



## **Annual Report from Safe Community Skovde – Sweden 2009**

Skovde Municipality was redesignated Safe Community in February 2007. In Skovde, it has been many activities during 2009 concentrated in many fields.

### **The Crime Prevention Council in Skövde**

Here are some examples of what the Crime Prevention Council and our partner has been worked with during 2009.

#### **Safe in the City - a project against the violence in the city**

The project has included restaurateurs, police and local authority whos primary target is to be against the violence within and outside the central of Skövde. Some examples of activities are:

- Training in responsible serving
- Regular contacts between serving personal and police
- Reviews of restaurants queues
- Increased presence of police
- Common guidelines for all restaurants

One result is that the tavern-related violence has decreased and the project has now been released to a permanent method of working with these issues.

#### **The City of Light**

The City of Light is a project to demonstrate how to work with outdoor lighting to enhance security. The project aim is to use light both aesthetically and from an energy saving point of view. It has been completed three years in a row and has been much appreciated. Many real estate companies have improved their lighting in residential areas.

#### **Other projects**

Another project is to switch the lighting fixtures. Totally 10 000 light point has been replaced on our streets, cycling och walking paths.

Action has been taken against selling and handling fireworks. The traders get information that describes the rules in Skövde. In recent years the situation has become a lot calmer.

Other measures that can be mentioned are that the police contact all secondary schools and colleges and other groups who works with youth problems.

In parallel with the Crime Prevention Council there are also a program for alcohol, drugs and tobacco issues in Skövde community. The measures include among other things: contracts, campaigning against drugdealing, training for parents etc.

### **Mental health for children and adolscents**

The elementary school has a program how to handle the problems when they occur. The main target is to improve the mental health. A survey is done amongst pupils in secondary school. Lectures are held to enlighten children, parents and teachers in these issues.

### **Safe and secure school**

The School Department has a database with all accidents and near accidents in all schools in Skövde. In all schools there are pupils with a special training to discover hazards in the environment. For pupils between 12 and 16 years old there are a special druginformation program, see above. The pupils can agree not to drink or smoke. This agreement gives them special benefits that are very attractive for kids, like free entrance to sports arenas and cheaper lunches.

There is a special program called Walking Schoolbus. The children walk to school instead of being transported to school in their parents' cars. This aims to improve air quality and there are lesser accidents in the schoolyard.

There is a routine to decontaminate graffiti. All graffiti are photographed and stored in a database. The police can compare different graffiti and discover who scribbles. The graffiti are taken away immediately when it is detected. It is not unusual that when there are graffiti there is crime committed.

The children can take a special bicycle-license to become better cyclists. The license shows that children can do well in traffic and are capable to follow traffic rules.

In each school there are student councils where pupils can influence how they would like to have their school. Amongst other subject they discuss the schoolyards insecure places.

When the children start school they get an older pupil as a mentor. This older pupil helps the newstarter to feel at home and look after him/her so they not are alone.

### **Health Care for Elder**

A security consultant is employed through incentives. The consultant offers preventive home visits to elderly in the municipality, for those who dont have any help from municipality. The elderly who get this offer is 82 to 87 years old. The

elderly get information how to prevent falls and fall accidents.

A security team of the group “FixarMalte” and alarm function has been booted. During their visits to the elderly, they offer to go through a checklist with the elderly. It looks into how to prevent the risks in elderly homes.

Further on the community gives information for pensioners' associations, and municipal venues. And the community participate in Wellness days - information about fall prevention.

The Health Administration's “safety case” has been demonstrated at an EU conference in Norrköping.

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