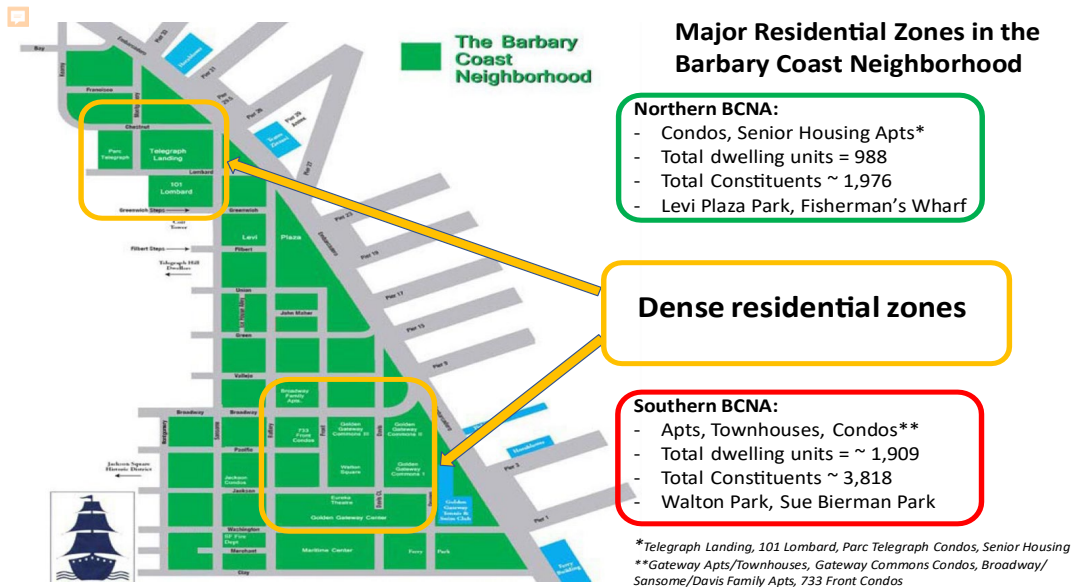


2024-25 BCNA Safety Committee Update: Goals, Actions, Progress

Since 2021, the Safety Committee of the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association (BCNA) has focused on three high level goals — enhance personal security/crime prevention, improve pedestrian safety, and reduce community disruption. <https://www.bcnasf.org/>



BCNA Safety Committee Goals and Priorities in 2024-25

- **Improve Pedestrian Safety:** reckless driving on the Embarcadero, sidewalk safety, motorized scooter hazards, high injury intersections
- **Reduce Community Disruptions:** sideshows, noise-making events, impacts of the new Entertainment Zone ordinance
- **Enhance Personal Safety:** Homeless encampments and sweeps, security camera program, fire hazards

What Is the BCNA Safety Committee?

The Safety Committee members are your neighbors—volunteers dedicated to maintaining the quality of life in the Barbary Coast Neighborhood. Committee members live and work in the Barbary Coast Neighborhood from Bay Street east of Telegraph Hill and Jackson Square to Clay Street. Members are from both the north end, e.g., Telegraph Landing, 101 Lombard, Parc Telegraph, Levi's Plaza—and the south end, e.g., Gateway Apartments & Townhomes, Gateway Commons, 733 Front St, Broadway Cove, and Broadway Family Apartments.

Northern BCNA Members

Barry Shiller (co-chair) - Telegraph Landing
Rishi Misra - 101 Lombard
Raymond Isola – 101 Lombard
Catherine Fallis – Parc Telegraph
Eveline Tarp - Parc Telegraph
Frank Hartigan – Telegraph Landing
Janice Kursky – Telegraph Landing

Merchant Member

Duncan Ley – Harrington's & Calif. Street Cannabis

Southern BCNA Members

Alec Bash (co-chair) - Gateway Tenants Assoc. (GTA)
Stephanie Harrison (communications) - GTA, CPAB
Madeleine Trembley, GTA President
Jonathan Jose – Gateway General Manager
Michele Hennessey - BCNA Board, GTA
Michael Faklis - Broadway Apartments
Jim Seff -B CNA Board, CPAB, Gateway Commons
Margie Jones - 733 Front St HOA
Phyllis Goodman – GTA
Christopher Avant -Broadway Cove

