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A HISTORY OF OAKLAND SAFETY PATROL

LEARN WHERE WE STARTED, HOW WE EXPANDED AND THE KEY PLAYERS IN OUR EVOLUTION.

If you grew up in Oakland, it's very likely that Safety Patrol was part of your daily elementary school experience. The Safety Patrol Program, a beloved and important Oakland tradition, is celebrating its 95th year proudly serving students and families.

BRILLIANT VISION

In 1912 and 1922, safety education for children was discussed in the National Safety Council Congresses. The rising use of automobiles created an increase in traffic fatalities. A greater emphasis needed to be placed on aspects of safety for growing transportation mode. Concerns for students safety walking to school sparked the idea to have a Safety Patrol. It quickly became a widely adopted program for traffic and pedestrian safety near schools.

THE PILOT WORKED!

In February 1928, the first school Safety Patrols were piloted in Oakland at Claremont and Lockwood Junior High Schools. "Oakland is following the best thought...among the leading eastern cities," cited the Oakland Tribune.

AND THEN...

Beginning with the next school year, 1928-29, the Oakland Junior Traffic Reserve was organized by the East Bay Safety Council and the Oakland Police Department at 14 schools.

MOVIE DAY PLUS ANNUAL AWARDS!

The first Day at the Movies premiered on October 26th, 1929, at the Fox





Theatre. The original event was preceded by Safety Patrollers on parade. This year 14 schools went to the movies curtesy of the Grand Lake Theatre and it doubled as an awards ceremony replacing Pass In Review this year and was a great success..

NATIONAL NOTICE

Recognition came in 1931. Oakland's Safety Patrol program got national attention with civic leaders extolling it as "invaluable for any city to have." The Pass In Review Awards Ceremony, attracted visits from state and county civic leaders. 1,500 patrollers attended the 1933 Inspection and Review at the Oakland High School Auditorium.

SAVING LIVES

In 1935, the superintendent of Oakland public schools stated that not one child has been killed or injured at a crossing, guarded by the Junior Traffic Reserve since 1928.

GAINING TRUST

The Patrol ranks grew to 3,500 members in 85 public and private schools

by 1960. Garfield was recognized as having the best platoon for over 13 consecutive years. That same year, there were rumblings that the Teachers' Unions wanted to do away with the Safety Patrols. Oakland stood firm to maintain Safety Patrol programs. The effects of this pressure did take its toll in the years to come until the benefits of the program were clear and the program also worked to create trust and healthy connections with the schools it served.

SAFER NUMBERS

1976, there were 90 platoons and 2,000 members in Oakland known as the Oakland Traffic Reserve.

COLLABORATION

The Safety Patrol Program continued to maintain traditions towards the end of the century. The Oakland Police Department followed the Officer Friendly model and assigned multiple Officers to community service details like Safety Patrol as a way of cultivating positive relationships between the police and the public they serve.

GIRLS ALLOWED!

In 1961, girls joined the ranks which grew to over 2,800 Patrollers that year. This was part of the Safety Patrol evolution. In 2018, Oakland had a female mayor, a female superintendent of schools and its first female police chief! 18 of the 33 Safety Patrol Captains were girls. Oakland's Safety Patrol has been committed to no exclusion or discrimination based on gender, race, ability or equity.



SAFETY FIRST

The program has evolved in other ways as well. In the early days, the Safety Patrol students, while under the direction of a teacher, would take their post unaccompanied. In 2018, the "No Adult, No Patrol" rule was taught. Students were only allowed to be on the street in the presence of a trusted adult advisor. Additionally, with an avalanche of vehicles at school sites designed for a walking student population, Safety Patrol expanded its services to add coordination and enforcement of dropoff and pick-up zones to the original crosswalk duties.



CHANGING TIDES

In 2000, many of the Safety Patrol principals and teachers had retired. The Oakland Police Department who had dedicated three sworn officers to running the program in the 70's, reduced staffing to just one officer. A new creative approach was truly needed for Safety Patrol to grow and thrive.

NEW MODEL!

By 2006, only 11 schools remained. When the Alameda County Public Health Department, Nutrition Services Program was awarded funding by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, this money supported the creation of a community driven model. Parents, caregivers or neighbors were recruited to serve as adult advisors for the Safety Patrols trained in coordination with the Oakland Police Department. And it worked!

STANDING PROUD

In 2010, 15 schools had Safety Patrols. With funding at its peak, in 2017, 41 Patrols performed at 41 schools. Although funding has continued to decrease over the years, we were able to work with 14 schools and over 300 students this 2022-2023 school year!

