



# Safe Community Monthly News

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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you another new Safe Community

We have reports from China, Colombia & New Zealand.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion web-site: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who\\_newsletters\\_en.htm](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm)

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

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## Napier City, New Zealand

### International Safe Communities Designation #202

Accredited examiners from Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) visited Napier on Tuesday (17 August) to assess the city's community safety efforts against criteria developed by the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. The visit was part of the Safe Communities Napier Committee's aim of making Napier an 'International Safe City'. Napier Mayor Barbara Arnott said "Results on the ground is what really matters. Napier is blessed with committed, passionate people working together to make a safer, healthier community for all of us. The 'International Safe City' accreditation celebrates this."

The site visit review team was addressed on the various projects concerning community safety, injury prevention, crime prevention, community renewal, social housing and fire safety undertaken in Napier City. Dr Carolyn Coggan, Director of the New Zealand Certifying Centre who led the site visit, says Napier was the largest committee with 21 partner organisations and it had a good representation of community, and central government agencies partnering with Napier City Council. "The dedication and commitment of all those involved in working towards Napier becoming an International Safe Community has been well demonstrated and I'm pleased to announce that each of the six criteria has been met," Carolyn says. The review team was particularly impressed with: the amazing commitment from volunteers; the reach and effectiveness of both Neighbourhood Support and Community Patrols throughout Napier; the commitment of Housing New Zealand to improving community safety for vulnerable groups; the comprehensive approach adopted by the Fire Service to work with at-risk youth; the support from Council; the leadership provided by the Police and their proactive approach to community safety; and, last but by no means least, the dedication and commitment from all members of the Safe Community Napier Committee.

Chairman Rob Lutter said "It has been a great achievement to gain ISC accreditation. This process has taken almost three years and showed commitment and work to develop a plan for Napier. This is just the start, we as a collective will continue to develop new collaborative strategies that will improve the safety and well being of this city." Napier City celebrated the achievement at a designation ceremony in early September. The designation ceremony was a wonderful celebration of community safety.

Further information can be found by visiting the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site <http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/napier>

Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand



Safe Community Napier Committee, with the Site Visit Team



Mayor Barbara Arnott and Dr Carolyn Coggan at the Designation Ceremony

## New Plymouth District, New Zealand Re-designated International Safe Community

New Plymouth District has been commended as an “outstanding example” of a safe community in a review report released by Safe Communities Foundation NZ this month. The report follows a successful application by New Plymouth injurySafe Trust for New Plymouth to be re-accredited an International Safe Community. New Plymouth was originally designated a Safe Community in 2005, and has shown commitment to the WHO Safe Communities model demonstrating a collaborative approach to the delivery of evidence-based community safety programmes that target different population groups within the community.

Members of the review team were particularly impressed with the district’s strong network of inter-agency safety groups; each focused on one or more specific areas of safety such as road safety, crime reduction, family violence, older people and youth. SCFNZ acknowledged that many of these groups have grown out of community efforts and concerns, and have then gone on to be supported by government organisations and other groups. The report states: “From both reviewing the application, and especially during the numerous visits to New Plymouth, it is evident that the New Plymouth Safe Communities initiative is community owned”.

Among findings included in the safe community reapplication was data showing graffiti vandalism was heading downwards and New Plymouth police led the country in the 2008/09 year with the number of successful convictions for breach of protection order and male-assaults-female offences. In addition, respondents to a NRB Communitrak survey over the last three years reported the CBD to be safe or very safe at night. Their optimism was growing, the survey showed. On the health front, hospital admissions for falls among pre-schoolers had halved and new ACC claims for fall-related injuries among the over-60s was in line with the national average.

Dr Coggan, the Director of the Safe Communities Foundation NZ, said New Plymouth had robustly analysed its safety data, identified best-practice programmes, recognised stakeholders and leaders and produced a comprehensive application. She praised New Plymouth for the collaboration of its safety-related agencies and said more residents were living, planning, travelling and working safely.

The group behind much of the work was the New Plymouth InjurySafe Trust with more than 10 members, ranging from the District Council and District Health Board to local police, fire, health providers, ACC and the labour department. Andrew Judd, who chairs the InjurySafe Trust, said the re-designation was “very humbling” but being a safe community was a journey. Initiatives continued.

The re-designation ceremony took place in New Plymouth on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, officiated by Dr Carolyn Coggan in her capacity as the Director of SCFNZ, a Certifying Centre of the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion in Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.

The ceremony also provided a wonderful opportunity to formally acknowledge a number of individuals. At the ceremony, certificates were handed out to more than 30 locals who had contributed towards the safe community status. As Channa Perry, Safe Community Programme Manager for New Plymouth injurySafe Trust states “these often unsung heroes in our community play a vital role, through their day-to-day work, in ensuring our community remains a safer place to live, work and play. Our re-designation ceremony seemed the most appropriate time to acknowledge the role that these individuals have played in assisting us to gain re-accreditation of our district as an International Safe Community”.