BCNA Safety Plan: Goals, Actions, Progress & Results

GOALS-ACTION-PROGRESS

- *Improve* Pedestrian Safety
 - *Improve* SFMTA Quick Build Projects
 - *Add* Traffic Calming improvements
 - *Add* Motorized scooter regulations
- *Reduce* Community Disruption
 - ↓ Speeding vehicles/Side Shows
 - ↓ Vehicular Noise
 - *Impact* State Legislation (AB645)
- *Extend* Personal Security and Property Crime Programs
 - SF SafeCity Connect Camera Program
 - SFPD/City Ambassador Program
 - ↓ Homeless Encampments

Safety Committee Activities (2024)

- Continue to monitor/improve the QB Projects
- Traffic Calming at Sansome/Broadway
- Motorized Scooter enforcement (support Supervisor Peskin legislation/enforcement efforts)
- Sideshow enforcement (Embarcadero, Ferry Building, Washington St)
- Support use of technology by SFPD (LPR, drones) enacted by state legislation
- Monitor new Entertainment Zone and noise events
- Expand SafeCity ConnectCamera Program Installation
- Pedestrian safety threats at base of Telegraph Hill (landslides to Parc Telegraph)
- Work with community partners—SFPD (CPAB), SFMTA, Neighborhood groups, WalkSF

Improved Pedestrian Safety Actions

- **BCNA Partners:** SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), SF Police Dept. (SFPD), Dept. of Public Works (DPW), Walk SF, District 3 (D3) Supervisor Danny Sauter

Speed Cameras

Committee members have urged the SFPD to add speed cameras in the Barbary Coast neighborhood and perimeter. The SFMTA has found that drivers on our streets often drive more than 10 miles above the speed limit.

- Three of the 99 speed cameras are installed within the North Beach™, the Barbary Coast. Neighborhood: *Broadway between Powell & Stockton, Columbus between Lombard & Greenwich, and The Embarcadero between Green & Battery.*

License Plate Reading Cameras (LPR)

San Francisco will install roughly 100 license plate reader cameras in 2025. Committee members urged SFPD Central Station Captain Eric Kim to advocate for a license plate reader camera at The Embarcadero & Washington. This was the site of outsized ‘sideshows’, once including a burning car in the middle of the circling cars.

- *A LPR camera will be installed at the intersection of The Embarcadero™, Washington.*

High Injury Intersection Traffic Calming

Following two serious crashes in 2022 in which Barbary Coast neighbors were hit by cars turning left into a crosswalk with the walk sign, the Committee asked the SFMTA for turn calming infrastructure at the western crosswalks of Broadway at Sansome and Vallejo at Columbus. Both these intersections are in the high injury network mapped out by [San Francisco’s Vision Zero program](#) - an initiative to end pedestrian fatalities on the city’s streets.ⁱ The SFMTA committed to screening these corners for turn calming treatment in January 2024.

The Committee continues to push for screening results and deployment of the infrastructure in the neighborhood.

- *Due to the efforts of Safety Committee co-chair Rishi Misra, SFMTA/DPW has installed Crosswalk Warning Bumps at the Sansome™.Broadway intersection.*
- *Previously, SFMT–DPW installed traffic calming bollards on Jackson at Drumm Street and Daylighting spaces at the Jackson/Davis St/Davis Ct intersections. See this and earlier efforts at <https://www.bcnasf.org/bcna-safety-initiatives-produce-results/>*

Sidewalk Safety—Broken sidewalks & curbs; Battery-powered Vehicles

- **Battery Powered Vehicles: Scooters**

Rented electric scooters have warning stickers requiring riders not to use sidewalks and to wear a helmet. More than 3,000 racks were installed since the beginning of scooter permit program in 2018 with 11,000 bike racks available for scooter parking. The BCNA had discussed scooter sidewalk-riding issues with former District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who introduced and supported several regulations for electric scooters and other mobility devicesⁱⁱ

- BCNA Safety Committee worked with former Supervisor Peskin and Walk SF in support of scooter safety ordinances at the City and State levels.

