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Lafayette Safety Fair - Families Come Out for the Show



Lafayette Police Officer teaches proper hand signals Photo Doug Kohen

On Saturday August 1 the first Lafayette Safety Fair was held at Stanley Middle School. The event was organized by the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and the Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission.

The beautiful summer sun shone brightly over the agencies that came to Lafayette to show residents the tools and support available to them to keep themselves and their families safe: our two local fire agencies, the Lafayette and East Bay Regional Park Police, Red Cross, child abuse services, animal rescue, disease prevention, and many others.

About 150 people showed up, mostly young families, attracted by the impressive exhibitions. The two helicopters that East Bay Park Police landed on Stanley's field were a big hit, as was the police K9 patrol, the mounted police and the bike rodeo.

"For a first time it was a good success," said Fred Lothrop, Chair of the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission. "We felt very pleased that people were

interested in the various aspects of safety, and with the excellent cooperation of all the agencies that came." Lafayette City Manager Steve Falk came to the Fair and seemed impressed by the display. "Given all the equipment that was on the site, it would have been an ideal time to have an earthquake!" quipped Falk. S. Braccini



David (14) and A.J. Boucher (16) of Orinda watched the REACH helicopter demo Photo Jim Boucher

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