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

Welcome to the sixteenth 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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Calgary designated as a Safe Community

On April 3, 2003, Calgary was designated as a Safe Community by the W.H.O. and the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada.

At the ceremonial cake cutting from left to right are: Paul Kells, Dale Stanway, Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart, Nancy Staniland, Deputy Mayor Bob Hawkesworth, and Dr. Robert Ekman.





Paul Kells, Safe Communities Foundation of Canada, presents the "Key To Safety" to Howie and Mallory from Dalhousie Elementary.



As part of the designation ceremony, the following international delegates were made Honorary Calgarians and presented with the official White Cowboy Hat. From left to right are Moa Sundstom, Fazlur Rahman, Dawn Spinks, Robert Ekman, Catherine Wong, Diana Hudson, Joon Pil Cho, Paul Kells, and Brett Bowman

2003 Partnership Award Winner

On April 14, 2003, the Safe Communities Foundation and CN received a "New Spirit of Community" Partnership Award for their ***Pulling Together*** program. Imagine's "New Spirit of Community" Partnership Awards were founded in 1996 to recognize and celebrate innovative and effective partnerships and programs created by companies and charitable organizations that are making a difference. This year, 5 winning partnerships were recognized. Imagine donates \$5,000 to the charitable partner in each winning program.

For more information on the award, please visit www.imagine.ca

Program: *Pulling Together*

Partners: CN and Safe Communities Foundation of Canada

Partnership Goal: To Ensure all Canadians have safe workplaces and neighbourhoods in which to live, learn, work and play

Pulling Together is a national program that promotes and implements safety programs at the local level ranging from children's safety initiated through elementary schools to falls prevention for seniors to workplace safety projects.

Based on their shared core mission - community safety - these partners determined the most effective way to achieve this goal was to provide essential tools and resources needed to mobilize citizens, professionals and public leaders to take action in ensuring public safety. By combining their resources and effort, both parties are able to accomplish so much more than they ever could in isolation. CN provides financial investments, human resources, expertise and in-kind services - including executive participation and employee volunteerism. The Safe Communities Foundation of Canada provides human resources, expertise and skill, vision and direction, access and community engagement, and governance and influence.

The Safe Communities Foundation encourages and enables citizens to come together in their local communities and collaboratively implement vital safety and civic engagement projects with the goal of eliminating the pain and suffering caused by preventable injuries.

The 3rd NSW Safe Communities Symposium

The third NSW SafeComm Symposium – “NSW Safe Communities – Building a Stronger Foundation” was held in Sydney on the 25th and 26th March 2003. The event was attended by over 95 delegates from a range of agencies.



The objectives for the symposium included to:

- Provide a forum for sharing ideas and practical solutions to building and maintaining safe communities in NSW
- Highlight progress, innovation and opportunities for Safe Communities including ‘Safety by Design’, suicide prevention, local governments’ perspective and plans for a Safe Communities foundation.
- Showcase and workshop the evaluation of the NSW Safe Comm Pilot Program, sponsored by NSW Health and the RTA.
- Stimulate and renew delegates’ energy for building a Safe Communities coalition in their community.



Delegates from both NSW and interstate, represented a wide range of agencies including the Ambulance Service NSW, Attorney General’s Department, the community, Crime Prevention, Area Health Services, Farmsafe, Department of Housing, Department of Local Government, Local Councils, Motor Accidents Authority, NSW Fire Brigades, non-government organisations, Premiers Department, Roads and Traffic Authority, Department of Sport and Recreation and State Emergency Services. They all share an interest in safety promotion.

The theme of the symposium, “NSW Safe Communities – Building a Stronger Foundation”, was reflected in the program which offered a range of topics including the more theoretical and the practical. For the first time, the NSW SafeComm Symposium was held over 2 days, and comments in the evaluation reflected delegates satisfaction with the 2-day program.

While people attend symposia to extend and update their knowledge, they also find value in the networking opportunities offered by such an event. Many people made particular mention of the opportunities the symposium provided for making useful links with people and organisations for future collaborative work in safety promotion.

5TH NORDIC SAFE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2003 – JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE NORDIC AND BALTIC COUNTRIES

26 – 29 August 2003, Helsinki Finland

The 5th Nordic Safe Community Conference will be arranged in Helsinki, Finland, on 26 – 29 August 2003. It is a continuation in the series of the Nordic Safe Community Conferences. The conference is being planned and arranged in co-operation with Nordic and Baltic countries and the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. A great number of national stakeholders are also involved in the preparations.

As the general theme of the conference has been chosen *Borderless Safety*. This theme reflects both the crossing of borders within each individual country and co-operation between different countries. An important tool in this work is to create and forward Safe Community programmes. The interaction and exchange of experiences between local actors will therefore be in focus at the conference.

Plenary sessions

In accordance with the overall theme *Borderless Safety* there will be arranged a plenary session at which we obtain a review of good experiences of the Nordic co-operation. Different countries' views will also be presented at the plenary session *Regional Safety Promotion*, at which we will hear about the experiences of the Safe Community work in the Baltic countries, Canada and Finland. Other themes of the plenary sessions are, for instance, safety culture and new challenges and perspectives of safety work. The conference will present the newest research findings, methods and know-how in the field.

Parallel sessions, posters, field visits, exhibition and social programme

Besides the plenary sessions there will also be parallel sessions at the conference. The objective in composing parallel sessions is to bring about as comprehensive and broad discussion as possible. It is also possible to present different themes by posters. The conference programme includes visits to various sites. There will be an exhibition at the conference where it is possible to present one's own activities and projects. The social programme includes Welcome Reception of Helsinki city, Conference Dinner and trip to National Park. The conference dinner will be held in Suomenlinna Island Fortress which is one of the sites on UNESCO World Heritage list.

Conference venue

The Conference will be held in the Marina Congress Center situated by the sea in the centre of Helsinki. The liveliest places in the summer Helsinki are located in its vicinity.

Conference Fee

The conference fee is until 15 June 400 euros and after 500 euros.

www.safe2003.net

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THE NORDIC SAFE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2003 !**

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