- **Broken & Uneven Sidewalks**

Most of our Barbary Coast neighborhood is on landfill with numerous street trees, and tree roots seem the main perpetrator of broken sidewalks. The City has taken some steps to mitigate the problem with the DPW spray-painting the edges of uneven pavement with later DPW work crews grinding the pavement flat. In severe cases, sections of the sidewalks must be replaced.

- *BCNA is surveying and will be reporting unsafe sidewalks to DPW, and all residents are encouraged to report unsafe sidewalks with the City's 311 app. See how to make a report at <https://www.bcnasf.org/311sf/>*

Reducing Community Disruption Action

- **BCNA Partners:** SFPD, SF Port, SF Recreation & Park Dept. (Rec Park,), DowntownSF Partnership, private event managers, Entertainment Commission, community leaders, D3 Supervisor

Sideshows

Committee members have pressed the SFPD to deal with sideshows on The Embarcadero. SFPD has a unit dedicated to responding to and investigating stunt driving events, an ongoing challenge posing a danger to residents in and around the Bay Area.

At documented stunt driving incidents around the city, officers develop a plan and ultimately flush the vehicles out of the locations while limiting citizens from getting in harm's way. With evidence collected by officers on scene, security cameras and drones, investigators follow up on the cases, The vehicles involved in some past stunt driving events were located, seized, and impounded with a mandatory 30-day hold.

- *The Committee has a history of working with the SFPD on addressing side shows in the Barbary Coast Neighborhood. See the successful results of Central Station Captain Ng's efforts to address Sideshows in the northern BCNA neighborhood at this [LINK](#) (April 2021)*
- *As sideshow groups increasingly use social media and technology, the Committee has supported SFPD use of drones and efforts by the SFPD's Stunt Driving Response Unit (SDRU)ⁱⁱⁱ.*

San Francisco Police's Drone Program for Crime Prevention

The passage of California Prop. E (March 2024) cleared the way for the SFPD to use drones, while still requiring SF Board of Supervisor approval. Thanks to former D3 Supervisor Peskin with support from the BCNA, the City passed an ordinance last September to conform to state law. Since its initiation earlier this year, the program has focused on several key areas, including **rapid response to incidents, surveillance, and evidence collection**, and has **proven to be an effective tool in enhancing law enforcement** efforts and improving public safety.^{iv}

Noise Disruption: Front Street Entertainment Zone, Rave & Other Community Events, and More

A surge of noise-making events occurred this past summer to “revitalize the downtown”. Starting in late 2023, various events were planned by private entities (e.g., evening street food/music such as Bhangra & Beats), the DowntownSF Partnership (e.g., Leidesdorf Plaza, and Let’s Glow events) followed by multiple events starting in Spring 2024 sponsored by Rec Park, the SF Port/Ferry Building, and additional private-public sponsored events in Sue Bierman Park, the Embarcadero Plaza, Ferry Plaza, and the newly formed Front Street Entertainment Zone. But the planning missed those living near these events, especially the residents of the Gateway Apartments and Commons (approximately 5-6,000 people).

- *GTA.Safety.Committee.surveyed.Gateway.Apartment.tenants.and.management after a few of the summer events—a rave at the Embarcadero Plaza, Banghra & Beats on Clay Street, and Shakespeare in the (Sue Bierman) Park—reporting that they were unable to work or sleep during these events. Residents of the Gateway Apartments and Commons reported noise disturbance as far away as Treasure Island (an all-day music festival)!*

While we support these events for their proximity and the enjoyment of all, the Committee reached out to event organizers to find solutions for Gateway residents. Notably, the majority of event organizers had no idea that “so many people live in this area of downtown”!

