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## SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKLY NEWS

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

Welcome to a eighth 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:

- **WINNER: Paul Kells, Founder of the Safe Communities Foundation, Canada.**
- **SC designation under preparation: Sault Ste Marie, Canada**
- **CONGRATULATIONS: Moreland City Council, Australia.**

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### Paul Kells Founder of the Safe Communities Foundation has won the Order of Ontario

#### ORDER OF ONTARIO RECIPIENTS FOR 2001 ANNOUNCED TORONTO

The names of this year's 27 recipients of the Order of Ontario, the province's highest and most prestigious honour, were released today by the Honourable Hilary M. Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The recipients will be invested in the Order in a black tie ceremony to be held at Queen's Park on **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

The Order of Ontario recognizes and honours those who have enriched the lives of others by attaining the highest standards of excellence and achievement in their respective fields. The award was first presented in 1987. Next week's ceremony will bring the total number of recipients to 321.

This year's recipients were chosen by an advisory council chaired by the Chief Justice of Ontario, the Honourable R. Roy McMurtry.

**Paul Kells, of Toronto**, is one of the winners, he is a tireless advocate for workplace safety, and founder of the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada.

## **Sault Ste. Marie in Canada on it's way to International Safe Community designation!**

The purpose of the Safe Community Partnership Sault Ste. Marie is to make the city and district the safest place to live, work, and play in the world. Community leaders from a variety of businesses, government and social agencies have come together in support of the partnership.

The partnership has developed a business plan that will lead them into the next millenium. Sub-commiteees have formed and are working toward developing and implementing goals that support the overall objectives of the partnership. Members are dedicated to the Safe Community Partnership Sault Ste. Marie and are informing the community of the progress.

The business plan will act as a guide for the Steering Committee as they work toward meeting the goals and the objectives of the partnership. It provides an avenue for continued review of injury data, thereby ensuring delivery of prevention programs that meet the needs of our community.

Review of data from the Northern Health Information Partnership (NHIP), the Sault and Area Hospitals, Sault Ste. Marie Police Service, And WSIB led the committee to focus on the following areas:

**Workplace Injuries** - The focus is to implement the Safe Community Incentive Program (SCIP) in order to reduce Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) claims by 25% and promote safety in 50 small businesses, in the first year of the program.

**Slips, Trips, Falls** - The focus is to implement educational programs aimed at seniors (65+) and children (0-14). Both target groups will be taught ways of reducing the risk of falls.

**Youth** - The focus is to educate youth about making wise decisions through the Heroes program and to teach them about workplace safety through the Young Workers Awareness Program and the Passport Program.

The Safe Community Partnership of Sault Ste. Marie is a progressive injury prevention program aimed at meeting the needs of our community.

For more information visit the Canadian Safe Communities web page <http://www.safesault.ca/communities.htm>

## Congratulations to Moreland City Council

Congratulations to Moreland City Council, and to Fances Grindlay, on the launch this morning by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. Andre Haermeyer, of their community safety plan 2001 to 2004, titled "No Single Answer" . It is an innovative integrated approach to community safety planning. The plan comprises 5 documents, covering:

Policy Framework and Principles

Injury Prevention

Crime Prevention

Road Safety

Drug and Alcohol Plan.

The framework document highlights the WHO approach and criteria, and states that "Moreland City Council is one of the five Australian communities, out of 38 communities that are currently listed as 'Designated Safe Communities under Preparation'. It is anticipated that Moreland will be ready to make an application for full status in 2001/2002".

Things appear to be moving along nicely in community safety at Moreland.

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