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Lamorinda Safety Fair, Classic Car Show and Police Motorcycle Competition July 21

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Children check out a Contra Costa County Sheriff's helicopter at last year's fair. Photo Carol Yates

Children can once again enjoy hopping aboard helicopters, sitting in police cars to sound the sirens, and climbing aboard the county's water rescue boat and armored truck at the Lamorinda Safety Fair, hosted by the Lafayette Police Department and Emergency Preparedness Commission, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd. In addition to the Safety Fair, over 50 cars will be on display for the Classic Car Show. The popular Police Motorcycle Competition will also be featured between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and St. Mary's Road will be open to traffic on the day of the event.

Meet your local first responders and see their emergency equipment. Watch police and medical helicopters landing to allow children to inspect and sit on board. See CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) demonstrations, a bicycle rodeo with an obstacle course teaching children how to ride safely, hands on fire extinguisher training with fire department personnel and

East Bay Regional Park District Rangers on horseback. Questions you may have about preparation for an emergency or a safer daily life can be answered by experienced volunteers and personnel from a multitude of agencies such as Red Cross demonstrating the sheltering of residents and pets during a large emergency. CERT members will show you how to secure items in your home for earthquake resistance and demonstrate disaster medical operations and radio communications. An Emergency Personal/Family Cache and Neighborhood Cache is part of the extensive CERT display.

At the Motorcycle Competition, you may meet officers from across the Western United States and Canada who will perform a variety of skills as they compete for first place in various competitions. And the Classic Car Show will have the owners on hand to offer tips to the aficionados on the restoration of classic cars.

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