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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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- **WHO: World HEALTH DAY 2004: Road Safety**
- **CONFERENCE: Safe Community, Safe Industry, Skövde, Sweden**
- **FUND: CN Safe Community Fund, Canada**
- **WEBSITE: Tuen Mun Safe Community, Hong Kong, China**

Seminar on Injury prevention Theme: Sport injuries 4. March 2004. Vågå, Norway



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World Health Day 2004: Road Safety



ROAD SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

World Health Day is an annual advocacy event marking the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO). Held on 7th April, World Health Day is one of WHO's key tools for engaging the general public in discussion and debate on important health issues. Although WHO is instrumental in providing overall coordination, combined efforts by a large number of partners can make a major contribution to change. For more information <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2004/en/>

WHD FOCAL POINTS

In order to maximize visibility and impact, WHO encourages organizations planning an international event to contact the WHD 2004 Liaison Officer at WHO Headquarters. Regional and country organizations should contact their respective WHO offices. Contact information for the WHO Regional Offices follows, and contact information for WHO Country Offices is available at www.who.int/country.

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Conference

Safe Community – Safe Industry

19 – 21 February 2004, Skövde - Sweden

Workshop on development of safe community by cross sector cooperation for the integration of safety, health, and environmental requirements and multilevel approach in respect to sustainable industrial development in risk production, storage and transport of dangerous goods. Focus will also be put on the needs for cross border cooperation. The conference is a part of the BSR INTERREG III B EuroBaltic Civil Protection Project

Planned results of this conference

Development of Safe Community by cross sector cooperation for the integration of safety, health and environment requirements and multi level approach to sustainable industrial development and risks in production, storage and transport of dangerous goods. Focus will also be put on the needs for development of cross border cooperation.

Invitation: The conference is open for delegates from the three Baltic countries, the Nordic countries, Russia and Poland. The conference is planned for a total of 25–30 persons or 3 persons per country. If the conference is not overbooked, it will be possible to invite delegates from other Safe Communities in the international Safe Community network.

There is no conference fee. But delegates from all countries, except the specially invited countries, has to pay for accommodation, 2000 SEK, (215 EURO) and of course their own travel costs.

Target Group for the Conference

Decision makers (local, regional and national levels) and personnel from Civil Protection and spatial /physical planning.

Venue: Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) and Skövde Safety and Risk Management Training College, Sweden

Organizers: The City of Skövde, Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) and Skövde Safety and Risk Management Training College and Nordregio, Nordic Centre for Spatial Development.

Language: English

Delegate Fee: There is no delegate fee for the conference.

Accommodation: Costs for a room and food at the college is 2 000 SEK for delegates from the Nordic countries. Delegates from the Baltic countries, Russia and Poland are specially invited. There is no cost for travel or accommodation for the delegates from specially invited countries.

Registration information: Please use the registration form. You can send it by:

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You can download the conference program from www.safecommunity.net

CN Safe Community Fund, Canada

The CN Safe Community Fund is an annual \$25,000 incentive fund, established to encourage communities across Canada to incorporate rail safety in the business plans they submit to the Safe Communities Foundation (SCF). These communities will be eligible to share in the award.

The purpose of the CN Safe Community Fund is to help communities raise public awareness about the importance of safety around railroad property, thereby helping to reduce injuries.

Timelines and Disbursement of Funds

The 2005 CN Awards submission deadline for applications is December 15, 2004. After the deadline, the Safe Communities Foundation will review proposals and distribute available funds among those Safe Communities that fulfill the Fund criteria (below). Each year funds will be disbursed in February.

Criteria

In order to be eligible for funding from the CN Safe Community Fund, a community must:

1. Include at least three rail safety components in its business plan (REQUIRED)

(OPTIONAL)

Each community will discover there are a number of opportunities to improve safety around railroad property, such as promoting awareness of:

- Dangers to pedestrians trespassing on railway property (walking on tracks, cutting through fences to cross tracks)
- Dangers of trespassing on railway property and tracks with recreational vehicles, such as snowmobiles, ATVs and bicycles
- Level crossing safety
- Rail safety in industrial areas
- Have at least one school in its community that participates, or will participate, in an Internet-based rail safety project through Industry Canada's SchoolNet Grass Roots program.

or/

- Identifying and addressing potential rail safety hazards
- Running a public awareness campaign about rail safety (public service announcements, education, signage, flyers)

Eligibility

All designated and potential Safe Communities are welcome to apply.

- For potential Safe Communities, the Fund criteria must be met through their Board-approved first year business plan and will be disbursed following Safe Community designation by the SCF Board.
- Each Safe Community can apply to the Fund once annually. After the first year, preference will be accorded to first-time applicants.
- In order for a community to be eligible for the Fund a second or third time, it must meet the criteria yearly. Returning applicants must have new rail safety plans (comprised of three elements).

Reporting on Results

Results of the rail safety projects will be outlined in the regular annual reports that Safe Communities submit to the Foundation. For ease of reference, we ask that the rail safety component be outlined separately in the report.

CN Safe Community Fund Application (PDF file)

<http://www.safecommunities.ca/images/CN-SCF%20Fund%202004%20Template.pdf>

Website:

Tuen Mun Safe Community, Hong Kong, China



<http://www.safecommunity.org.hk/tuenmunsc/>

Tuen Mun is the first designated safe community in Hong Kong, designated in March 2003.

In Tuen Mun there are large enterprises and organisations participating in the Tuen Mun Safe Community Steering Committee for the betterment of the community. This is a shared responsibility, everyone in the community should contribute to practise safety in their everyday life, set good examples for the younger generation so that they will think and act safe from a very young age.

Tuen Mun Safe Community has a vision of creating a safe and health living and working environment for the community of Tuen Mun through the promotion of a safety culture. For more information on Tuen Mun Safe Community Please visit:

<http://www.safecommunity.org.hk/tuenmunsc/>

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