Graduation Ceremony

On the last day, during the last half hour of Safety City, a graduation Ceremony is held. Parents & family members are invited to attend.

Volunteers, Instructors and Program Contributors are given recognition for their valuable time and assistance in making the program possible.

Parents are given an overview of the week, and the kids recite the “Safety City Pledge”. They are each given a Diploma and backpack.

What are the scheduled Times and Days?

The program will take place June 3-7th, 2013. We offer both morning and afternoon sessions. There is room for a total of 25 kids in each session. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. There are two session times available: Mornings from 9-11:30 or Afternoons 1:00-3:30.

Where will “Safety City” be held?

The program will be held at River Woods Elementary, located at: 2929 S.E. 22nd Street in Des Moines.

Some of the Safety Topics Covered During Safety City Include:

- Good Manners
- Gun Safety
- Classroom Behavior
- Use of 911
- Playground Safety
- Fire Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Strangers
- Pedestrian Rules
- Seatbelt/Boosters
- Bullies
- Water Safety
- Bus Safety
- Animal Safety
- Poison Safety
- Bike Safety

AND SO MUCH MORE!

For more information, contact:
Officer Kelly Stuhr
Des Moines Police Department
Vice & Narcotics Control Section
515-237-1591
klstuhr@dmgov.org

Note: This is not a Des Moines Public Schools publication and is being provided as a courtesy to inform you of other community activities and opportunities available.
What is Safety City?

Safety City is a community based project put on by Police Departments across the country with assistance from other Community Agencies, Organizations, Civic Groups and Businesses. It is offered during the summer months.

What does it teach?

The objective is to provide an early safety education program for children entering Kindergarten the following fall.

It covers numerous safety topics, chosen by the particular program coordinators, that will empower youngsters with the ability to avoid needless accidents and instill good safety habits at an early age.

What are the Goals of the Program?

- To provide a creative and safe environment where pre-kindergarten students will have the opportunity to increase and enhance their safety skills
- To reduce injuries and deaths resulting from accidents that could have otherwise been prevented with proper training and education
- To provide children with a positive exposure to, and the opportunity to interact with, Police Officers that they may not otherwise have without the program.

How does the program do all this?

By using a hands-on, safety education concept within a child size setting: complete with buildings, streets, sidewalks and traffic signs.

The skills the children learn in the classroom, are put to use in the “Mini City”.

Who is involved with the program?

The Police Department coordinates the program, with assistance from other city entities including the Des Moines Fire Department, the Des Moines Public School System, and many others.

Volunteer leaders are brought in to assist in guiding the students through the week. These are high school students who are looking to provide a community service. There may be additional volunteers from other groups as well. All volunteers are properly screened by the Police Department to ensure a safe environment for all participants.

How is the program funded?

Start up expenses were paid for by donations from various local businesses, civic groups and other organizations. We continue to accept generous donations for the maintenance and enhancements to the program.

The program does have an enrollment fee of $35.00 per child. Each child receives a bike helmet and a t-shirt to wear at the graduation.

Proceeds and donations exceeding any program expenses go into the “Police Department Youth Program” account. These funds are reserved exclusively for “Youth Programs” such as Safety City (enhancements, improvements & maintenance) and other similar programs and materials.
Brief Week Overview

Monday-
- Good manners, Proper classroom behavior, Taking turns, Respect for others
- Pedestrian safety
- Safety City time
- Bullies
- Vandalism
- Safety at school

Tuesday-
- Bus safety
- Police Officer-Job & Equipment
- Bus ride to the Police Station for a tour

Wednesday-
- Fire safety
- Visit from the Fire Department/Smoke house
- Electric safety
- Gun Safety
- Respect for Authority
- If you get lost
- Poison safety

Thursday-
- Safety City time
- Animal Safety
- Water Safety with Des Moines Parks and Recreation
- Bike Safety
- Playground Safety
- Good Hygiene

Friday-
- Strangers
- Safety city time
- Calling 911/Dispatch
- McGruff
- Graduation
Des Moines Police Department's
Safety City-2013
Registration Form
(Please Print)

I, __________________________ (mother, father, or guardian) of ______________________ (name of child), age ________, do hereby give my permission and consent to the personnel of “Safety City” to authorize and secure such emergency medical care and/or treatment as the above listed child may require while under the “Safety City” personnel supervision. “Safety City” has expressed permission to do any or all of the following, if they feel an emergency situation exists:

- Call the child’s physician
- Call another physician
- Call an ambulance and have the child taken to the emergency unit

In case of an emergency, every effort will be made to notify myself, the parent/guardian, immediately. If it is necessary to have my child transported to a hospital, the “Safety City” personnel will take my child to the hospital listed below or the nearest hospital, unless instructed to do otherwise by myself, the parent/guardian, or my child’s physician. I agree to pay any costs/fees incurred for emergency medical care or treatment for my child as secured or authorized under this consent.

I hereby waive and release the City of Des Moines, the Des Moines Police Department, the “Safety City” Personnel and the Des Moines Public School District from liability from any and all acts, injuries or damages arising out of my child’s participation in this program. I hereby give my child permission to go on field trips away from the “Safety City” program site under the supervision of the “Safety City” personnel.

Dated this____day of ______, _______.                                          _____________________________

Parent or Guardian

Name of child_________________________    Home phone______________________________

Address: __________________________ City _____________, Iowa, Zip ________    Sex: F_____ M______

Home language_________________________

Child’s physician____________________    Phone: __________________________

Hospital preference: ____________ Allergies/other health concerns:

Mother’s Name:____________________ Phone_____________ Cell_____________

Father’s Name:____________________ Phone_____________ Cell_____________

Email contact info.: __________________________ _________________________________

Relative or family friend who may be contacted for assistance/information in case of an emergency:     Name_________________________ Phone____________________

Session dates/times: M-F, June 3-7th, 2013 @River Woods

Please return this completed form to Officer Kelly Stuhr at the Des Moines Police Department along with a check for the enrollment fee of $35.00 made out to The City of Des Moines, with “Safety City” in the memo to: Des Moines Police Department, Attn: Officer Kelly Stuhr, #25 E. First St., Des Moines IA 50309.

Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Note: Children MUST be potty trained to attend.