

## SAFE Foundation hires grant writer

**T**he Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) has hired a grant writer to assist with funding procurement. In 2007, SAFE engaged a consultant to conduct a funding search for potential opportunities. The results from the search indicate that funds are available from sports entities, foundations, environmental groups and others that value safe athletic fields for all levels of play. Subsequently, SAFE has hired a grant writer who will be actively engaged in pursuing this funding.

# SAFE

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields

SAFE is a 501(c)(3) organization and is the charitable arm of the STMA. It was formed in 2000 to provide funds for research, scholarship and education to help sports turf managers with the challenges of providing safe field conditions for outdoor sports.

SAFE will be funding a three-year traffic tolerance study of grasses for athletic fields through the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP), which will begin in 2009. SAFE also has been funding scholarships in the amount of \$12,500 annually and funding two \$4,000 awards for the winning teams of the STMA Student Challenge. SAFE is an active partner in helping to underwrite STMA's educational resources, such the DVD on

mound-building and home plate maintenance. To find out more about SAFE and how you can help further its efforts, contact Kim Heck, at 1-800-323-3875, or at kheck@STMA.org. ■

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