PARTNERSHIPS...

Safety Patrols exist in part due to

Safety Patrol became pare of Safe Routes to School efforts promoting pedestrian, bicycle safety, and active transportation. In 2018-2019, the Oakland Police Department partnered with the Oakland Unified School District with support from Transform through a grant from the Alameda County Public Health Department to provide Safe Routes services to up to 41 schools throughout the City of Oakland. this partnership and with the support of Alameda County Public Works. Partners also include AAA of Northern California, the City of Oakland Department of Transportation and City of Oakland and Alameda County Public Works.



THE ORIGINAL 14 SAFETY PATROL **SCHOOLS**

- Claremont Junior High
- Frick High School
- Lockwood
- Maxwell Park
- Woodrow Wilson
- Hamilton
- Emerson
- Washington
- Lakeview
- St. Elizabeth's
- St. Augustine's
- St. Francis De Sales
- Golden Gate
- Oakland Elementary

AND TODAY...

Safety Patrol is proud to be under the umbrella of the Department of Transportation. The new leadership team created a new Pledge of Service (see page 64) along with fresh ideas on how to update the vision of the program. Many changes have already taken place and have proven to be big improvements in how Safety Patrol is organized and supported. Also, a new mentorship program has arrisen that allows former patrollers to train new patrollers, creating mentorship opportunities and extra training support.

STEP 1 Creating Partnerships

To begin, the OakDOT School Traffic Safety Supervisor convenes a meeting with the school principal, parents, caregivers and other interested community and site staff to design a Traffic Safety Plan (TSP). The TSP defines the best way for everyone to get to school safely whether walking, riding a bike or coming in a car. The TSP also sets the Safety Patrol posts at the school.



"I want my siblings to see me going out to do something important. Same with the younger kids. If you do something right, you do it well, the younger will want to do it too."

Advisors are very much appreciated! They come every day to make sure everyone has the right equipment and to support the students in learning skills and being leaders.

STEP 3 Student Recruitment

Once an advisor is selected, student leaders are recruited. Visits are made class by class and applications are handed out. Applications are signed by parents or caregivers, a teacher and the principal. When the application is turned in, the student is ready to learn how to become a Safety Patrol leader!

STEP 4

Learning and Guidance

Now It's Official! Every month, students learn the guidelines to become an official Safety Patroller. At the first meeting they participate in a swearing in ceremony and receive the AAA uniform. Congratulations Safety Patrollers!









STEP 2 Advisor Recruitment

Safety Patrol advisor recruitment begins. This adult is someone the school can count on to be present every day to make sure the TSP works and that student Safety Patrollers are safe. The Safety Patrol









THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY

2022-2023: A TIME TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A WELL TRAINED PATROLLER.























DROP OFF ZONES

As distracted driving, distracted walking and traffic congestion continue to be factors in the rising amount of pedestrian and cyclist injuries and deaths, the Safety Patrol program provides a comprehensive set of services in and around schools. Data shows that students are not hit by cars in areas patrolled by on-duty, Safety Patrols. Here are the Safety Patrol practices of 2022-2023





n the past, Safety Patrols were focused on pedestrian crossings. They now have an additional focus as more children than ever are driven to school in vehicles. Most of our schools were not designed for and not set up with people power to handle the amount of cars that arrive before and after school. There is not enough parking or curb space for the volume. The drop-off zone was created as an area with restricted parking adjacent to the school entrance. It is coned off and used as a valet drop-off like an airport.

"Safety Patrol" makes such a big difference in calming the morning drop off chaos."





Cafety Patrol students are sta-Divide the time that the time the drop-off zone. They wave each car forward to the zone exit where the post sergeant waits with a stop sign. Students are trained to recognize a car has come to a full and complete stop. Students open the vehicle door and greet the driver with "Good morning!" Once the students have successfully exited the vehicle, the Safety Patroller greets, "Have a nice day" and closes the door as the driver is waved out of the drop off zone.

Occasionally when the driver feels their child is too young to walk to class from the drop-off zone. In this case, a Safety Patroller can be asked for assistance and will gladly escort the child to class so that the driver can move along. They are trained for this level of personal care with the youngest children. The key to these zones is to keep the cars moving. One parked car in the drop-off zone completely thwarts the smooth flow and much of the effort goes to waving the cars forward and through.



