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## SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKLY NEWS

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

Welcome to the fourth 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:

- **AWARDS: Paul Kells Awarded Meritorious Service Decoration, Canada**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Master in Public Health, Sweden**
- **WORKSHOP: The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil**

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### PAUL KELLS AWARDED MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATION



The Safe Communities Foundation of Canada is delighted to advise that **Paul Kells**, Founder & Vice-Chair, has once again received recognition for his work on injury prevention. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, announced on January 15, 2003 that Meritorious Service Decorations will be awarded to 13 individuals, including Paul Kells. Please see the attachment for more information about the announcement.

This distinction follows on the heels of other awards Paul has received in recognition of his work with Safe Communities and young worker injury prevention: in 2001, he received the Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism in Ontario and entered the Ontario Volunteer Hall of Fame. Later that year, he was further honoured to receive the Order of Ontario.

These awards and honours are recognition of the outstanding work and dedication of everyone involved in Safe Communities and young worker injury prevention. Our successes have been achieved thanks to volunteers, staff, sponsors and supporters, and a vast network of Safe Communities partners across the country.

Please join us in celebrating the great work of Safe Communities and congratulating Paul on receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.

Pat Coursey  
 President  
 Safe Communities Foundation



## Two scholarships for EU candidate countries for Master studies in Public Health

at the

Umeå International School of Public Health  
Epidemiology and Public Health Sciences

Dept of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden,  
mid August 2003 – mid June 2004

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We hereby invite applications from Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia for scholarship of one academic year of public health studies. The scholarship, 7.500 SEK monthly, tax exempt (about 800 EURO), is to cover rent and living costs while in Umeå. Travel must be covered from other sources.

*To be considered for a scholarship applicants must:*

- have a degree from a university of recognized standing. Priority will be given to persons from the health professions, but other candidates will be considered.
- have a high proficiency in written and spoken English (minimum TOEFL score 550; computer-based test minimum 213).
- submit a certificate where the employer certifies that the candidate will be granted leave of absence during 03/04.

**Application together with CV and TOEFL test certificate should be submitted by letter or e-mail before March 15 to:** *Birgitta Åström, Epidemiology and Public Health Sciences, Dept of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umeå University, 901 85 Umeå, Sweden.*

We will contact shortlisted applicants for certificates later on.

Information regarding our public health programme you can find on the Internet

<http://www.umu.se/phmed/epidemi/utbildning/mph.html>

Information and application forms: [birgitta.astrom@epiph.umu.se](mailto:birgitta.astrom@epiph.umu.se)



## PORTO ALEGRE – SAFE CITY COMMITTEE OFFERED A WORKSHOP DURING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

Porto Alegre – Safe City Committee offered a workshop to the participants of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Social Forum, performed in Porto Alegre, Brazil from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2003.

The event happened during the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. At about 50 people took part on it. They came from several Brazilian states and some South American countries, like Argentina, Colombia and Uruguay.

Among the participants, there were health and education professionals, students, social scientists, religious people, social workers, policewomen and community leaders, among others.

Initially, the Committee presented what has been done in relation to prevention and control of accidents with children, teenagers and elderly people in Porto Alegre.

Next, the group posed some questions about the feasibility of the project according to each local reality. Members' declarations were enriched by the debate, having been emphasized the importance of both intersectoral work and the community involvement in the decision-making process. Several people asked for further information and the material that we already produced.

We believe that we have contributed to the diffusion of Safe Cities' concepts in Brazil and to the approximation with distinct realities of life and health represented by the workshop's participants.

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