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## Plano Receives "Safe Community" Recognition for Third Year

For the third year, the City of Plano has achieved Risk Watch® Safe Community recognition status from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). With this designation, Plano joins a select number of cities and towns across North America and Canada that are dedicated to keeping children safe from unintentional injury.

Since 1998 the Plano Fire Department and Plano Police Department have teamed with Plano Independent School District teachers to teach injury prevention to elementary students in Plano using the Risk Watch curricula. According to NFPA, unintentional injuries including traffic crashes, drownings, fires, burns, choking, poisonings and falls kill more than 5,500 children and permanently disable more than 92,000 annually. In 2006 the NFPA began to recognize communities that were reaching out to children and families to teach injury prevention. Plano was one of the first cities in the United States to receive the Safe Community recognition.

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