

AUSD Kindergarteners Head off to 45th (!) Annual Safety Town

Kindergarteners from all of AUSD's elementary schools are visiting the Alameda's Safety Town this year. It is the program's 45th year.

Since its first year in 1973, the Safety Town Program has been providing safety education annually for the children of the city of Alameda. This long standing tradition provides kindergarteners exposure to simulated pedestrian/traffic situations in the "town" by means of a miniature portable set up that includes miniature streets, buildings, and traffic signs.



Participating kindergarteners learn basic safety rules and have the opportunity to get an up-close view of emergency response vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars. They meet and talk to fire fighters from the Alameda Fire Department, EMTs, and police officers from the Alameda Police Department. The students also meet a talking firetruck named

Freddy and McGruff, the Crime Dog.

All kindergarten classes participating in the Alameda K Safety Town program are bused to and from their school site in a chartered bus. The financial contributions of city partners like Bayview Women's Club and Alameda Kiwanis Club have been instrumental in providing critical support to this aspect of the program and making it a success each year.



Here at AUSD we are very grateful to the support of our local police officers, firefighters, and civic clubs in staging and supporting this annual event to help our students learn to be more safe.