PICK UP ZONES

Pick-up zones require orchestration. A few, highly trained platoons employ this measure with grace and ease. Parents and children alike appreciate the extra bit of kindness, attention and maturity, especially after a long day at school.

he zone is clear of parked *"Safety Patrollers"* cars for the puropose of getting the students out to their awaiting transport. School site staff escort students to the designated area where students are matched with their rides. Some Safety Patrol students may be assigned to collect students from the lower grade levels, escort them to the front of the school pick up zone, and assist with getting them to their rides.

Darents and caregivers begin to understand that they will have to circle until their child is available for pick-up. This requires precision on the part of the school as well as full community cooperation. The administration communicates play a key role in reducing stress during our school day. The difference they make during pick up and drop off is palpable. We love and appreciate them."





this system to the families clearly and frequently so that they understand that they cannot park their cars in the flowing pick-up zone.

Tithin a few weeks of operating, the Safety Patrol have become familiar with both the system and the drivers and students. The know which drivers are picking up which students and call out for them as soon as they see the car enter the queue. Some school patrols really have this down to a science and they get the child ready almost before the car enters the pick-up queue. They employ a megaphone to help match students to cars. This can be a fast and easy transition from school to home.

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SERVICES SAFETY PATROL





"I have learned safety first for our community. And being braver. I like to keep our community safe. Safety Patrol has prepared me for the next year."



The original function of Safety Patrol!

The treet crossings are one of the original functions of the Safety Patrol in Oakland. They have become a familiar sight. Students are positioned on all corners of the designated intersection in such a way as to imitate existing stop signs. A trained sergeant runs this post from the best vantage point and blows the whistle once to indicate that the long pole signs are to come down into the street to stop all traffic so children and families can safely cross.

Even at this young age students become experts at traffic flow. They learn to "gate" pedestrians from entering the streets long enough to allow vehicular traffic to dissipate and more pedestrians to assemble. Schools have implemented the gating system in highly trafficked area. It is always amazing to listen to the commanding officer proclaim, "gates up!" over the din of the cars and people then turn to see Safety Patrollers on either side of the street raise their arms to form a gate and stop any further pedestrians from crossing.

Students with signs are also taught to make eye contact with drivers as they hold out their signs. In some schools, Safety Patrols enhance the work being done by OakDOT adult crossing guards.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership development is a key component of the Safety Patrol training from the beginning of the process.

> raining starts with the application process that teaches aspiring patrollers to obtain a formal

recommendation from their parents/caregivers, teacher and principal and show responsibility by submitting their application by the due date. New recruits are sworn in with a pledge and issued a uniform that they are responsible for. Privates are promoted to the office of Sergeant, Sergeants are promoted to Lieutenant. Each Safety Patrol has a Captain as their top commanding officer. These young leaders carry all patrol functions.

Students receive classroom and on-the-job training year-round from their adult Advisor and OakDOT. At monthly meetings, the student Captain leads the

agenda by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Service as they learn civic pride and commitment. The Captain calls each officer in front of the OakDOT Director and their peers to give a status report on their stewardships, recognize obstacles and offer their plan for improvement. These life-long, problem-solving techniques are refined month to month. Student officers also learn to be appreciative and communicative of the students that work under their guidance and thank and commend each other with awards each month. Monthly meetings provide teaching opportunities in which the principal, the OakDOT Director and their adult leaders speak with the students, offer insight, guidance and recognition.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS 2022-2023: OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY!



he usual Directors letter I write focuses on giving much congratulations to all the Safety Patrol teams for a job well done. This letter is all about gratitude and appreciation for a different team. The A-Team from Alameda County. After almost two decades, and multiple Safe Routes to School Grant cycles, the partnership between the City Of Oakland and Alameda County Public Health is coming to a close. After September 30th the program will be implemented and supervised solely by the OakDOT Safe Streets division.

There have been many very important and historic changes that have come out of this inspired collaboration. Together we shared the common goal of introducing, and in some cases bringing back, the program to the under-resourced, and under-served sections of the city. We weathered together, some very difficult and challenging times,









including a prolonged pandemicbased school closure. We collaborated on the development and implementation of an alldigital paperless application and documentation workflow. We've guided this wonderful program through to its 95th year, and for that, this team has earned my lasting respect and admiration. I will miss these partners. I will miss their diligence, creativity and sense of humor. But mostly I will miss working with a group that's been so dedicated, caring, and enthusiastic about the program, and of working with the Safety Patrol Teams down to each individual student. Thank you Rachel, Rafael, Kelly, and Carlos for your magnificent work. It was such a joy to work with you over these many years.

