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On the scene: From left: San Francisco Fire Department Lt. Mike Charlton, San Francisco police Capt. Gary Jimenez, firefighter Ted Creighton and police Sgt. Gaetano Caltagirone assist kids in Glide Foundation's reading program.

Kids learn how literacy can keep them safe on the street

San Francisco public safety officials are lending their hand to help children learn about the importance of reading.

Last month, San Francisco police officers and firefighters visited children at the Glide Foundation after-school program for a Hoopoe Books Share Literacy Program read-along.

Alice de Moraes, administrator of the program, said, "The visit by the police officers and firefighters at the Hoopoe Books Share Literacy Program read-along event was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to learn that good reading and thinking skills help keep them street-safe."

Officers in attendance included Lt. Mike Charlton and firefighter Ted Creighton from the fire department, and San Francisco police Capt. Gary Jimenez and Sgt. Gaetano Caltagirone.