Last September-October, meetings were organized by former Supervisor Peskin’s office with the City (Entertainment Commission Executive Director Maggie Weiland), the DowntownSF Partnership (Claude Imbault) and Rec Park. Meetings were productive with the following agreements planned:

- *The Entertainment.Commission.will.alert.event.sponsors.to.consider.noise.mitigation for events in Embarcadero Plaza and the Downtown SF area and alert the BCNA/GTA to the locations for events in these areas so.that.residents.can.use.the.977.reporting.app.in.real_time.*
- *Additional contacts were established with Rec.Park;?the.Embarcadero.Bricks.project.(at.Embarcadero.Plaza)?and.other.event.sponsors.to.request.adjustments.to.their.sound.levels and to reposition their stages and speakers so that the sound carries away from the Gateway.*
- *BCNA–GTA.are.coordinating.a.contact.list.of.people.committed.to.working.together to find a balance of entertainment options in close proximity without upending the quiet and livability of the 5000 plus residents in the Gateway area of the Barbary Coast neighborhood.*

There may be other situations of disruptive noise. Any use of amplified sound on non-residential property requires a permit^v. Any use of amplified sound without a permit should be reported to SFPD.

Enhancing Personal Safety Action

- **BCNA Partners:** SFPD (Captain Central Station, Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), Community Meetings), SF Port, DowntownSF Partnership, City Homeless services, SafeCity Connect Camera program, community leaders, D3 Supervisor

Although many crimes are down in our neighborhood and across the City due to measures implemented by City agencies and SFPD, we are experiencing continuing problems and some new ones that threaten

personal safety and security. See the 2023 Safety Committee report, dedicated to **personal safety goals and action at this link:** <https://www.bcnasf.org/personal-safety/>

Battery Powered Vehicles and Fire Hazards

Two neighborhood events in recent years sparked interest in personal safety due to fire hazards—an apartment fire caused by a candle and a second fire caused by multiple electric scooters plugged into one outlet on an apartment deck. Committee members consulted a San Francisco Firefighter about how to address these new types of fire hazards from Lithium-ion batteries. SFFD made a number of recommendations for educating our community, including having regular community events. **One key message:** Verify that your lithium-ion battery powered device (big or small) is Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved, you are using the device as directed, and using with the correct battery charger.

- *BCNA Safety Committee & the GTA Safety Committee co-sponsored a 8_hr.interactive.workshop. led.by.the.SFFD; See description of this successful event at <https://www.bcnasf.org/fire-safety-workshop/> (Jan 2024). Thanks go to Phyllis Goodman for organizing a very informative session!*

Integrated Crime Prevention Camera Program Implementation

The SF Safe Camera Program, now managed by [SafeCity Connect](#), provided and installed integrated surveillance cameras to communities in its network, including the Gateway area. Phase I was completed for streets alongside the Gateway as well as parts of Sydney Walton Square managed by The Gateway. Notably, video feed from these high resolution cameras has been used to solve some crimes in the southern part of the neighborhood (e.g., sideshows on the Embarcadero and Washington Streets). SafeCity Connect has been a pioneer in the field of integrated private/public camera installations that work with communities and police for crime detection and prevention (e.g., Oakland and LA).

- *BCNA continues to work with SafeCity Connect and property owners to implement.the.remaining. camera.installations.around.Walton.Square?particularly.on.Davis?Front.St.to.Vallejo street.*

Homeless Encampments

Two homeless encampments—one in the northern neighborhood (Parc Telegraph) and one in the southern Barbary Coast neighborhood (Davis Street)—created longstanding safety threats to neighbors. Because of the federal injunction last year against homeless sweeps, there seemed to be little that could be done to remove burgeoning tents on Davis Street (between Washington & Clay Streets) next to the Gateway Apartments or the precarious tent encampment perched cliffside of Telegraph Hill (with men not only threatening people but throwing rocks near the Parc Telegraph entryway).

