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

Welcome to the thirty-fifth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

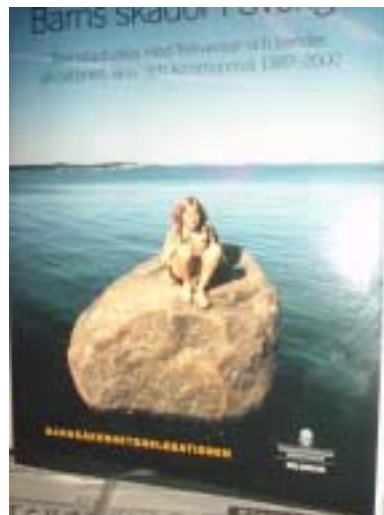
WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

- **ATLAS: Child Injury Atlas, Sweden.**
- **MAP: City Protection Map, Porto Alegre, Brazil.**
- **PROGRAM: The Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities, Australia.**
- **VISIT: Spydeberg municipality in Norway visited Cesis County in Latvia.**

Child Injury Atlas presented for the Swedish Government raising huge media interest.

Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm in collaboration with the Swedish Child Safety Commission today presented a complete atlas with maps, tables and trends for mortality and morbidity due to injuries. The Swedish Minister of child and family Affairs Berit Andnor was present at the pres Conference and has plans to present actions especially considering the rising trend on self-inflicted injuries for young women.



The report was presented by Professor Leif Svanström and Dr Robert Ekman from The Karolinska Institutet and Mrs Bodil Långberg from the Child Safety Commission (photo).



The whole report is available on internet at:

<http://www.social.regeringen.se/propositionermm/sou/index.htm>

and most of the maps and tables are easy to understand also for non-Scandinavian speaking people.

Some of the results You will find here:

<http://www.harstad.kommune.no/om-harstad/Safecom/NEWS/SATLAS.pdf>

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CITY PROTECTION MAP

The Subcommittee Against Violence, part of Porto Alegre – Safe City Committee´s, is building up a “City Protection Map” to be used as a guide for violent situations care. Those protector and care services in the city will be identified according to their capacity, that is:

- identification of suspected or confirmed cases of violence and / or
- care for violence victims and / or
- referral for those cases which need it and / or
- promotion of protection activities and / or
- participation in the Safe City Committee

The group elaborated a form, which will be enhanced over time, if needed. Following the place’s identification, opening hours, age groups attended there, ways to be accessed and a reference person’s name will be filled up.

Reference services for violence accidents will record all cases upon arrival. Minimal data will be, besides personal identification, the name of an adult legally responsible for the victim in case of children or adolescents, name of the person who took the victim to the service and who informed about the event, characterization of the event and a brief description of what happened. Then, anamnesis and follow up will be described as well. Professionals who took care of the case will be named.

The purpose of this initiative is to make the community aware of what resources it can rely on, to reinforce links between population and services and to follow up violence cases.



**Official Launch of
The Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities
Program**

14th November 2002, Southbank Convention Centre, Townsville



The Townsville Thuringowa Project Management Team together with Moa Sundstrom of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Safe Communities, The Hon. Mike Reynolds, AM MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier In North Queensland, The Queensland Government, Councillor Jack Wilson, Chair of the City Safe Committee and representing the Mayor of Townsville City Council and Councillor Jenny Lane representing the Mayor of Thuringowa City Council.

From left to right: Alison Barlow, Dept of Transport, Jo Stephenson, Dept of Premier and Cabinet, David Skinner, Fire & Rescue Service, Dept of Emergency Services, Councillor Jack Wilson, Townsville City Council Tony Carter, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, James Cook University, The Hon. Mike Reynolds, MLP, Adrienne Isnard, City Safe, Townsville City Council, Moa Sundstrom, WHO, Senior Constable Janelle Gibson, Qld Police Service, Councillor Jenny Lane, Thuringowa City Council, and Michelle Feenan, Thuringowa City Council.



L: The Hon. Mike Reynolds AM MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland, Qld Government, makes a welcoming address. In the foreground, the members of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team.
 R: Right: Moa Sundstrom gives her presentation about the WHO Safe Communities Program and how a community can attain international accreditation from the WHO as a Safe Community.



