebration party, APACC Club presented recognition to 32 individuals and volunteers for their devotion and valuable contribution to the Club and community over the past seven or more years. To name some of the Honorees: California State Senator Leland Yee; Retired San Francisco Police Chief Heather Fong; Mr. William (Bill) Lee, Director of International Economic and Tourism Development; Planning Commission, San Francisco; and David Chan of SF SAFE.



APACC Club, which has a current membership of some 300 Visitation Valley residents and city-wide supporters, was founded by community volunteers in July 2002 and over the past years, under the supporters of APACC and all the club members, they have earned a remarkable reputation within the Visitation Valley community and the City. Congratulations to David Chan and all of the honorees!

Success Story - Parkmerced Green Fair

Neighborhood Watch Members Volunteer & Promote SAFE

SAFE has been working closely with the Parkmerced Resident Organization (PRO) in the Taraval Police District over the past few years in getting the residential areas organized as Neighborhood Watch groups.

On August 22, 2009, Parkmerced held a Green Fair between the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm at Arballo and Serrano next to the Farmers Market, to provide useful information and resources to

encourage Neighborhood Watch groups to organize their own event on their block. This is another fun way to learn about emergency preparedness, and do something social with your neighbors!

Visit the [Big Rumble Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

Community Challenge Grant

For the 2009 Fall/Winter Grant Cycle CCG is pleased to announce funding up to \$400,000 to groups applying to implement projects that directly engage residents and businesses in creating green spaces, gathering places, public art, and other neighborhood amenities by featuring and applying ecologically friendly amenities and practices.

For more information about CCG, or to download an application visit www.sfgov.org/ccg or contact Lanita Henriquez, Program Manager at (415) 554-4830.

SAFE is willing to be the Fiscal Sponsor for one group, which must be an existing, active Neighborhood Watch group. Contact Cindy at 553-1981 or cindy@sfsafe.org.

the residents. SF SAFE was invited to participate to promote crime prevention education and Neighborhood Watch. When David Chan of SF SAFE learned that he had a schedule conflict on the date, he asked for help from the PRO community leaders who then volunteered to host a booth for SF SAFE to disseminate safety information and to promote Neighborhood Watch in Parkmerced. A total of some 20 residents signed up for Neighborhood Watch groups. Our Special thanks to Dorothy Leftkovits, Block Captain of 50 Chumasero NW; Jim Copper, Vice President PRO; Michele Miller, Former Chairperson of the Safety and Security Committee PRO; Blanche Maulet and Beatrice Powell, members of Neighborhood Watch. Thanks and kudos to the Parkmerced Resident Organization for helping SAFE to promote our services. If you are a Neighborhood Watch member, and would like to assist us in hosting information booths at community fairs and events, please let us know! We welcome the advocacy... and the help!

Other SAFE News

- SAFE Block Captain & Leaders Meeting - If you are a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain or Co-Captain, Save the Date for Thursday, November 5th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. for our next citywide meeting. Details to follow. RSVP to SAFEleaders@sfsafe.org.
- Crime Alerts - There have been recent crimes of fraud and scams against seniors. Another crime alert is theft of laptops at coffee shops or cafes.
- SAFE welcomes new Board Member - Kristin Greene, Principal of Flashpoint Public Relations in San Francisco, joined the SAFE Board of Directors in August. She brings a strong PR background, as well as experience in the criminal justice field. SAFE is excited to have her on our team! Welcome Kristin!
- New San Francisco Police Chief - Chief George Gascon took the realms of the SFPD in August. One exciting priority is the Chief's commitment to community policing. Read his biography at www.sfgov.org/police.
- September is National Preparedness Month - Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed, Get Involved. Visit sites like www.72hours.org or www.bayarea-redcross.org for information and trainings.

SAFE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. You can help us to provide essential crime prevention and public safety services by making a tax-deductible donation, either by check or clicking on the JustGive link below. Please check out our website, www.sfsafe.org for updates and information! Thank you for helping us to create safer neighborhoods.

Be SAFE!

-- The Staff & Board of SAFE