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

Welcome to the twenty-first 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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### Site Visit in Klepp, Norway



The safety promotion programme in Klepp municipality (14,000 inhabitants) has been financial supported during the 3 year project period by the Social- and Health Ministry in Norway. The Municipality plan from 2002 –2013 has safety promotion as one the focal areas.

The young people has been involved in the safety promotion activities: taken part in the road traffic survey, actions, project work, and involved in the new municipality plan. A biannual Youth Conference has been arranged.

One of the main target of the programme has been prevention of road traffic injuries, which is the second cause of injuries in Klepp. A large number of bicycle tracks has been constructed.



Traffic: example of speed calming measure

The Local registration is a well established electronic record system.

As a part of the international commitment, Klepp is hosting a Conference 19-20 September 2002 "Active and Safe" (language: Nordic) with invited participants from the twin town Mariager in Denmark. During the conference the "ROS" a risk analysis method will be presented, which is used in the safety promotion programme in Klepp.

The community was visited on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2002 by co-ordinator Moa Sundstrom.

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## MESSAGE

Dear Project Leaders of the "Safe Communities"

I have just attended the designation of several Norwegian Safe Communities. During the visits and during the meetings with the local project leaders, I've been stunned by their devotion and their work for being the key person to help the community to become a "Safe Community"

I'm sorry to say, that I have seen it a lot of times before at other designations. People are working their butt off for the community, and when the great night is coming, they are on the brink of crying, totally burned out.

Thus, think!

First of all, think of getting some help, or you will end up like wet towels. Please delegate, please make your boss understand that you need all the help you can get, and:

do not think, that You can be the "one man Salvation Army". Please, believe me, it is better to wait some months becoming a "Safe Community" where You can join, than spending your time at home or in the hospital unable to join the ceremony:

I wish You all good health and that You will die young as late as possible.

**Bo Henricson**

## WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



**HELGE LUND**

Helge Lund born in 240852 in Oslo  
Graduated from medical college at University of Oslo,  
General practice in Røros 1980-1990  
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Municipality physician 1 / Health leader in Os municipality in Østerdalen since 1991.  
Spesialist i allmenmedisin og social medicine.  
Practice lecturer in general and community medicine at university of Oslo, medicine faculty.  
Wrote many articles in Norwegian and international journals on injury registration and injury prevention .  
Participated actively in different injury registration systems.  
He is married and has three children ages ( 26-18 years).  
Hunting, outdoor life, and different ball sports are the main interests of Dr. Lund in addition to the family and work.

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## REGIONAL SEMINAR ON URBAN VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN BRAZIL

On the 10 and 11 of June 2002, Curitiba, the capital of Paraná state, held the Regional Seminar on Urban Violence and Public Health for the Southern region in Brazil, comprising Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and Paraná states.

The meeting discussed regional indexes of urban violence, its impact on public health and some experiences under the epidemiological, political and social points of view. The experiences shared with the audience were:

- ❖ Urgency and emergency network in Paraná state;
- ❖ Porto Alegre - Safe City;
- ❖ Curitiba - Healthy City;
- ❖ Care to women who have been victims of sexual violence - Curitiba;
- ❖ Violence against women - Santa Catarina state's Program;
- ❖ Network of protection of children and adolescents who are victims of violence - Curitiba.

Next, six different working groups debated and proposed about:

- Violence epidemics;
- Violence and urban development;
- Violence and education;
- Violence and public security;
- Urban violence and law; and
- Gender violence.

All groups presented very feasible proposals for violence prevention and control, but they all stressed the importance of the present economic model as the source of exclusion, intolerance and violence.

There will be a total of five regional seminars for the whole country of Brazil, and on December 2002 there will be a national meeting in Brasília, the federal capital, to define the plan to fight this problem on national level.

Porto Alegre - Safe City presentation brought to the light lots of interest and questions about this local experience, like governmental alternatives and people's participation on the project.

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## FOUR YEARS LATER..... UDDEVALLA

Uddevalla is a medium sized community with 49 000 inhabitants situated on the Swedish West Coast. In June 1998 Uddevalla was certified as being a "Safe Community". From 2001 and onwards the co-operation concerning public health work is permanent. A new plan for the public health work (2002) establishes the focus on Safe Community work and Health Promotion activities for children and young people.



The work group for safe elderly looks backwards to a successful Elderly Exhibition and Seminars in April 2002 with over 500 visitors and 40 exhibitors. They also plan for next education for the safety representatives in elderly care and non-government organisation.



If you learn how to ask for a dance, to talk with the girl or boy and take a dance or two... you strengthen your self-confidence. All pupils in the School in Uddevalla year 7,8 and 9 (14-16 years old) learn to dance. We have disco their alcohol of course not is allowed and free bus home from down town after this disco. A work group for crime prevention is in action since more than two years. Another work group has violence against women in focus.



A bicycle-project - to make people choose their bicycles instead of their car for short distances, to wear helmets and to realise the fun of the bicycle riding have been very successful. This is a part of MötT - a unique road transport project including traffic safety, accessibility and the environment impact of the road transport system.

# NORDIC CONFERENCE IN KLEPP, NORWAY

## "Active and Safe"

19 and 20 September 2002  
(Scandinavian language)

The conference will be arranged in Klepp in relation with designation of Klepp as a WHO Safe community on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

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### \*\*\*\*\*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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