- *BCNA.Safety.Committee.coordinated.the.efforts.by.Gateway.residents (thanks go to Jay Ernst and GTA and Central Station Homeless Outreach Officers with help from former Supervisor Peskin to finally get help for some of the Davis Street tent campers and to remove the encampment.*
- *The.Telegraph.Hill.encampment.was.more.complicated?requiring.coordination.of.three. agencies (SFPD, Rec Park, and Emergency Services). Former Supervisor Peskin helped resolve this, with Committee member Catherine Fallis working with the Telegraph Hill gardener to provide the eyes, ears and data to report incidents to the right authorities. Our neighborhood efforts were successful well before the removal of the federal injunction.*

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the City could deal more directly with encampments of the unhoused in public spaces, as described in the San Francisco Standard <https://sfstandard.com/opinion/2024/08/17/london-breed-ultimatum/>. Former Mayor Breed reported that the City could not just let people remain in tents, and that when the City offers help as an option, that option must be taken and police officers will enforce City laws.

Impact of the Homeless Sweeps & Coordinating Homeless Services

Following the Mayor's sweeps, many new unhoused people seemed to be in the neighborhood—some searching for food in garbage cans, others aggressively stealing from Starbucks (now closed) and Safeway and threatening employees and customers. These people are using drugs openly and appear mentally unwell, drugged and uncommunicative. Starbucks and Safeway employees were being regularly harassed (and in some cases attacked; see incidents below) and some customers are fearful.

Previously, Central Station had two Homeless Outreach Officers with Officer Collins assigned to our area. Officer Collins was available to help the manager at Starbucks and the neighborhood to get help for our unhoused neighbors who were able to receive help.

- Officer Collins could get the City's Homeless Outreach Team to connect people with health and social services, and the **BCNA partnered with [North Beach Citizens](#) to help 12+ unhoused neighbors find homes and services.**

Unfortunately for our neighborhood, SFPD Chief Scott ruled that all SFPD Homeless Outreach Officers are currently centralized and deployed by a new central office. This affects our neighborhood a lot!

- *BCNA was quoted in an article by the SF Standard about how neighborhood associations are not being consulted or informed about major decisions affecting our communities.*
<https://sfstandard.com/2024/08/23/san-francisco-homeless-complaints-spike-after-sweeps-ruling/>
Neighborhoods can be helpful to the success of the Mayor's plans but only if they communicate PRIOR to any edicts. As SF ushers in a new mayor and a new D3 Supervisor, BCNA may want to prepare neighborhood-specific recommendations related to public safety.

The BCNA continues to work with Capt. Kim and the Assistant DA assigned to Central Station to deal with any severely mentally ill, drug-addicted aggressive people coming into our neighborhood.

- *Both the Gateway Tenants Association and BCNA are collecting data on incidents and have been working with Central Station officers to coordinate efforts of SFPD's [Healthy Street Operations Center \(HSOC\)](#), Homeless Outreach and other City services;* Although there have been successes to help some people (approx. 10-15), we continue to see new faces turn up with attacks on employees.

What can neighbors do:

The Barbary Coast Neighborhood community can help mitigate these safety threats by:

- Keep up to date on neighborhood safety issues and threats—
 - Check out past Safety Committee articles and get more information on safety threats and issues^{vi}
 - Join the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association (www.bcnasf.org/membership) to support your volunteer Safety Committee 😊
- Report incidents to 911 if you or others are in danger or feel threatened
- Report other types of incidents that impact personal safety to 311 (Read about how to use 311 at <https://www.bcnasf.org/311sf/>)
- Be the eyes and ears of our neighborhood—talk to your neighbors and local businesses about their experience—Report incidents to the BCNA Safety Committee as we track and report incidents that occur in the area

END NOTES & Links to BCNA Safety Committee Articles

ⁱ Results from [Portland Oregon](#), along with [New York City](#), and the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#), indicate that **left turn calming infrastructure improves pedestrian safety** by preventing crashes and lessening their severity when they occur. The difference between a car hitting a pedestrian at 5 – 10 mph vs 15 – 30 mph can be the difference between bumps and bruises and severe life-changing injury or death. This infrastructure is widely deployed in major cities like New York and is a contributing factor to the reduction in pedestrian fatalities that the city has seen over the decades. In 1990, 366 pedestrians were killed in New York City by drivers, and recent years have been roughly one-third of that.

ⁱⁱ Former Supervisor Peskin first became involved in improving battery-operated vehicle safety when a fire broke out in the Gateway Apartments & Townhomes in 2018.

