



**KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET**  
Department of Public Health Sciences  
*Division of Social Medicine*



**WHO COLLABORATING  
CENTRE**  
ON  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PROMOTION

## SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKLY NEWS

NO. 3  
January 2002

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

Welcome to the third 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?

In this issue:

- **NATIONAL POLICY: Vietnam National Policy on Injury Prevention**
- **CONFERENCE: 11<sup>TH</sup> International Conference on Safe Communities**

\*\*\*\*\*

### VIETNAM NATIONAL POLICY ON INJURY PREVENTION

The Vietnam Government recently ratified the national policy on Injury prevention signed by the Prime Minister. This is probably the first National Policy on Injury Prevention for an Asian Country. The Policy document was signed the 27th of December 2001.

Vietnam National Policy on Injury Prevention has an overall objective: To gradually alleviate different types of accidents and injuries such as traffic accidents, accidents at work, at home, at schools, at public places ... in order to achieve a good effectiveness in securing safety for people's life, Government's properties and people's wealth being to contribute to the sustainable development of the country from a socio-economic and political perspective.

Vietnam National Policy on Injury Prevention has specific objectives:-

- To improve the awareness and responsibility of all institutions, agencies and individuals so that they can change their behaviours and life style accordingly in order to reduce accidents and injuries.
- To implement social mobilization as related to injury prevention to get a sharp attention to injury prevention from the authority and social organizations at all levels and from the entire population.
- To implement strict and timely measures in order to gradually alleviate accidents and injuries, especially serious ones.
- To strive so that injuries and accidents at schools will have reduced by 40%, accidents at work by 30%, accidents at home and community by 30% by 2010 as compared with 2000; the mortality by traffic accidents will have dropped from 14 to 11 victims/10,000 transport means by 2005 and continuing to fall to 9/10,000 transport means by 2010.

You can read the English summary of the Vietnam National Policy on Injury Prevention at <http://www.harstad.kommune.no/om-harstad/Safecom/NEWS/NEWS%20.htm>



This is the Group that leads the Vietnamese National programme for IP/SC (Injury Prevention/Safe Communities) at the Ministry of Health.



The IP/SC programme is headed by Master Luu Hoai Chuan

For more information please contact:  
Injury Prevention & Safe Community Programme in Vietnam  
IP/SC Programme Office, Viet Nam  
Office Address:  
Vietnam Ministry of Health (MoH)  
2th Floor, 138 A Giang Vo Street  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
Office Tel: + 84 - 4 - 846 43 15  
Office Fax: + 84 - 4 - 846 43 15  
E-mail: [ipsc@hn.vnn.vn](mailto:ipsc@hn.vnn.vn)  
Internet: [www.ipsc.org.vn](http://www.ipsc.org.vn)

## **11<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SAFE COMMUNITIES Rainy River District, Ontario, Canada. May 7-9, 2002.**

For information on the 11th International Conference on Safe Communities an initiative of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion and 5th National Conference on Safe Communities, May 7-9, 2002, in the Rainy River District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada, visit Conference website at [www.who2002.com](http://www.who2002.com) or contact Jeannette Cawston, conference coordinator at [jencawston@hotmail.com](mailto:jencawston@hotmail.com)

The planning for the 11th International Conference on Safe Communities has really started to gear up. They are planning many unique events when the delegates come to our community.

Monday, May 6 will be hosting a youth pre-conference day at a First Nations community. This will be for youth, organized by youth, presenters and facilitators are all youth from ages ranging from 18 to 29!

That evening, all of the delegates will travel on coaches to a community fish fry!

Tuesday, May 7, the beginning of the conference opening addresses and of course with concurrent sessions taking place all day long. That evening, a huge community dinner is planned with more opportunity for addresses to delegates and of course local entertainment and dancing!

Wednesday, May 8, Will be a District Travel Day! Delegates may travel by coach to different areas of the entire community to take in different safety events, such as RISKWATCH classes actually being taught in our schools, DARE classes and graduations, Mill Safety Tours, Safe Farm tours and so much more, and of course concurrent sessions.

That evening each community may put on events, or the delegates can return to Fort Frances, (the main conference community and venue) to attend a community Culture-Rama event, Special Events to take place there as well.

Thursday, Concurrent sessions morning and early afternoon. A big closing ceremonies is planned to turn over the flag to the next hosting country! Also, Taking place during the Tues, Wed, and Thurs. concurrently, will be a special YOUTH LINK Production at our Townsend Theatre.

There will be a morning and afternoon show each day. This is a youth workplace health and safety show, with plays and much more! We will also be bringing all of the High School Students from the entire District to see this show as it is not only educational, but is by youth for youth! We also will be including the students from International Falls and Baudette Minnesota, United States, which borders our community.

Many exciting events will take place, too numerous to mention! I will attach one of the demonstrations that will also take place all three days, at the safety show events and exhibitors.

DO NOT MISS the opportunity to participate and get the best experience during the conference, visit conference website at [www.who2002.com](http://www.who2002.com) or contact Jeannette Cawston, conference coordinator at [jencawston@hotmail.com](mailto:jencawston@hotmail.com)



CHALLENGER TRAINING UNIT, It simulates, getting out of a burning home (used for school children and adults) as well it can simulate getting injured people out of confined spaces! It actually originated in our community and now travels all over the country!

\*\*\*\*\*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 or programs, and so forth).

Please send any contributions via e-mail to the editor: Yousif Rahim [yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no](mailto:yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no),

Yousif Rahim  
 project leader "Safe Community"  
 Phone: +47 770 27 017 / 971 44 182  
 Fax: +47 770 27 001  
 E-mail: [yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no](mailto:yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no)

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