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

Welcome to a seventh 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:

- **INAUGURATION:** Alvdal municipality, Norway.
- **CONFERENCE:** From black to white. Røros, Norway.

Alvdal in Norway inaugurated

On the 21st of November in the dark, silent and cold Norway the beautiful municipality of Alvdal was designated as No 62 of the World's Safe Communities - also No 6 of Norway. Many unique features of the program were presented - have a look at the very informative web-site of Alvdal Safe Community! <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/alvdal.htm>



On the picture: Mayor Stein Hoset & Chairman Svein Borkhus are signing the agreement of future work with Professor Leif Svanström of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.

Chimneysweeper in Alvdal

Maybe the most important is the role of the Chimney-sweeper not only responsible for fire protection at peoples home but also active in prevention of all other injuries at home!



In Alvdal the chimneysweeper co-operated voluntarily with the owner of the households. Together they went through the possible dangers in the home. These dangers could be like; fire, chemicals and temperature water heater/boiler.



Conference: From black to white

In connection with designation of Alvdal as a Safe Community, The conference arranged in Røros on November 22 and 23, 2001. Alvdal municipality arranged the conference in co-operation with National Institute of Public Health, The Norwegian Union of Municipal Employees (NKF) and The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS).

The conference held in Quality hotel in Røros, 80 participants actively participated in the conference, representing different communities and state offices from Norway, Sweden and The Faroe islands

The following themes were presented:-

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| ➤ Personal injuries in Røros | Inggard Lereim |
| ➤ Safety works in local and global perspectives | Leif Svanstrøm |
| ➤ Chimneysweeper in prevention work in Alvdal community | Olav Wagenius. |
| ➤ Chimneysweeper is a safety ambassador at homes | Anders Sandberg |
| ➤ Collaboration among voluntaries, specialists and communities | Ingrid Hallan |
| ➤ Injury prevention within changing frames | Reidun Myster Beier |
| ➤ Injury prevention forum | Johan Lund |
| ➤ Risk and vulnerability analyses in every days | Ragnhild Aanestad |
| ➤ But, does it happen in the reality? | Børge Ytterstad |
| ➤ Psycho / social and health which are work related, influence/Children convention | Elisabeth Bramfeld. |
| ➤ Civil defence Union, safety and survival | Ulla Jonsson |
| ➤ We have just started, but we think like this | Roy Haugvik |

*****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).

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