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

Welcome to the eighth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2004, 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?

In this issue:

- PROGRAM: **Great Lakes Safe Communities, Australia**
- COURSE: **Degree of Master in Safe Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden**
- CONFERENCE: **Health & Safety 2004, IAPA Conference & Trade Show, Canada**
- FORUM: **First International Forum "Traffic safety in the Baltic states and the European Union" Latvia**
- JOURNAL: **Epidemiology Reviews - Injury Prevention**



Introducing Safe Communities

We all want to live in a safe community and have the right to feel safe. Creating safety is a crucial part of building real and sustainable communities. By working together we can create safety in our lives and communities.

'Great Lakes Safe Communities' is a coalition of community representatives and service providers addressing safety promotion and injury prevention across the Great Lakes (Australia). The Great Lakes Safe Communities Management Committee and the associated taskforces have representation from a cross-section of the community and organisations that service this community.

Research indicates that multiple risk factors contribute to and impact on the rate of injuries in communities. Consequently, the achievement of measurable and sustainable outcomes in injury and safety is beyond the capacity of any single agency.

The World Health Organisation Safe Communities Model is a tool for developing interagency and community support to identify and manage environmental and behavioural injury risk at local community levels. The model is valuable because it allows local community members the opportunity to seek and provide local solutions to local problems.

A one-day workshop, attended by representatives from a range of local organisations, identified local safety issues requiring action. After reviewing local statistics and drawing on personal and professional experiences of safety in this community, the workshop participants identified four key areas to prioritise as starting points for action:

- **Road Safety**
- **Crime Prevention**
- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Fall Injury Prevention**

The next step is to explore further each of these injury mechanisms, form taskforces and develop local strategies to build safety. This will occur at the launch of Great Lakes Safe Communities, the Community Action Planning Day, 4th March 2004. An expo of resources displayed on the day serve to raise awareness of safety issues and existing injury prevention programs. The day engages the community in developing solutions through the formation of taskforces and project working groups. A small grants program to support the development of new or existing programs will also be launched. The Great Lakes Safe Communities Strategic Plan will be release for public review and feedback.



Great Lakes Safe Communities Goals:

1. Promote 'Great Lakes Safe Communities' and safety across the Great Lakes community.
2. Gain participation and direction from the broad community and organisations that service the community.
3. Support taskforces that will lead safety promotion and injury prevention in the priority areas of roads, falls, suicide and crime.
4. Support existing and new resources, services and projects that promote safety, prevent injury and reduce crime.
5. To provide a community safety advocacy role across the Great Lakes working towards a seamless provision of joint services.
6. Assist with the planning, development and implementation of a Safe Communities (Community Risk Management) Plan and support the implementation of the current Road Safety Plan.
7. A sustainable Safe Communities Planning Committee that identifies and responds to community concerns in relation to safety and injury.
8. For the Safe Communities Program to be sustained long-term.

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DEGREE OF MASTER IN SAFETY PROMOTION

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Safe Traffic in the Baltic States and European Union!

1st International Forum Traffic Safety in the Baltic States and the European Union
April 29-30, 2004

World Trade Centre, Rīga Stradiņš University. Riga, Latvia
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New:

Epidemiology Reviews - Injury Prevention

The latest issue of Epidemiologic Reviews focuses on Injury Prevention. It examines the major methodological and prevention problems in the field of injury and highlights the contributions that epidemiologists can make. For more information, including the Table of Contents, please visit: www.epirev.oupjournals.org

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