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Welcome to the thirty-eighth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre- a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

### WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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## 13th International Conference on Safe Communities

Prague, Czech Republic

2-4 June 2004

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## ***7th M.P.H.***

### ***Course on Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention***

***Karolinska Institute***

***Stockholm, Sweden***

During 3 to 14 November 2003 the 7th M.P.H. Course on Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention was held at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. Before coming to Sweden the 10 participants got the course literature and prepared a paper for pre-distance training. The course also included 10 students who joins a one-year training Master programme on Safety Promotion and four students who joins a two-year Master Programme in Public Health at Karolinska Institutet.

The aim of the course was to give basic knowledge of concepts and definitions, as well as epidemiology of intentional and unintentional injuries and surveillance system. Focus was on strategies and action plans for injury prevention and safety promotion in various settings at national, regional and local levels. The course consisted of lectures, group works and seminars with presentations of group work.

The two first days were planned as a joint programme with 20 participants from the EUROBAL TIC “Workshop on establishing policies on Safe Community programmes”, 2-4 November 2003. Many countries were represented among the students like: Iran, Nigeria, China, Korea, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sweden. The course examination resulted in three credit points.

Robert Ekman and Lothar Schelp, course leaders



Presentation by Jiri Bolislev (right) and Filip Krejci (left) at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm



Lecture at Karolinska Institutet

## The EUROBALTIC “Workshop on establishing policies on Safe Community programmes”, 2 - 4 November 2003, Stockholm, Sweden



Workshop together with MPH Course at Karolinska Institutet



Workshop participants with Stockholm Royal Castle in the background



Invited lectures: Dr. Skirmante Starkuviene, Kaunas, Lithuania, Dr. Taie Kaasik, Tartu, Estonia and Dr. Anita Villerusa, Riga Latvia

### **This workshop were addressed to all Members of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.**

During 2-4 November 2003 the “Workshop on establishing policies on Safe Community programmes”, was held at Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences and NordRegio, Stockholm, Sweden.

### **Safe Communities and the Baltic Sea States**

There have been several international workshops and meetings on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in cooperation between the Nordic countries and the Baltic Sea States since the mid 90s., e.g.

- 1997 “The first European Safe Community Network Meeting” in Falköping, Sweden, with 40 participants from 22 countries, including e.g. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Finland and Norway.
- In 1997 an international meeting on “Safe Communities: The Application to Societies in Transition” in Tartu, Estonia
- In 1998 a “Joint Scientific Latvian-Swedish Injury Prevention Research Conference and Safe Communities Seminars in Tukums and Riga”
- Year 2000 the “First – Nordic Baltic Research Course on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Jurmala/Riga, Latvia” and
- Year 2002 Seminars and Workshop in Klaipeda Municipality and Klaipeda College, and in Taurage County, western Lithuania
- Year 2002 the “Second Advanced Nordic – Baltic Course on Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention in Toila, Estonia

The general issue and discussion for this EUROBALTIC workshop on establishing policies on Safe Community programmes within the Baltic region was to the development of further cooperation with involvement of the rescue service and the civil protection.

### **Topics presented and discussed were:**

- Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
- Education and research in public health sciences at Karolinska Institutet
- The etiology of injuries
- Implementation of a world-wide programme - experiences from WHO
- Safe Communities in Sweden
- Establishing policies for building Safe Community programmes within the Baltic region
- Injury surveillance and classification. Experiences from the health care sector (mortality and morbidity)

20 delegates participated in the workshop from the following countries: Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland and Sweden. The two first days were planned as a joint programme with 24 participants from the international Master Course “Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention” held at Karolinska Institutet 3-14 November 2003.

The organiser of this workshop were NordRegio, Aleksanteri Institutet, Swedish Rescue Services Agency & Karolinska Institutet. Dr. Robert Ekman was the workshop coordinator

Mid North Coast Safe Communities Program invite you to an  
Introduction to Safe Communities and  
Community Risk Management Workshop

**A TWO DAY TRAINING COURSE AND WORKSHOP IN  
COFFS HARBOUR  
TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2003**

**“Interrelated risks require interrelated solutions Community safety is too big to manage alone”**

**Who would benefit from this workshop?**

Any agency or community group that has a commitment to making Coffs Harbour a safer city to live, work and play and would like to become an active member of a local Safe Communities coalition.

**For example:**

- Council staff (social planners, road safety officers, crime prevention officers, community development officers, Aboriginal community development officers)
- Councillors
- Fire Safety Officers and Ambulance Officers
- Risk Managers
- Police Crime Prevention Officers
- Injury Prevention Officers
- Suicide Prevention projects
- Neighbourhood Centres
- Rotary/Lions Clubs
- School safety projects
- Church groups
- Community & social service workers
- Non-Government Organisations that play a role in community safety
- Aboriginal community workers & leaders

**Introduction to Safe Communities & Community Risk Management**

Is a practical skills-based course with a strong workshop and planning component.