Further information can be found by visiting the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site [www.safecommunities.org.nz/np](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/np) or [www.safetaranaki.org.nz](http://www.safetaranaki.org.nz). Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand



Mayor signing ISC agreement



Mayor and Community Champions

## Call for International Safe Hospitals Network

Hospitals can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new ‘Safe Community Hospital Network’ and calling for memberships. For membership and technical supports please contact : Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Dr. Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se). Visit: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe\\_hospitals\\_criteria.pdf](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf)



## Official establishment of SC Promotion Committee of LuJiaZui Community, Shanghai, China

In order to further promote safe community project and to prepare for national safe community inspection the Enlarged Meeting of SC Promotion Committee was held in August 4, 2010. Members of the committee, invited experts, members of working group et al attended the meeting.

In the meeting the vice director of LuJiaZui Community, Mr. Qiwei Wang announced the official establishment of SC Promotion Committee. Members are from different sectors including Party Work Committee, Community Office, Transportation Sector, Fire Fighting Sector, Labor Union, Women's Union, Health Care Center, Police Station, Trade and Business Sector, Civil Administration, City Planning, Real Estate Sector, Judiciary and members from kindergarten, primary, middle and high schools as well. Under the promotion committee 12 working groups were established. Another vice director, Ms Yizhong Xia, reported in detail about the SC project in LuJiaZui Community.

Professor Shumei Wang, on behalf of the Expert Group pointed out that LuJiaZui Community has done a lot and achieved a lot for the last couple of years in safe community. Evidence-based injury prevention got very good demonstration here. She encouraged LuJiaZui Community to set higher standard based on what they have achieved.

Mr. Anqiao Wu, director of the community and head of SC Promotion Committee gave a summary speech. He emphasized that participants should fully understand the importance of SC movement, and the importance of mobilizing all sectors to work together for the same value and goal.



Reporter: *Shumei Wang, Shanghai*

## Partnership agreements: for certification of the municipality of Tuxtla Gutierrez as 1st Safe Community in Mexico.

Last August 31 was signed between the National Association of Civilian Participation and the Attorney General of the State of Chiapas a collaboration agreement that establishes a series of joint activities to achieve certification of the municipality of Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas Community Segura, first in the country.

The current security situation in this Central American country has led different sectors as institutions or civil society to find ways to coordinate and join forces , to work on finding real solutions that also impact on the formulation of public policies for human safety.

The municipality of Chiapas has many programs that have been effective in the prevention of crime and violence, those descriptions will be attached to their application as a Safe Community, as well as the documentation of each of the six indicators required by the InternatioThe National Association of Councils for Civilian Participation is as a civilian organization chaired by Mr. Marcos Fastlicht Sacker, the promoter of Safe Communities certification in Mexico. Safe Communities innitiative was socilized by Cisalva Institute the last july in a Forum about Violence and Media.

To the Association belongs Delegates from all 30 Mexican states that promote civilian participation in order to push for the formulation public policy on security issues .

At the same time, the Association lead a nationwide campaign to motivate citizens formal complaint as a tool of protection between the same citizens, through a web application.



Dr. María Isabel Gutiérrez, Director of CISALVA Institute from *Universidad del Valle* in Cali, Colombia , Lic. Raciél López Salazar, Attorney General of the State of Chiapas , el Sr. Marcos Fastlicht, President of the National Association of Civilian Participation, Ing. Bruno Gissemán, Citizen Representatives from Tuxtla Gutiérrez and the Lic. Jaime Valls Esponda, Mayor of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas.

Reporter: *Karen Galvis, Colombia*

## Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

### 2011

- **20th International Safe Communities Conference**

*Celebrating two decades of International Safe Community Development - going back to where it all started*

**6-9 September 2011, Falun Municipality, Dalarna, Sweden**

First Announcement: [http://falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf/V-bild/3789B4B81526E69BC1257703004FDF27/\\$FILE/safe\\_community.pdf](http://falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf/V-bild/3789B4B81526E69BC1257703004FDF27/$FILE/safe_community.pdf) . Conference web page: [www.falun.se/safecom2011](http://www.falun.se/safecom2011)

Contact: [safecom2011@falun.se](mailto:safecom2011@falun.se)

- **World Conference on Drowning Prevention, 10-13 May 2011, Vietnam.**

For further information visit <http://www.worldconferenceondrowningprevention.org/>

### 2012

#### *Regional Safe Community Conferences*

- **6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities in 2012**

**Friday, 11 - Sunday, 13, May, 2012, Tokyo, Japan**

- **The 3rd European Safe Community Conference**

*The future role of the Fire and Rescue Service in the sustainability of Safe Communities in Europe*

**4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden**

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