Warmly, **PAUL J. CIROLIA** – OakDOT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2022-2023: GIVING BACK STARTS YOUNG, CREATES AWARENESS AND CHANGES LIVES!



id you know that Community Service is one of the most important aspects of the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol Program? Though a patroller's main task is to provide daily traffic safety services for the school's they attend, the Annual Safety Patrol Community Service provides each team an opportunity to explore something beyond their familiar responsibilities of traffic safety, while reaching out to the greater Oakland community. Over the years many hundreds of





local community projects have been successfully completed, benefiting all of Oakland's diverse demographics, from day care centers to senior homes, from urban clean up to green space gardens. Many projects involve fund-raising with the goal to purchase supplies for first responders, living necessities for the people without housing, and even holiday gifts for young patients in hospital wards. These acts of generosity provide the teams an opportunity give back to their fellow Oaklander's from a place of abundance and gratitude. The pictures on these pages show some of these projects, and their outreach efforts to help make the world a better place.

VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS 2022-2023: OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY!







here is a part of the Safety Patrol recruitment and orientation speech that describes to these young students the constellation of agencies they we will be in partnership with by joining the Oakland School Safety Patrol program.

They are first and foremost, the amazing Oak-DOT traffic engineers. They are the ones who are responsible for improving the roadways, with infrastructure solutions that provide safer streets for all forms of mobility. We have the Alameda County Public Health Department, who, over many years, have secured grant funding to support the creation of school Traffic Safety Plans, and the development and maintenance of each school's Safety Patrol team. Then there is OPD Traffic enforcement and oversight. We also have Safe Routes to School, Transform, and OUSD. But a very special thanks and appreciation goes out to our daily frontline in-the-field partners. They are the OakDOT School Crossing Guards, and the staff members and parent volunteers at the many OUSD schools we serve. All these agencies, programs, and individuals share the same common goal of increased traffic safety.

Through their support and collaboration they help to make the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol program all that much more successful year after year.













MOVIE DAY & ANNUAL AWARDS!

HOSTED BY THE HISTORIC GRAND LAKE THEATRE 2022-2023

This year we gathered together at the movies to celebrate the end of another year, and to honor our teams and supporting adults with awards and applause!





























PRESENTING OAKLAND SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

2022-2023: SEE ALL 14 SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE **OAKLAND SCHOOLS SAFETY PATROL PROGRAM THIS YEAR!**





















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Lieutenant



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4215 LA CRESTA AVENUE

Glenview Elementary "Just Can't Hide That Glenview Pride!"

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Aminah Jackson



Nailah Mahdee













Supply Sergeant Anissa Love







Davion Woodhouse

















THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE



BEST CAPTAIN

CAPTAINS are chosen from among the schools in their area for their exemplary performance leading their patrol throughout the year. They are recognized for their ability to guide, train and inspire their fellow patrollers, and to fulfil their commitment to "be on (their) post faithfully and execute (their) duty to the best of (their) ability". The Captain bears a heavy responsibility of the performance of an entire Safety Patrol. The Captains selected here demonstrated a deep understanding of the Safety Patrol Program and guided their platoons in both word and deed.

AREA I Sydney Chan Chabot Elementary AREA 2 Elly Huang Laurel Elementary



AREA 3 Jada Robinson Acorn Woodland



AREA 2 Eliseo de Leon Global Elementary



AREA 3 Layla Thong Aspire College Academy





THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE

BEST LIEUTENANT

LIEUTENANTS have a complete knowledge of Safety Patrol protocol, and pedestrian safety, and have the responsibility of training sergeants and privates. They are second in command of the patrol. and assumes the duties of the captain in the event of his/her absence. The patrol doesn't miss a beat when they take the helm. They display sound judgement and are wise counsellors to their captain. We salute the following Lieutenants for their efforts.

AREA 3 Nia Redmond Laurel Elementary

AREA I Gus Dawson Cleveland Elementary



AREA 3 Yordy Coto EnCompass



AREA 1 Abigail Rork Glenview Elementary



AREA 3 Bryan Mendoza Esperanza



THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE

BEST SQUAD SERGEANT

SQUAD SERGEANTS are the heavy lifters of the unit and the "front line" of every Safety Patrol. The have their hands full with guiding the squad, maintaining the important equipment and supplies, and keeping up with attendance plus documenting the patrol's performance. The sergeant is the lifeblood of the Safety Patrol unit.

