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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to a tenth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic SC Weekly News will be send from Harstad on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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- **INITIATIVE:** US Roundtable on Community Initiatives
- **CONFERENCE:** The Norwegian National Crime Prevention Council. Bergen, Norway.
- **REPORT:** The 4th Nordic Safe Community Conference -Safecomm Nord 4- Vejle , Denmark.
- **PUBLICATION:** Systematic Reviews of 13 Community-based Interventions, USA.
- **SC CRITERIA:** The Revised Revisions of Safe Community Indicators

The Aspen Institute Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives
<http://www.aspenroundtable.org/>

The Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives was established in 1992 as a forum in which people engaged in the field of comprehensive community initiatives (CCIs)-including foundation sponsors, directors, technical assistance providers, evaluators, and public sector officials-could meet to discuss the lessons that are being learned by initiatives across the country and to work on common problems they are facing.

Comprehensive Community Initiatives (CCIs) are neighborhood-based efforts that seek improved outcomes for individuals and families as well as improvements in neighborhood conditions by working comprehensively across social, economic and physical sectors. Additionally, CCIs operate on the principle that community building -- that is, strengthening institutional capacity at the neighborhood level, enhancing social capital and personal networks, and developing leadership -- is a necessary aspect of the process of transforming distressed neighborhoods.

Documents include...

- Voices from the Field: Learning from the Early Work of Comprehensive Community Initiatives
- New Approaches to Evaluating Community Initiatives, Volume I: Concepts, Methods, and Contexts
- New Approaches to Evaluating Community Initiatives, Volume II: Theory, Measurement, and Analysis
- Measures for Community Research Community Building Resource Exchange

The Norwegian National Crime Prevention Council

www.krad.dep.no

The Norwegian National Crime Prevention Council is established by Royal decree in 1980, and founded by the Ministry of Justice. The council has an annual budget of approx. US\$ 0.5 million and meets three times a year.

Main focus: **Children and youth**

Target areas: -

- ❖ Crime prevention in the school
- ❖ Local strategies
- ❖ Economic Crime
- ❖ Research
- ❖ Information
- ❖ Nordic Co-operation

In October 23-24, The Norwegian National Crime Prevention Council arranged the national conference for communities working with SLT (Co-ordinating local crime and violence prevention activities). The meeting took place at Edvard Grieg Hotel in Bergen, 102 representatives from 56 municipalities participated in the conference.



4th Nordic Safe Community Conference

The summary report on the 4th Nordic Safe Community conference, 21-24 august 2001, Vejle, Denmark is now available at: <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/SafeCommNord4-abstract.pdf>

During the conference recommendations and suggestions for needs in the nearest future were made. These are partially included in the report. A complete recommendations list will be available before Christmas. For more information contact Jens Lauritsen at: safe4@afs.fyns-amt.dk

Systematic reviews of 13 community-based interventions

The American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM), in collaboration with CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services, recently released a special supplement containing systematic reviews of 13 community-based interventions to reduce motor vehicle-related injuries and deaths. The full articles and methods, together with "Commentaries" by the Surgeon General, Ted Miller, MADD, NAGHSR, Novick and Kelter, and Pat Waller-- can be downloaded.

Find this special supplement online at www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/mvsafety.htm

The supplement highlights results from systematic reviews of scientific literature on interventions to decrease alcohol-impaired driving, increase the use of child safety seats, and increase use of safety belts. The Task Force on Community Preventive Services, an independent, nonfederal panel of community health experts, issued recommendations for implementing interventions with demonstrated effectiveness based on the reviews conducted by CDC scientists.

Visit www.thecommunityguide.org for more information about the Community Guide, complete text for each of the supplement articles, brief summaries of the interventions, and Task Force recommendations.

The findings can be used to support or expand local motor vehicle injury prevention programs and to promote the adoption, maintenance, or strengthening of traffic safety laws.

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The Revised Revisions of Safe Community Indicators

A set of proposed Indicators for International Safe Communities submitted to the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion as an outcome from the special seminar to discuss the revision of the 12 indicators for Safe Communities, 24 May 2001 in Anchorage, USA. Available at <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/criteria.htm>

Open for comments until end of March 2002.

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