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

Welcome to the fifteenth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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- **MEETING: Tarffic Safety group in Harstad, Norway**
- **TRAVELLING SEMINAR: Norwegian Safe Community Travelling Seminar, Norway**

Site Visit in Josefstadt, Administrative District of Vienna, Austria

Josefstadt with 24,200 inhabitants, is one of the 8 District of Vienna applies for the Safe Community Membership.

The initiative came from "Sicher Leben" the Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre in Vienna. Now the programme has a strong political support and is financial supported both by the Community Council, Sicher Leben, Insurance Companies and the National Social Insurance company among others. The programme focus much on the elderly and the youth. Josefstadt will serve as a model for the rest of Vienna's Districts.

Moa Sundstrom made the site visit.



L: Dr. Rupert Kissner - Head of Sicher Leben and Ursula Bodich co-ordinating the Travelling seminar in Austria.
 R: Sonja Kinigadner - Project leader in Josefstadt



Balance training for the elderly



Casper theatre - the safety education for the pre-school children at the kindergarten

Harstad traffic safety meeting

The Traffic safety group in Harstad met on Friday 19 April 2002 at The Road office in Harstad to discuss the possibilities for developing the Harstad injury registration system and to digitalize the registration system on the city maps, in order to:

- ❖ use the database as a tool for policy making
- ❖ use the registration data as a tool for planning the prevention activities
- ❖ use the registration data as a tool for planning the construction and roads in Harstad.
- ❖ have a better quality of data collection.
- ❖ have a better access for more users of injury/accident data
- ❖ present a better information on road safety for inhabitants
- ❖ use a Harstad as a model for other communities and regions.
- ❖ evaluate the success of injury prevention activities

Different ideas and alternatives were presented in the meeting, the traffic safety group decided to look more closer into the softwares available in order to have a common system of accident/injury registration for (hospital, police and road office). The pilot project plan will be presented within few months.

Harstad hospital is one of the only two hospitals continuing with injury registration in the country with support from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.



From Left to Right: Yousif Rahim (Safe community project leader Harstad), Hilde Heitman (Adviser at traffic section in Harstad municipality), Steinar Rask (Leader of traffic section in Harstad municipality), Arild Hansen (Leader of traffic section, Harstad Police), Solveig Hansen (District manager, Harstad traffic station), Ole Magnus Ellefsen (Leader for road specialists group, Harstad traffic station), Børge Ytterstad (Surgeon, Ph.D, Harstad hospital).

SAFE COMMUNITY TRAVELLING SEMINAR

2 – 7 June, Norway

(Larvik, Ski, Spydeberg and Fredrikstad)

Norway will host The 15th Safe Community Travelling Seminar on 2-7 June 2002.

The Safe Community Travelling Seminar will be arranged in relation with the inauguration of 4 Norwegian safe communities and designation of The Norwegian Agency for Health and Welfare as The Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre.

The Travelling Seminar will take place in four Norwegian municipalities; Larvik, Fredrikstad, Spydeberg and Ski.

More information on these municipalities are available at their websites:

Larvik www.larvik.kommune.no

Fredrikstad www.fredrikstad.kommune.no

Spydeberg www.spydeberg.kommune.no

The program and application form can be downloaded at:

<http://www.harstad.kommune.no/om-harstad/Safe-Com-eng.htm>

LARVIK IN FOCUS



The Vestfold ending at Mølen in Larvik





All residential quarters has the same maximum speed limit at 30 km. Opening of 30 km traffic signs by mayor of Larvik, police, adolescence adviser and pupil from Eastern Neck school, autumn 2001.



At Torstrand School arranged the "cycling workshop" winter 2001, The cooperation between the local community group and the parents working group.



The WHO designation of Larvik municipality will take place at Herregården in Larvik on 3rd June.



L: 120 municipal playground are examined according to the playground equipment regulations for 5 year ago, since 2001 the politicians has granted kr. 500.000 every year in 4 year to start rearmament of playgrounds. The parking unit in Larvik municipality accomplishing the work.

R: The service man is an initiative started after the network arrangement for preventing fall & fire accidents.

*****NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS*****

The editors must hear from you so that Safe Community Weekly News can effectively serve as a medium of communication for Safe Community Network members, and those whom are interested in injury prevention and Community safety promotion.

We are soliciting contributions from all members who have information relevant to the Safe Community Network. There are a number of specific items we are seeking:

- Information on new designated communities, affiliated centres and their activities;
- Announcement of conferences or seminars in Safe community, injury prevention and related subjects;
- Calls for papers by journals and book editors;
- Announcements of new appointments and promotions;
- Articles describing activities or new initiatives at your community, institution, Centre or firm (perhaps describing your departmental or university programs in safety promotion, discussing new practices, methods, and tools used in Injury prevention and community safety promotion, describing new governmental policy initiatives / programs, and so forth).

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