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

Welcome to the third issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2005, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, 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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### Four New Courses in Safety Promotion at the Master's level

#### **Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance (7,5 ECTS)**

10 October 2005 - 11 November 2005

Internet / Stockholm

#### **Injury Intervention Strategies (7,5 ECTS)**

14 November - 16 December 2005

Internet / Stockholm

#### **Evidence-Based Safety Promotion (7,5 ECTS)**

19 December 2005 - 20 January 2006

Internet

#### **Evaluation of Safety Promotion (7,5 ECTS)**

23 January - 24 February 2006

Internet / Stockholm

Application deadline: 15 April 2005

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## Developing national networks against domestic violence Interactive Workshop in Athens



A Domestic Violence Interactive Workshop, organized by Center for Research and Prevention of Injuries Among the Young (CE.RE.PR.I), Dept of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Medical School, University of Athens, took place January 21, 2005 in Athens, Greece. The workshop was held in the context of the Daphne project “Development and testing of a module concerning the role of health care providers in assessment and intervention of IPV”, coordinated by CE.RE.PR.I.

This workshop constituted the starting point to building a **National Network Against Domestic Violence** in Greece and there was an excellent turn out of 48 interested organisations. The workshop provided all participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas, information and experiences as well as get acquainted with the different organisations in Greece.

The six main topics of discussion were:

- § Registration System of abuse cases (IPV or child abuse)
- § Screening for abuse cases (IPV or child abuse)
- § Assessment for the dangerousness of the situation
- § Intervention /referral possibilities
- § Report/charge of child abuse cases
- § Prevention possibilities



Each group elaborated the following issues as related to their specific topic:

- § Description of the current situation in Greece
- § Problems that professionals face in their everyday work
- § Ways to solve the above mentioned problems (short and long-term suggestions)
- § Potential contribution of a National Network

Overall, the workshop was a great success and it was an excellent start to the developing a strong foundation of active collaboration between the various organisations in Greece related to domestic violence.

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## Partnership

### Brockville Safe Community, Ontario, Canada "Partners for a Safe & Healthy Community"



Canadian delegation visits Provincial Capital City Hall in Mogilev, Belarus



Sept 2004 Canadian Aid for Chernobyl delegation from Brockville

A World Health Organization collaboration centre on community safety promotion designation as a Safe Community was confirmed on Brockville as the first such designation in Ontario, second in Canada, fourth in North America, and 58<sup>th</sup> globally.

Ms. Moa Sundström, Coordinator of the Karolinska Institute, WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion conferred the accreditation on the City of Brockville at a ceremony on August 15th, 2001 at the conclusion of an international project which saw 6 senior officials from Chaussy, Belarus visit Brockville for a week long Injury Prevention and Safety Program, to share in the knowledge and experience of their Canadian counterparts.

The Safe Community Coalition of Brockville and District, formed in 1997, was a pilot and the first of 26 Safe Community Coalitions in Canada with a goal to make their community "the safest in which to live, learn, work and play in Canada". Preventable injuries are responsible for 90% of serious injury and deaths, more than all other causes, whether in Canada or Belarus. The international safe community mentoring partnership will see Brockville sustain support and information exchange via the internet with the newly created Safe Community Coalition of Chaussy, Belarus.



Chief King signing a "friendship" agreement in Chaussy Police HQ as a result of the Safe Community Mentoring role we have honoured for four years. Seated L to R, Chief King, Mayor Tekamp, Chaussy Police Chief and Brockville Councillor Jeff Earle



Chief Barry King presents Mayor of Chaussy, Belarus with a Brockville Police Plaque to commemorate the Sept 2004 visit to Chaussy and the special Safe Community mentoring relationship between the two cities.



Delegation in Minsk (Capital city) on official visit with Governor.

A signing of a "Friendship" agreement between the Mayors of Brockville and Chaussy took place, further confirming the support of this Eastern Ontario city for Chaussy and its residents, who are the victims of the Chernobyl disaster which occurred 15 years ago. During the past four years, Brockville-based "Canadian Aid for Chernobyl" has provided more than \$7 million (\$24 Million as of 2004) Canadian in medical aid, clothing and supplies to Chaussy and also hosts 40 Belarus children annually for an 8-week respite where they are provided free medical and dental aid.

During their visit to Canada, the Belarus delegation received sector specific safety presentations and visits with Safe Community Members, federal provincial, county and city governments, rural/agricultural/workplace, emergency services, health promotion/access center care, hospitals, senior care centres, social services, schools, day care and YM/YWCA, with respect to risk assessment and safety/injury prevention program initiatives for all community demographics.

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## Book

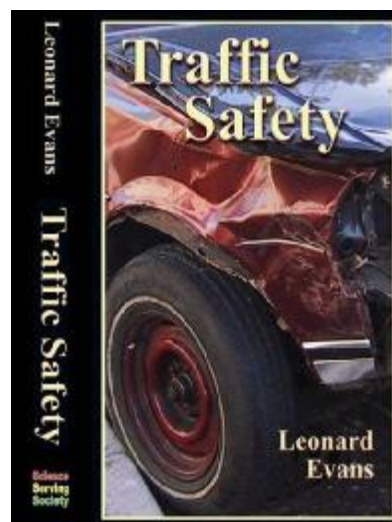
### Traffic Safety

Author: Leonard Evans

*Traffic Safety* applies the methods of science to better understand one of the world's major problems -- harm in road traffic.

*Traffic Safety* covers the broad field of traffic safety in its 16 chapters:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Data sources
- 3 Overview of traffic fatalities
- 4 Vehicle mass and size
- 5 Environment, roadway, and vehicle
- 6 Gender, age, and alcohol effects on survival
- 7 Older drivers
- 8 Driver performance
- 9 Driver behavior
- 10 Alcohol
- 11 Occupant protection
- 12 Airbag benefits, airbag costs
- 13 Measures to improve traffic safety
- 14 How you can reduce your risk
- 15 The dramatic failure of US safety policy
- 16 Vision for a safer tomorrow



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## 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Safe Communities

14th International  
Conference  
on  
Safe Communities  
June 13-15, 2005  
Bergen, Norway



[www.safebergen.com](http://www.safebergen.com)

### Main topics:

- Violence prevention
- Traffic Safety
- Home Safety
- School Safety
- Occupational Safety
- Cost/benefit of safety promotion
- The Role of Rescue Services in creating Safe Communities

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