AREA I Clara Kimball Glenview Elementary



AREA 2 Melanie Quintanilla Bridges Elementary









AREA 3 Micah Correa Aspire College Academy





THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE

BEST STAFF SERGEANT

STAFF SERGEANTS are the glue that keeps the Patrol squad together by being aware and documenting every aspect of daily Patrol performance. From keeping attendance, to taking note of vehicles that exhibit disregard for traffic safety, to keeping minutes of monthly meetings, the staff sergeant allows the Captain to understand the patrol's performance and pinpoints areas for improvement. When you see a highly

AREA I Iona Judkins **Glenview Elementary** successful patrol, it is generally because they have a very efficient staff sergeant! The decorated staff sergeants represented here are top examples of exquisite record keeping, organization and communication.

AREA 1 Fira Shkvrchuk **Chabot Elementary**













AREA 3 Lusanahy Pena **EnCompass** Academy





THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE

BEST SUPPLY SERGEANT

SUPPLY SERGEANTS keep track of all the important equipment on site.and report monthly on the quantity and condition of the equipment. They also work with other Safety Patrol officers to ensure that the Supply Room is organized and clean. The decorated Supply Sergeants represented here are truly examples of faithfully attending to all their assignments. They can always be counted on to ensure their platoon has the proper equipment to stay safe.

AREA I Astrid Lopez Hoover Elementary



AREA 3 **Isabel Arrizon Pena** Esperanza





AREA 1 Hatziri Nieva Campuzano La Escuelita Elementary



AREA 2 **Elmer Calmo-Carrillo** Bridges

AREA 3 **Brianna Arias** Acorn Woodland





THE BEST OF THE BEST STUDENTS IN SERVICE



PRIVATES are the entry level point of Safety Patrol. They are the life force of the Platoon. A superior private spends their time learning to follow the rules, learning procedure, doing their assigned job, and preparing themselves to lead once they are promoted. They are punctual and hard working. The following privates demonstrated excellence in their learning and listening skills and fulfilment of duty in this school year.

AREA I Gustavo Saenz Paul Hoover Elementary



AREA 1 Maurissa Pettus Hoover Elementary

AREA 1 Jasper Pietras Chabot Elementary



AREA 2 **Dagobert Mendoza Jeronimo Global Elementary**



AREA 3 Brisa Espinoza Brookfield Elementary



AREA 3 Destiny Haro Brookfield Élementray





CAPTAINS ESSAY WINNERS TOPIC:"All For One and One For All!" The Meaning of Teamwork

1st PLACE: Sydney Frances Chan | CHABOT

Recently, I started training privates to become officers. This was really hard for me because this reminded me that I was going to graduate from Elementary School soon and move to Middle School. Transitions have never been my favorite, and it was hard to let privates be in charge when I usually was. Teamwork comes in many ways, shapes, and forms, so there are many possibilities that you are in the middle of teamwork and you don't even know it. When I was helping the privates learn how to become officers, I wasn't getting anything out of it. I was helping them be the best they could be for the next year when I wouldn't be there. That means that all of my work, time, and energy that went into making these future officers the best they could be, was for nothing. But it wasn't for nothing. It did make a difference. In a way, when I and other officers were teaching these 4th graders, we were helping the future team, and the teams to come after. We were helping the privates, which would become officers, would eventually teach privates of their own, and so on. By helping these future officers, we were helping many generations of safety patrollers to come. I do consider this teamwork because I am helping the Chabot Safety Patrol team in general, not the Safety Patrollers that will be here this year or next year. If you think about each school that has Safety Patrol, each school has a team of Safety Patrollers each year. They are all a team. They are all considered Safety Patrollers, they all did Safety Patrol, just at different times.

2nd Place: Gus Dawson | CLEVELAND

"All for one and one for all!" means to me that everybody is working to help everyone. Everyone is working together like a well-oiled machine. It also means that no one is done until every single person is finished with what they have to do. My platoon really embodies the phrase: if you are finished, then you help someone else. To me the feeling of teamwork is a warm feeling. It feels good to help someone. In my platoon we have a lot of camaraderie. We work hard together, we laugh together, we get yelled at together. We may not be a perfect squad, but everyone is a go-getter. Why is teamwork important? That's how the whole squad works! Without teamwork, everyone would be doing their own things and not protecting the pedestrians! Without teamwork, there would be no laughter and camaraderie! It would be hard to do anything really without the squad. Valet is really hard with only a few people. (I should know! I've been the only person on valet a few times!)

3rd Place: Eliseo de Leon Vargas | GLOBAL FAMILY

Teamwork helps us understand each other because we help each other stay focused. Even though we have a very small platoon and our job is very hard, we're still a team and we can get it done. We are not here to play around. We are here to be a role model to our school by helping people out in the streets and during school. We are Global Family Safety Patrol and we will help our community.