ⁱⁱⁱ The **SFPD Stunt Driving Response Unit** is a group of officers from the Traffic Company and Special Operations Bureau that responds to illegal stunt driving events. The unit develops plans to flush out vehicles from stunt driving events while keeping citizens safe.

The SFPD encourages the public to report stunt driving events by calling 911 in an emergency or 1-415-553-0123 in a non-emergency. Tips can also be submitted to the SFPD Tip Line at 1 (415) 575-4444 or by texting TIP411 and beginning the message with SFPD.

The SFPD created the Stunt Driving Response Unit in 2020. The term "stunt car driving" is used by the SFPD to describe illegal sideshow events, which are also known as sideshows. The SFPD chose this term to avoid stigmatizing the Latino community, where the term "sideshow" may have originated.

In August 2024, former Mayor London Breed and District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey announced new rules to crack down on illegal stunt driving events. The new rules include making it a misdemeanor to promote or gather for a sideshow or dirt bike event

^{iv} Notable successes to illegal stunt driving include:

- **Response Times:** The average response time for initial situational assessment has decreased from approximately 10 minutes to about 3 minutes, allowing officers to make informed decisions more quickly.
- **Crime Resolution Rates:** There has been a reported 25% increase in successful case resolutions attributed to drone surveillance by collecting critical evidence and leading to convictions.
- **Gang Activity Reduction:** SFPD has seen a 20% decrease in gang-related incidents in areas monitored by drones allowing officers to identify and intervene in gang activities more effectively.
- **Search and Rescue Operations:** Drones have played a vital role in search and rescue missions, particularly in large parks and remote areas (e.g., Located a missing person in Golden Gate Park, and successful recovering within two hours of deployment).
- **Event Surveillance:** During major public events, drones are deployed to manage crowds and enhance security. In a recent festival, drone surveillance contributed to the prevention of three potential incidents of violence, with officers able to intervene swiftly based on aerial footage.
- **Traffic Monitoring:** Drones helped redirect traffic in real-time, reducing congestion by 30% during a recent marathon event.
- **Community Engagement Initiatives:** The SFPD has hosted over 10 community forums to educate the public about drone use, which has helped address privacy concerns and foster community support. Feedback indicates that 80% of attendees felt more informed and supportive of the program.
- **Crime Prevention/Enforcement:** Drone use has been effective in reducing car break-ins, and they hold great promise toward stopping sideshows and even the hordes of loud motorcycles. SFPD are using recently acquired drones to investigate a swarm of dirt bikers (a sub-category of motorcycles, often without license plates) who regularly storm Valencia Street and the Embarcadero, popping wheelies and spinning doughnuts threatening pedestrians.

^v This **noise amplification requirement is set by San Francisco law** (see <https://www.sf.gov/get-entertainment-permit-your-outdoor-event>). The section of this website that specifies that a permit is REQUIRED for any use of amplified sound reads as follows:

1. [See if you need a permit](#)

You must have this permit to hold an outdoor event with entertainment or amplified sound on:

- a city street
- a city sidewalk
- private property, like a business's patio or parking lot.

Here are examples of activities that require this permit:

- Live music like a band or DJ
- Theater, comedy or dance performance
- Fashion show
- Amplified speech
- Amplified sound without a performer, like pre-recorded music or sound on a patio
- Film/TV screening with amplified sound

2. [This permit is not for the following:](#)

- Activity on SF Recreation and Parks Department (Golden Gate Park or Dolores Park, for example), National Park Service or Presidio Trust property. Submit your request to them directly.
- Street performers or buskers. If you are a musician or performer, you may partner with a business to host your performance, but that business must be the one to apply for the One Time Outdoor Event permit.
- Activity on residential property.
- You don't need this permit if you already have approval to host outdoor entertainment at a permitted Place of Entertainment (POE) or Limited Live Performance (LLP) premises.