By the end of the course participants will have covered and discussed:

- Purpose and practice of Safe Communities coalitions
- Local data profile for injuries, crashes and crime
- Community Risk Management & Risk Assessment
- Haddon's Matrix & Injury Prevention
- Intro: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Local government planning instruments relevant to safety
- Partnership & coalition building
- Safety promotion & Media Advocacy
- An action plan for establishing and managing a local Safe Communities coalition

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**National Aboriginal Injury Prevention Conference 2004:  
Towards Community Action on Aboriginal Injuries  
Conférence 2004 Les blessures chez les Autochtones :  
Vers l'action communautaire**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**TINA KEEPER TO CHAIR ABORIGINAL INJURY PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

(September 18, 2003. Kahnawake, Quebec) One of Canada's most respected actresses has agreed to serve as a spokesperson for Aboriginal Injury Prevention. Tina Keeper, star of CBC's North of 60 and numerous other television, film and theatrical productions, will be the honorary chair of Towards Community Action on Aboriginal Injuries Conference 2004. The Conference is being organized by the National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHO) in collaboration with Health Canada and SMARTRISK and will take place at the Conference Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on June 9-12, 2004.

Tina Keeper, from the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, is no stranger to the battle against Aboriginal injury. After completing six seasons of the hit show North of 60, she spearheaded the creation of a theatre program for Aboriginal youth on suicide intervention awareness, which toured Manitoba First Nations communities in partnership with the Aboriginal Policing Division of the RCMP .D. Division. This project led to the development of the current research project .Towards a Suicide Prevention Strategy for First Nations in Manitoba.. Keeper's commitment to raising awareness on the issue of suicide in the Aboriginal community has led her to participate with various agencies, communities and projects - it is a commitment which she honours.

The conference will address both intentional and unintentional injuries, which include suicides, assaults and homicides, as well as injuries from poisonings, drownings, motor vehicle crashes, firearms, fires and falls. Health Canada statistics indicate that Aboriginal people in Canada have one of the highest rates of injury in the world, and that their injury mortality rate is three times higher than the general Canadian population.

Towards Community Action in Aboriginal Injuries will bring together Aboriginal leaders, injury researchers and frontline workers to examine the current status of injury among Aboriginal people and to share information on successful community-based injury prevention and reduction programs. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Rose-Alma McDonald, a noted National Policy Advocate on Aboriginal issues. The conference will also feature Dennis Renville, the Director of Injury Prevention Program, United Tribes Technical College, North Dakota. AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine will be among the Aboriginal leaders opening the conference on June 10th, 2004.

Margaret Horn, executive director of NIICHO, said they are delighted by the interest the conference is already generating throughout the country.

We are especially pleased to have Tina Keeper as our honorary chairperson,. she said. Tina Keeper is an inspiration to all Aboriginal people and her participation is a real boost. It reflects the national scope of the injury issue and the new awareness of it among Aboriginal people. This conference will be an important step in finding and sharing solutions..

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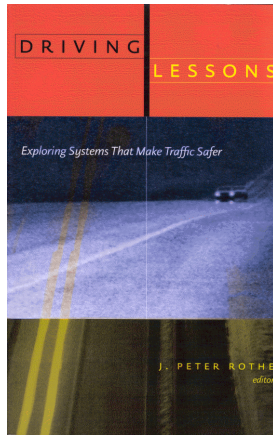
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Book

## DRIVING LESSONS

Exploring Systems That Make Traffic Safer

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## Journal

## American Journal of Health Education

**Vol 34, No. 5, Sept/October 2003 issue of the American Journal of Health Education is on INJURY PREVENTION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, (Edited by David Sleet and Stephanie Bryn) which is a collaborative across agencies of the US Department of Health and Human Services (CDC and HRSA).**

**It contains articles of interest to Safe Communities and to Safe Schools such as:**

- Health education and Injury Prevention: Working together (R Fennell , R Ogletree)
- How to use data to build partnerships in schools (Spicer, Young, Sheppard, Olson, Miller)
- Applying a developmental approach to injury prevention (JA Mercy, DA Sleet, L Doll)
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- Improving countermeasures to prevent teen crashes (Simons-Morton, Hartos)
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- Internet Resources for injury and violence prevention (K Hopkins, D Sleet, A Mickalide, S Gorcowski, S Bryn, T Balsley, J Mitchko)

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