3rd Place: Envy Mcginnis | LA ESCUELITA

As a captain in the safety patrol, teamwork means to me is building a community, pulling together, sticking together, falling together, rising together. When we are sad or upset, we try to lift each other up, not put-downs, not shaming each other. No, it's better to lift people's soul's up than down. Also a part of teamwork is building trust with someone you know, or just met.It has been a pleasure to be in Safety Patrol. It was like a dream come true.











ELRITA LARRY AWARD OF DEDICATION

Elrita Larry was the Safety Patrol coordinator at Brookfield Elementary School for 37 years. She was the epitome of service and dedication. Her patrols were always disciplined and ran flawless meetings which led them to win the Area III Northcut trophy 9 times during her tenure. Ms. Larry would go above and beyond, at times with little support, to ensure her patrols fully participated in all aspects of the Safety Patrol program. She touched the lives of so many Safety Patrollers with her firm, loving example of community service and upstanding citizenry. Ms. Larry retired in 2012. This award honors her spirit of excellence.



STEPHANIE TYRVANEN

Safety Patrol Advisor - Cleveland Elementary



Thank you Stephanie for being such a great Advisor! You consistently go beyond what is required. You have brought a whole new level of dignity, respect, and honesty to this position, and the roll modeling is clearly evident in your incredible student patrollers.

MARK DUNAKIN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mark Dunakin was an Oakland police officer for 18 years. He worked for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office before joining the Oakland Police Department as a patrol officer in 1991. The father of three was a graduate of Chabot College in Hayward. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and worked homicide cases in the criminal investigation division. Sgt. Dunakin later transferred to the traffic division and became a motorcycle officer, a coveted job in many police departments. He attended annual reviews and performed with the motorcycle drill team to the thrill of the students.

MIRANDA ROMO Safety Patrol Advisor – Chabot Elementary



Thank you Miranda for your many years of excellent service and for helping to transform, every week-day morning, from a high volume, congested, communte route, into a calmer, more organized means of safer passage for every member of the community.







STACEY R. PERRY CHAMPION AWARD

Stacey Perry was first assigned to the Safety Patrols on behalf of the Oakland Police Department in 2005. Stacey was a staunch champion of the program and trained over 3,000 Safety Patrol students and adult coordinators during her tenure. She took extra care to ensure that the Patrollers exhibited confidence, strength and to that end, lead by example with firmness, kindness and empathy. Ms. Perry gave and still gives her own personal time and resources to ensure the success of the Safety Patrol program. After her retirement she founded the Step Up, Step Ahead Foundation to support Safety Patrols with special awards and scholarships.





For faithfully leading the effort to ensure that the school community has safe passage to and from school, and who have proven themselves, day in and day out, to be the gold standard for overall traffic safety and patrol performance.

JOHN MILLER



Thank you John for all of your hard work and continuing dedication for over 20 years. You have turned the Glenview Safety Patrol into a Gold Standard Team by which all others can aspire to reach.



Thank you Teresa for your many years of guidance and inspiration. You have the rare talent for seeing the potential in every student. You have fostered some of the finest leaders the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol program has to offer, and for that we are perpetually grateful.

THE GOLDEN BADGE AWARD



Safety Patrol Advisor – Glenview Elementary



For many years, AAA of Northern California has sponsored a Regional and National Patroller of the Year and Advisor of the Year Award Program. This nomination process requires responding to top traffic safety qualifications, skills, and expertise, along with a personal essay that defines their involvement in the Safety Patrol Program. This year the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol won three awards. Here are the outstanding qualities and experience, that fully convinced this years AAA Award Panellist that the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol has some of the best "of the Year"



HONERABLE MENTION PATROLLER OF THE YEAR NIA REDMOND Laurel Elementary

My name is Maybellene Elmore, and I'm a fifth grader at Glenview Elementary. I am also Captain of Glenview's Safety Patrol. It had always been a dream of mine to be on Safety Patrol. My family lives right across the street from the school, so ever since I was a baby, I would watch the Safety Patrollers through my window. I aspired to be one of them.

This year I have learned to turn my bold personality into strong leadership skills. Being in Safety Patrol helped me understand that being a leader is different from being bossy. Instead of yelling commands at other students, I lead by example by showing up on time, being respectful to others, and helping the Glenview community cross the street safely.

In addition, Safety Patrol has taught me that even though I'm captain, we're a team, and my officers and I share the command. We support each other by leading the privates, explaining job duties, and being kind to others. We are there for each other for emotional support as well, because it has been a rough year for Glenview. We lost a staff member and a teacher, which was especially hard after not being together in school for so long during Covid. We spent a lot of time at the beginning of the year remembering how to work together, and I can definitely say that we are now a team.

