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

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### WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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### **Police Week 2004, Brockville, Ontario, Canada**

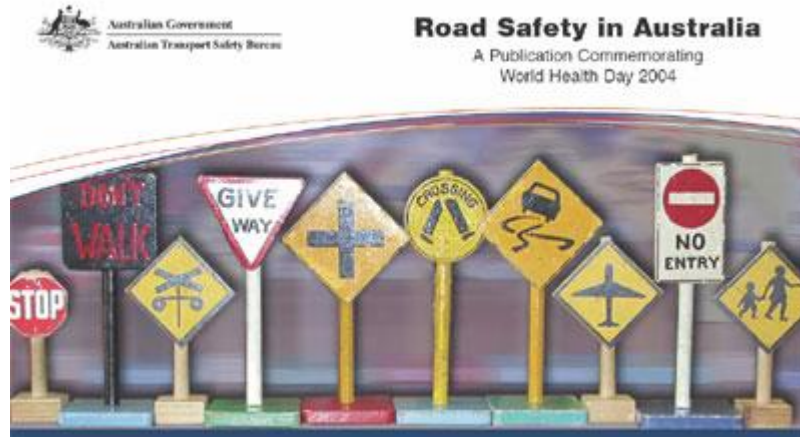
A Partnership of Brockville Police Service, RCMP, Safe Community Coalition of Brockville and District, school boards in Eastern Ontario, and the Grenville Christian College University Preparatory School in an Asset Development initiative for Youth as "Very Effective People"



15 MAD (Music, Arts & Drama) students from Whitehorse, Yukon joined Brockville Police, RCMP, Yukon Board of Education, Upper Canada District School Board, Grenville Christian College and Safe Community Coalition of Brockville and District in an **ASSET DEVELOPMENT** initiative in Brockville called "Partners for a Safer and Healthier Community". Students wrote, rehearsed and performed skits and a play on safe and healthy lifestyles, asset development, resisting peer pressure, bullying prevention, substance abuse avoidance, and injury prevention for 2500 secondary students from Brockville, Cornwall, Ottawa, and Akwesasne.

# ROAD SAFETY IN AUSTRALIA

## *A Publication Commemorating World Health Day 2004*



Published by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau

[www.atsb.gov.au](http://www.atsb.gov.au)

The World Health Organization (WHO) sponsors World Health Day (usually on 7 April) each year to celebrate the anniversary of its founding in 1946.

Each year the event focuses on a particular health issue and fosters awareness, understanding, discussion and debate about the issue. The event also mobilises action to address the issue through prevention or treatment.

In recent years, themes for World Health Day included healthy environments for children, physical activity, mental health, safe blood, active ageing, safe motherhood, emerging infectious diseases, healthy cities for better life, and global polio eradication. In 2004, for the first time since World Health Day commenced in 1950, the day has been dedicated to road safety.

World Health Day attempts to involve a wide range of people at the local, national and international levels. These include health professionals, officials in government, industry and the international development community, and children.

The slogan for World Health Day 2004 – Road Safety Is No Accident – suggests that road safety does not happen accidentally, but requires a deliberate effort by governments and their many partners.

<http://www.atsb.gov.au/road/rsia/rsia.pdf> you can [Download complete report](#) (7,270 Kb PDF)

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### **1st Safe Community Conference on Injury Surveillance**

Surveillance for monitoring and prevention

15-16 September 2005

**Trondheim, Norway**

Theme: National registers of injuries - experiences and challenges. Local registers of injuries - experiences and challenges. Preventing injuries - how to use register data?

For further information:

<http://www.trondheim.com/safecity>

## Key Events in Road Safety in the Czech Republic in 2004

- In April 2004 the Czech Government has approved the National Road Safety Strategy, the key document with aim to reduce a number of casualties by 50% up to 2010. The Strategy is fully in line with the EU Action Programme on Road Safety and ECMT/CEMT recommendations.
- The Ministry of Transport actively participated in international road safety activities the World Health Day and the Fourth ECE UN Road Safety Week during 2004. During these events the campaigns aimed with vulnerable road users and aggressive behaviour behind the wheel were executed. By these events the Czech Republic fullfills the ECE UN Resolution No 251 and recommendations of the UN Secretary General on Road Accidents as the global world wide problem.
- The Ministry of Transport drafted amendments to the Road Traffic Act bringing new and stricted measures towards drivers, e.g. Introduction of a penalty point systém, taughter fines and mandatory use of child restrain devices on all types of roads.
- On September 1, 2004 the Czech Government has established the Czech Governmental Council for Road Safety as the top multi-sectorial co-ordinating body in road safety in the Czech Republic
- On September 1, 2004 the Czech Government has established the Road Safety Foundation which will start to operate on January 1, 2005.
- In May 2004, the Subcommittee on Road Traffic Safety of the Senate of the Czech Parliament has been established.

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**Pre-event to the  
First European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
“Increasing efficiency in injury prevention”  
September 28- October 1, 2005  
Eretria (Evia), Greece**

The Pre-event aims to enhance and strengthen the active participation of the new Member States and Balkan countries and prepare the grounds for the First European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in regards to all types of injuries and through all injury prevention channels.

There will be a formal call for abstracts in February 2005.

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