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There's a new venue for Lamorinda Safety Fair

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An absolute alphabet soup of first responder organizations - and their acronyms - will gather Aug. 5 at Saint Mary's College for the fifth Lamorinda Safety Fair.

East Bay locals can meet police, fire, sheriff's department, park district and emergency preparedness representatives, learn CPR and fire suppression, emergency communications skills, and bike safety. Visitors can watch police motorcycle competitions, look skyward for helicopters from East Bay Regional Parks District, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and REACH air medical services.

And if that's not enough, a classic car show and accompanying cruising music will share an adjacent site.

Kids will get a chance to sit in a helicopter.
Photos Carol Yates

The safety fairs, hosted every second year by the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and

Lamorinda CERT began in 2009 and were held on the grounds of Lafayette's Stanley Middle School. This year's relocation to Saint Mary's College allows more room for exhibits and the police motorcycle competition course and facilitates landing space for helicopters.

"Saint Mary's College was approached by Lafayette Police Department and we were excited to be able to contribute (the venue)," said SMC Chief of Public Safety Adon Tejada.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. except for the motorcycle competition, which is scheduled through 5 p.m. Parking is available in all open lots during the fair, and no permit is required. Helicopter parking, however, may be limited.



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