My favorite part of Safety Patrol is keeping our community safe. I also love to see the smiles on the younger kids' faces when they see the Safety Patrollers falling out.

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR SONIA RUSSELL

Cleveland Elementary



Mr. Miller has been the school's Safety Patrol Advisor consecutively since 2004. I myself have only had the pleasure of working with John and his Glenview Platoon since I became the OPD Director in 2014. From then till now I have worked with many schools citywide and I can say with great confidence that John Miller is one of the best. Mr Miller has played a major role over these past 16 years in creating the type of Safety Patrol "culture" that attracts the younger students to join the Program as soon as they are able. This is the reason that they always start the new year with one of the largest platoons in the city (59 this year, by far the largest). But the more amazing story lies with the "stickto-it-ness" of his platoons. Some of the most important values of the program, that can directly affect the issues of leadership and public safety, are dedication, reliability, and commitment. Year over year those large platoon numbers have remained steady throughout, with very few, if any, resignations. I believe Mr. Miller has consistently mirrored these values for his young student patrollers, and in turn has helped to cement the continued success, and superlative performance, of the Glenview Safety Patrol. Over the many decades of service, the Glenview Elementary Safety Patrol, its' many patrollers and its' amazing Advisor, have been the very definition of dedication. This Platoon has won numerous awards over the years for their street performance, meeting etiquette, leadership skills, role modeling, and efforts that keep their fellow students and their families safe arriving and leaving school. Mr. Miller plays no small part in having developed an ongoing platoon of such exceptional patrollers and students.



HONERABLE MENTION IRMA ORTIZ

Hoover Elementary

Ms. Miranda Romo believes strongly in the values of the Safety Patrol Program at her school (where she has been a long standing 4th grade teacher), and in the greater surrounding community. She is in constant communication with the other faculty members of her school regarding her patrollers, and her expectations for them in their classroom, as well as when they are on patrol. Each school year, Mrs. Romo oversees communicating to the new families about the traffic regulations, and the role of the Chabot Safety Patrol Program to include the crosswalk monitoring system and the drop off zone in front of the school. Chabot elementary has a very busy intersection, as they are near the various freeway entrances used by commuters. Her platoon monitors two crosswalks, and a drop off zone in front of the school. Mrs. Romo cares deeply about her platoon, and the concept of guiding them to becoming leaders. She meets with her officers monthly to discuss any issues or ideas that her patrollers need to resolve. With over seven years of experience Miranda is easily considered one of the most dedicated Advisors in the Oakland Program. Her objective is to ascertain the success of her patrollers and students, not only in Safety Patrol, but academically as well. She organizes a community service project each year with her platoon, while consistently supporting the participation of the Chabot platoon with the various Oakland Program team and morale boosting events that take place throughout the year. In terms of traffic safety knowledge, dedication to the ideals of the Program, and leadership development skills, Ms. Romo is simply one of the best.



The Northcut Trophies are awarded to the best overall Platoon in each of three Areas across the City of Oakland. The observation and evaluation process begins at the start of each new school year, when the Program Directors make field visits to observe the Platoon's street services, and then again when they schedule to attend the school's monthly Safety Patrol meetings. The grading period culminates with a tally of the stats taken through observation and evaluation paperwork and are numerically averaged among the Program Directors. Choosing which schools will receive this prestigious award is one of the most difficult tasks the Program Directors must complete before the end of each school

here seems to be year. ng schools in every Area. no lack Using both the numbers and our knowledge and experience with the quality of each schools' traffic safety services, it often looks like a "photo finish" race with all racers just inches from each other as they cross the finish line. These three schools, Hoover, Laurel and ACA, worked diligently and they performed extremely well in all evaluation categories. Much gratitude and many congratulations to these three schools for their superlative performance, their dedication to the main objectives of traffic safety, and for being such positive role models for their schools and their communities.