^{vi} **Check out all BCNA Safety Committee articles:**

1. <https://www.bcnasf.org/thanks-to-sfpd-for-safety-enhancements-in-the-neighborhood/> (2021)
 - Update on SFPD action: Pier 27 side shows, Embarcadero speeding/noise, and motorized scooters
 - Establish Neighborhood Safety Plan: Pedestrian Safety & Community Disruption
2. <https://www.bcnasf.org/bcna-safety-initiatives-produce-results/> (Dec 2021)
 - Follow-up on SDRU (Stunt Driving Response Unit) activities from Capt. Ng
 - Progress on SFMTA Pedestrian Safety Improvements (Sansome-Battery-Davis-Jackson-Drumm QB-I)
3. <https://www.bcnasf.org/what-is-bcna-doing-about-safety/> (Aug 2022)
 - Report on community leaders meeting on increasing violence and serious threats to personal safety including expanded Action Plan
4. <https://www.bcnasf.org/safety-initiatives/> (March 2023)
 - Presentation of BCNA Safety Initiative Goals-Action-Updates to D3 Supervisor Peskin and Captain Farmer at a community forum (2/1/2023).
5. <https://www.bcnasf.org/battery-street-bikeway> (April 2023)
 - BCNA achieves changes to improve pedestrian safety on dual-lane Battery Street bikeway
6. <https://www.bcnasf.org/personal-safety/> (July 2023)
 - BCNA Safety Committee reports on Safety Action Plan results, updates and what all neighbors can do to improve personal and public safety
7. <https://www.bcnasf.org/meet-our-new-sfpd-captain/> (Feb 2024)
 - New Central Station Captain Eric Kim meets with BCNA Safety Committee
8. <https://www.bcnasf.org/311sf/> (April 2024)
 - What you can do: How to use the SF311 mobile app to report neighborhood nuisances and request street/sidewalk cleaning, repairs and more.

And For More Details about Safety Threats and Issues:

More information on speed cameras:

- <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/map-here-s-s-f-plans-install-33-new-speed-18978995.php>

More information on drones

- see <https://sfstandard.com/2024/09/16/san-francisco-police-bought-drones-illegally-emails-warned/>).

More information on Sideshows

- <https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/news/sfpd-seizes-multiple-vehicles-involved-recent-stunt-driving>

More information on Motorized Vehicles & Scooter Regulations

- <https://www.sfmata.com/scooter-safety-campaign-2023>
- <https://walksf.org/2018/06/28/walk-san-francisco-stands-up-for-sidewalks/>
- <https://www.kqed.org/news/11978862/sf-enforces-stricter-rules-for-batteries-in-electric-bikes-scooters-amid-rising-fire-concerns> (Oct 2024)
- <https://www.mesrianilaw.com/blog/california-electric-scooter-laws/>

More Information on Fire Hazards and Battery-powered vehicles/devices

- <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/alarming-rise-of-fire-incidents-from-lithium-ion-batteries-inspires-take-charge-campaign-301989717.html>
- <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/prevent-fires/batteries/>
- <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/demand-e-bikes-fuels-alarming-rise-lithium-ion-battery-fires>

More information on Noise regulations related to outdoor amplified sound in SF

- <https://www.sf.gov/departments/city-administrator/entertainment-commission>
- <https://www.sf.gov/information/entertainment-rules-and-notice>
- <https://www.sf.gov/information/good-neighbor-policy> (RULES for Sponsors)
- https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san_francisco/latest/sf_police/0-0-0-49334 (SFPD Code, SEC. 1060.16. OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND REGULATIONS)

Outdoor use of any sound amplifying equipment, whether truck-mounted or otherwise, within the City and County of San Francisco, is subject to the following regulations:

- Sound amplifying equipment may be operated only between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm. In some cases, the Entertainment Commission may approve use of sound amplifying equipment prior to 9:00 am or after 10:00 pm at its own discretion. A public hearing may be required.
- No amplified sound may occur outside of the times and locations that the Entertainment Commission has approved for your event.
- **The volume of sound must be controlled so that it's not audible more than 250 feet from the furthest attending audience member.**
- Amplified sound may not be unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring or disturbing to persons with normal sensitivities within the area of audibility.