Left: The St. Patrick's College Choir sings three songs in welcome, conducted by Ms Rachel Cairns. Right: The Qld Government's Fire & Rescue Service "Operation Safehome" project display



A display of some of the range of programs currently existing in Townsville and Thuringowa that fit within the WHO Safe Communities 6 criteria



Left: Jo Stephenson, Regional Manager, Qld Dept of The Premier & Cabinet, receives flowers and a gift in thanks for her work as a member of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program, from Councillor Jack Wilson, Chair of the City Safe Committee and representing the Mayor of Townsville City Council at the official launch of the program.

Right: Adrienne Isnard, City Safe Officer, Townsville City Council and member of the Townsville Thuringowa Project Management Team, welcomes guests to the official launch of the program and introduces the St. Patrick's College Choir.



Left: Tony Carter, PhD student, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University and Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team Member, is presented with flowers and a gift in thanks for his commitment and work. Right, Jo Stephenson, Regional Manager, Qld Dept of The Premier & Cabinet introduces a special slideshow presentation entitled "A Day In The Life of Two Northern Cities" which showcased the benefits of living in North Queensland



Left: Councillor Jenny Lane, representing the Mayor of Thuringowa City Council, gives a welcome address. Right: Tony Carter, PhD student, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University introduced himself as a Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team Member and then called on Moa Sundstrom to make her presentation.



Left: David Skinner, Community Engagement Officer, Qld Fire & Rescue Service, Dept Of Emergency Services, introduced himself as a Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team member and called on the Hon. Mike Reynolds, AM MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland, to make a welcoming address.

Right: Senior Constable Janelle Gibson, District Community Liaison Officer, Qld Police Service, introduced herself as a Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team member and then called on Michelle Feenan, Manager of Community Services, Thuringowa City Council, to explain to the assembled guests the aims and objectives of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program, and how it came about.



L: Michelle Feenan, Manager of Community & Cultural Development, Thuringowa City Council and Project Management Team Member of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program giving her presentation.

R: Councillor Jack Wilson, Chair of the City Safe Committee and representing the Mayor of Townsville City Council, welcomes guests to the official launch of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program, calling on all community organisations, agencies and individuals to join in and take part.



Alison Barlow, Qld Transport and Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team Member, thanks guests for their participation in the launch and invites them to enjoy a celebratory lunch.

Spydeberg municipality in Norway on Safe Community Seminar in Latvia



Meeting in Straupe municipality.

Right: Stein Håland, Mayor of Spydeberg presented the Safe Community and Spydeberg.

- Spydeberg municipality has more than 10 years sister city relation with Straupe municipality in Cesis county region in Latvia.
- October 2001 a delegation from Cesis and Straupe in Latvia visit Østfold county in Norway and Spydeberg municipality and a mini seminar arranged at the Safe Community Secretary in Norway, Bent Olav Olsen presented the Norwegian Experiences with safe communities. From Spydeberg municipality Gunnar Hjorthaug presented there the process of Safe Community work.
- April 2002 Public Health Advisor Gunnar Hjorthaug visited Straupe and accomplished debate for future collaboration between Straupe and Spydeberg
- Jun 2002 a delegation from Straupe the mayor of Straupe Juris Baltgalvis and Cesis region Inguna Racene, Chief Specialist of Cesis District Council in Latvia visited Norway on the International Travelling Seminary where they visited Spydeberg municipality.

5th-9th November 2002: As a result of these contacts the Steering board of Spydeberg Safe Community was on a visit to Latvia in the 5th-9th November 2002 and participated in meetings in Riga, Straupe and Cesis.



The Safe community seminar took place at Cesis District Council.

Left: Seminar Leader, Inguna Racene, Chief Specialist of Cesis District Council.



L: Andris Neimanis, the county mayor.

R: Gunnar Hjorthaug Presented the Safe Community program and activities in Spydeberg.

With regard to Safe community work, the Latvian partners are interested in Safe Community, but because of the hard economical situation the municipalities cannot afford to have a permanent 100% coordinator for injury prevention work in every municipality. They would like at the beginning to clarify there obligations with their own injury prevention program and start step by step to try to priority this work. One step was in collaboration with Spydeberg established a Red Cross group in the municipality of Straupe. A new step can be to organize an intersectoral group for Safe Community work to start with traffic safety work.

*****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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