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CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY: Going beyond Teamwork!

leveland Elementary resides in Area I, which has more than fair share of high performing so-called "legacy" schools (meaning many years of consecutive service, super strong Advisor, high traffic safety culture, etc.). So when it comes to the Northcut, it is quite a competitive affair. All the schools in Area I really need to go the extra mile to distinguish themselves from each other. Of course, we all agreed that Cleveland had done so in the awarding of the prestigious trophy, but it was at the after-school Northcut celebration, in a park in Alameda, that I discovered why they stood out and performed so well this past year... It was teamwork! Of course, it is in the pledge, and all successful teams, practice it, but there is a difference between "organized" and " natural" teamwork. In the park that day they were no longer " on duty" but they enjoyed each other's company outside of school in the same positive and caring way they had displayed when on the job and out in service. I also learned that the Captain and her Lieutenants have been good friends since for many years. What better way to build a great team then through the bonds of respect and friendship between the Captain and Lieutenant of the team. But this cohesive connection between a captain and lieutenant cannot alone bring in the Northcut trophy. It requires the great work of the entire team. It seems that high-quality role modeling " from the top" may be the best way to break the finish line tape and guarantee award-winning success.



2022–2023 WINNERS OF THE NORTHCUT TROPHY



GREENLEAF ELEMENTARY: A well oiled machine!

Il hail, Greenleaf Elementary! In the past 10 years, including this one, Greenleaf has won the Northcut trophy seven times. Six of them in Area III, and this year, (with some redistricting required to help balance out the list of schools per area), they competed for the first time under Area II. The reasons they have dominated the Northcut competition are too numerous to name. They have moved from a "legacy" school to a "dynasty" school. They have participated consecutively in the program for over a dozen years, and they have had the same exceptional Advisor for the past 10. They are a K through 8 school, and they use the experience training and knowledge of the upper classmates who have been Patrollers to better prepare and support their new recruits. They work multiple posts, and both morning and afternoon bells. The posts that they patrol for traffic safety are on some of the most difficult roadways one can find in the city. The concepts of traffic safety are deeply embedded into the culture of the school, made evident by the many adult volunteers, who support the program of these fine young students. Whenever I am out there, observing the Greenleaf team in action, I see a well oiled machine, and it provides such comfort, knowing that Greenleaf Elementary is out in-service, just taking care of the business of traffic safety. For their school and for the greater community

ASPIRE COLLEGE ACADEMY: Inspired and motivated!

ongratulations to Aspire College Academy! This is the second time that they have been awarded the Northcut trophy. The second year in a row for being the best Safety Patrol team in Area III. Being the best seems to have come naturally for ACA. They formed their first team only a few years back, but right off the bat, they looked to be Northcut material. Year over year they have had very motivated and well-respected Advisers. Their teams have been comprised of excellent officers of all ranks, consistently role modeling leadership skills to each other, and to their classmates. Each year ACA has been putting together squads that have been highly dedicated to the SP Pledge of Service, and into the good work of increasing traffic safety for their school and the surrounding community. This year they out did themselves when the need arose for them to create and implement, in the middle of the school year, a completely new afternoon valet pickup system. I believe that the beloved Advisor, Ms. Campbell, will be returning in the next school year, along with some of the younger students being promoted into officer classifications. Can ACA produce another Northcut award winning team in the 2023/24 school year? I wouldn't bet against it.



THE SAFETY PATROL PLEDGE OF SERVICE

I promise to provide safe streets for my fellow schoolmates And to follow the guidance and instructions Issued by



The Department of Transportation The School Principal **The Program Directors** And the Program Advisor

> I will be on time To take my post Faithfully And to perform my services To the best of my abilities

I Pledge to lead by example And to be a role model of Respect, **Responsibility, and Teamwork** With Honor and Trust For my school And for the greater community















WINNERS HISTORY OF THE NORTHCUT TROPHY

Area III

Area I Past Winners

985	Kaiser
986	Peralta
987	Lincoln
988	Chabot
989	Montclair
990	Crocker Highland
991	Cleveland
992	Bella Vista
993	Prescott
994	Zion Lutheran
995	Kaiser
996	Chabot
997	Bella Vista
998	Chabot
999	Chabot
000	Cleveland
001	Prescott
002	Crocker Highland
003	Prescott
004	Glenview
005	Prescott
006	Glenview
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016	Chabot Chabot
017	Chabot Cleveland
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Area II Past Winners

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Past Winners Markham Lockwood Sobrante Park **Grass Valley** Brookfield **Maxwell Park Maxwell Park** Stonehurst St. Benedict Cox Brookfield Maxwell Park Stonehurst **Grass Valley** Stonehurst **Grass Valley** Allendale Maxwell Park Brookfield Brookfield Stonehurst Brookfield St. Lawrence O'Tool Brookfield Br okfield Brookfield Brookfield Greenleaf Greenleaf Greenleaf Joaquin Miller **Learning Without Limits** Esperanza Greenleaf Greenleaf Greenleaf Aspire College Academy Aspire College Academy



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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE NEXT YEAR!