

# Save A Life

## WHAT IS THE SAVE-A-LIFE PROGRAM ?

The Save-A-Life Program is a course for at-risk juveniles who have demonstrated a disregard for their own safety and the safety of others by engaging in risky, reckless or violent behavior. The program began as a court-ordered course and it has since been expanded to include any juvenile whose parents or school authorities have indentified him or her as an at-risk youth.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the program is to end unsafe behavior by exposing participants to the harsh consequences of their actions. Through the review of personal tragedies of actual San Mateo County cases, students will have an opportunity to examine their past decisions, to take control over their lives and, ultimately, end their reckless behavior.

## HOW SAVE-A-LIFE WORKS

The participants will begin this program in the classroom. Led by an Investigator from San Mateo County Coroner's Office, the students will learn the vital functions of the office, the purpose of the Save-A-Life Program and discuss the reason they are attending. The course includes actual cases of those who lost their lives due to reckless behavior.

When the classroom portion is over, participants are led to the Pathology Division where they will experience the sights and smells that are common to the Coroner's Office. Students will NOT view an autopsy, however they will be exposed to the other elements of the morgue.

Following the tour, students will be asked to document their experiences and answer questions as to how this course has changed their perspective. They will be asked to complete a "Contract for Change" which will outline the changes they wish to make in their lives. Certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE COURSE

### REFERRAL

Participants must attend the program if the Juvenile Court or Probation Department has referred them. Students referred by their parents or school authorities will need to complete an application. The program is offered to youths between 14 and 22 years of age. Class size will not exceed 10 students. This will provide opportunities for discussion between students and instructors. Although **parents/guardians cannot attend**, students are urged to discuss their reactions, thoughts and "contract for change" with them.

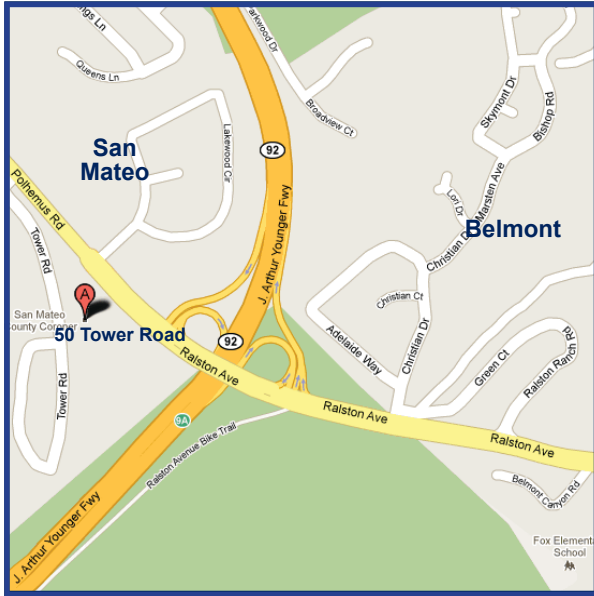
### REGISTRATION

Participants, **under the age of 18, must appear in person with a parent or lawful guardian** to register for the course. Participants, over the age of 18, will not require a guardian to register. Registration will take place at the San Mateo County Coroner's Office at 50 Tower Road in San Mateo, from 8am until 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays). Participants will be required to bring proper identification, a copy of the referral or court order (if applicable), and a \$50 check, money order or exact cash for registration.

**REGISTRATION LOCATION**

**The San Mateo County Coroner's Office  
50 Tower Rd, San Mateo, CA 94402**

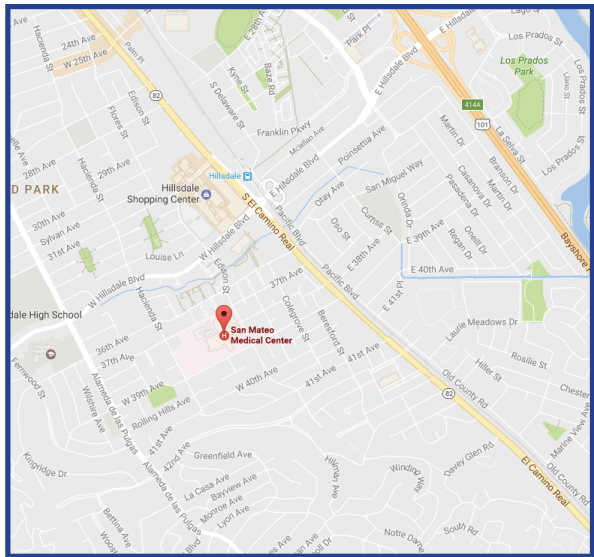
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**CLASS LOCATION**

**San Mateo Medical Center  
222 W 39th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403**

*"Save a Life" class held here.*



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Robert J. Foucrault, Coroner  
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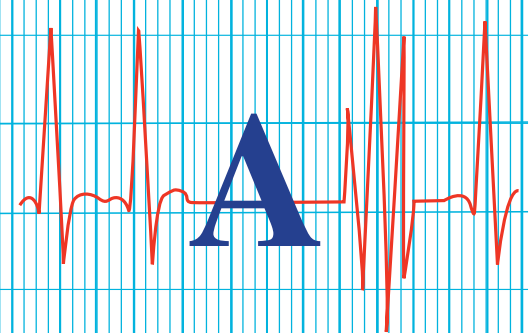
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- San Mateo County Juvenile Courts
- San Mateo County Medical Center
- San Mateo County Juvenile Probation
- Sammut Family Foundation

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