

Kiwanis Safety City Mission Statement

- Teach life-saving skills that will protect children into adulthood;
- Provide hands-on, real-world experiences that will help them handle emergency situations and prevent accidental injuries;
- Help them understand their environment and their responsibilities in society, so they grow up to be healthy, knowledgeable and safe adults.

Vision for SAFETY CITY

Future phases of Kiwanis Safety City will include a Fire House. The Fire House will be designed to look like a typical home from the outside but will have special features on the inside. Doors will become warm to simulate fire on the other side; a smoke generator will produce non-toxic smoke; and a working smoke detector system are just some of the features conceptualized for the Fire House.

Get Involved!

Kiwanis Safety City is a community project. Funding is dependent upon voluntary contributions toward construction and operating costs. Future phases are dependent upon donations. Businesses and individuals can sponsor a building and have a name and/or logo displayed.

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville and the City of Gainesville are committed to the community in support of this project, and it is hoped that local businesses, organizations, community groups and individuals will also join in support of our efforts to educate about fire and life safety and keep residents safe.

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SAFETY CITY

a partnership between
Gainesville Fire Rescue
and
Kiwanis of Gainesville



Prevention through Education

Kiwinis Safety City

Is a teaching tool for pre-K, Head Start, kindergarten, home school, elementary, middle school and high school students, adults and seniors.



Emphasizes the importance on controlling preventable injuries — the number one killer of children.



Is a venue where everyone can learn fire and life safety through hands-on experience and the latest technology.



Preparation Prior to a Visit

Teachers receive lesson material, activities and assessments to teach before and after their visit.

Priceless Information

Each “graduate” receives a diploma and invaluable safety information to take home.

History

The planning for Kiwanis Safety City began in 1996. What you see today is the culmination of over 10 years of planning, fundraising, building and curriculum development. Site construction at Kiwanis Safety City began Jan. 11, 2001. Safety City is located near the Gainesville Fire Rescue Administration building located at 1025 NE 13th St., Gainesville, Fla.

Teaching Stations

1. The **City Hall/Fire Station** is the principal classroom on

site. The building is equipped with audio-visual aids to teach fire safety behaviors. Risk Reduction Specialists teach the dangers associated with fire play, the importance of smoke alarms and escape plans.



2. The **Bike Safety Gas Station** is the center for learning bicycle safety. The building serves as a storage area for bicycles, small electric cars and bike safety gear. The large concrete pad in front of the building will include mock gasoline pumps. Students have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills in a safe, controlled environment.



3. The **Main Street Intersection** is the heart of Kiwanis Safety City. There are functioning traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle lanes and street markings. Students learn to identify the dangers associated with crossing a street and how to properly use crosswalks.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Feb. 27, 2002 to celebrate the grand opening of the first three teaching stations, which was well attended by Kiwanis, Gainesville City and Alachua County officials, Fire Rescue personnel and other City department staff.

4. In September 2002, the **GRU Safety Power Station** was completed on site. Instructors now have a strikingly realistic electrical substation to aid in teaching electrical safety.



5. An Entry Pavilion, known as the **Hope Powell Pavilion**, was constructed by our local Gainesville Fire Rescue firefighters. It serves as the gateway to Kiwanis Safety City. The Hope Powell Pavilion is where students assemble and get ready for their day of learning and fun.

