



PROJECT S.A.F.E

A Call To Action

PCRC to Host How Petaluma Became the Leader of Crisis Intervention in Sonoma County

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In 2020 Petaluma City leaders were tasked with finding a way to provide services designed to assist law enforcement in addressing emergency situations involving mental health, addiction, and homelessness. In response, Petaluma partnered with Petaluma People Services (PPSC), and on July 5, 2021, they launched Specialized Assistance for Everyone (SAFE). A team of civilian first responders are now first to arrive on scene following calls for service for crisis intervention, which have traditionally, (and often unnecessarily) been the purview of law enforcement, emergency medical services and health care providers.

PCRC is set to host a Zoom forum that will focus on this first of its kind program in Sonoma County that is now in its sixth month of operation.

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Venue: Zoom

PCRC will moderate a 7-member panel to discuss the needs, services, activity, impacts and what the city has learned from this program, as well as SAFE's plans moving forward.

That panel will include: Elece Hemple, Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC); Chief Ken Savano, Petaluma Police Department and Petaluma Deputy Police Chief Brian Miller; Manning Walker- SAFE Team Leader; two SAFE Team members; and Jeff Schach, interim Chief for the Petaluma Fire Department,

Petaluma City Manager, Peggy Flynn, will provide a brief overview of Petaluma's SAFE program, which will include how it originated and why it was created.

The Zoom forum will allow for the public to ask questions before, and during the event. Please submit questions to info@petelumacrc.org.

To join PCRC's January 26, 2022 Zoom forum on SAFE:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Also, KPCA will be simulcasting at 103.3 FM, and streaming on KPCA.FM.

PCRC is a nonpartisan alliance of representatives from faith-based and volunteer organizations, city government, and Petaluma residents, who since 2016, engage in continued dialogue, advocating for a shared message of unity.

PCRC's mission is to serve as a coalition of individuals and groups, promoting the values of respect, appreciation and understanding of diversity among all people in our community. By fostering positive human relations, we identify and confront discrimination, respond to the needs of our community, and serve as a source of information and advocacy.

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