



# Safe Community Monthly News

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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you new Safe Communities and Safe School. Also reports from Peñaflo, Chile conference.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion website: [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

Koustuv Dalal, Editor



## Safe Community Conference 2011

Welcome to the 20th International Safe Community Conference September 6 – 9, 2011 in the municipality of Falun, Dalarna, Sweden.

Falun together with Karolinska Institutet is hard working to prepare the **Jubilee Safe Community Conference** - the 20th International Conference on Safe Communities to celebrate two decades of International Safe Community development. We want the conference to be perfect for all of you and we welcome you to register for the conference on [www.falun/safecom2011](http://www.falun/safecom2011)

A preliminary program will be published on the website [www.falun/safecom2011](http://www.falun/safecom2011) and here you can also find subjects from Safe Community works in a broad aspect of injury prevention programs. We have speakers who are key persons within the area from all over the world, thus we can await a very interesting and instructive conference. The deadline to apply for scholarships has already passed, and those who will be granted a scholarship will be contacted at the end of April. You are most welcome to the website to send in an abstract to share your experiences with all participants on the conference either by oral or poster presentation. All abstracts will be published in a book.

Abstract submission: <http://falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf/eForm?OpenForm&subform=eForm-Abstract>

Or, visit: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who\\_conferences\\_en.htm](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_conferences_en.htm)

Organizer of the Safe Community Conference 2011

## 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](mailto:leif.svanstrom@ki.se)) or Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal ([koustuv.dalal@liu.se](mailto: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)

## Kaiapoi North School New Zealand, International Safe School

Kaiapoi North School is only the second school in the South Island of New Zealand to be designated under the International Safe School (ISS) Accreditation Programme and this is the result of several years of work by all those involved in improving safety for students and staff. Internationally, Kaiapoi North is the 50th school in the world to be designated as an ISS.

Situated in Waimakariri Safe Community District, approximately 20km north of Christchurch Kaiapoi North School was established in 1962. It is a decile 5 full primary school (years 1-8) with 480 children. The application demonstrated that Kaiapoi North School has strong parents and teachers and a community, that actively participate not only in fostering academic excellence but also in providing a safe, healthy and secure environment as a basis for supporting the development of emotionally and physically capable individuals.

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## Safe Community Mackay No.81 – Redesignation 16 November 2010

Mackay, Queensland, Australia was re-designated as an International Safe Community on 16 November 2010. The scheduling of the event was designed to attract attendees enroute to the Queensland Injury Prevention Council (QIPC) (Evidence to Action Symposium 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> November, Townsville). Ms Kim Tolotta of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation officially re-designated Mackay, in the presence of Working and Network Support Group members, Mackay Regional Councillors and other interested community members.

The ceremony followed a series of short presentations, led by keynote speaker, Professor John Pearn of the QIPC. Cr. Karen May (Chair, Network Support Group) officiated and Dr. Dale Hanson (an original member of Mackay Safe Communities) led the group in a stirring version of his "Injury rap". The Mayor of Mackay, Cr.Col Meng, acknowledged the efforts of the network, and other speakers provided an update on their Working Groups' progress, or shared with the audience presentations developed for the QIPC Symposium. For those not able to attend the Symposium, this provided an opportunity to hear at least some of the Symposium content.

The event also enabled Mackay Safe Communities to commemorate 10 years of working together to make Mackay a safe place to live, work and play.

*Reporter: Colleen Gunning, Mackay*



L-R: Dale Hanson, Kim Tolotta, Cr Col Meng, Cr Karen May



Members of the Mackay Safe Communities Network



## Tuxtla Gutierrez became 3rd Safe Community in Latin America & Caribbean region and 1st in Mexico & 231st in the World

On March 29, 2011 with the presence of the Hon'ble President of Mexico, Felipe Calderón, the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez received the certification as Safe Community by the Karolinska Institute of Sweden. Tuxtla Gutierrez is the third community getting this recognition in Latin America and the Caribbean region, and the 231 in the world.

It was the first time that a president of a country attended a certification ceremony, showing his interest in finding new mechanisms to work closely with the communities for solutions to injury and safety problems. The ceremony was held in the framework of the International Conference "Migration and Trafficking of Persons, a complex problem" also attended by the Professor Leif Svantrom, leader and founder of the Safe Community Movement, Dr. Maria Isabel Gutierrez from the Certification Centre in the Americas and about 20 international guests, taken to Tuxtla and about 400 experts and reserchers of migration and trafficking problems.

The National Association of Councils for Civilian Participation is a civilian organization chaired by an importan mexican businessman Mr. Marcos Fastlicht Sacker. He and his team are the most active promoter of Safe Communities in Mexico thus the Association is doing the process for becoming an Affiliate Support Centre. The Association has Delegates from all 30 Mexican states that promote civilian participation in order to allow the formulation public policy on security issues .

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

*Reporter: Karen Galvis, Columbia.*



From left to right: Dr. María Isabel Gutiérrez, Director of CISALVA Institute at *Universidad del Valle*, Mr. Seth Yassir Vazquez, Mayor of Tuxtla Gutierrez, Professor Leif Svantrom at Karolinska Intitute, Lic. Raciél López Salazar, Attorney General of the State of Chiapas , **Mr. Felipe Calderon, President of Mexico**, Mr. Juan José Sabines Guerrero, Governor of Chiapas, Mr. Marcos Fastlicht, President of the National Association of Civilian Participation.



Mr. Marcos Fastlicht Sacker, Chair of National Association of Councils for Civilian Participation

## Mayors of Peñaflor from Chile and San Borja from Peru attended certification ceremony offering a present for the new member of the network.

The Mayor of Peñaflor, Chile Manuel Fuentes Rosales attended the event and invite Mexicans to The First Regional Conference on Safe Communities held April 6, 7 and 8 in Peñaflor. At the same time Municipality of San Borja, Peru announced its interest to organice the Second Regional Conference for Latinamerican countries for the next year.

Donna Stein from American Network, Joon Pil Cho from Asian Network and Borge Ytterstad from European Network were also invited at the Certification Ceremony .

*Reporter: Karen Galvis, Columbia*



## Welcome to Travelling Seminar Skaraborg, Sweden, 2-5 September 2011

Safe Communities in Skaraborg (Mariestad, Töreboda, Skövde, Falköping and Lidköping) welcome You to join a Travelling Seminar in connection to *the 20th International Safe Community Conference* in Falun, Sweden. The Travelling Seminar offers study visits about Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention in the five Safe Communities. The goals are to share methods and best practice how to organise community based safety and to share knowledge between each other. The seminar will allow the participants to compare experiences, and take home what they have learned, in order to develop and refine their own community based safety programmes. Short term benefits of the seminar include the opportunities for participants to study current community-based safety programming in action, with ample opportunities to discuss approaches with local organisers. We hope such interaction will help inspire new programmes in other communities. Long term benefits from this seminar include the possibility of building knowledge together, to consider how broad-based injury prevention and safety promotion work can be organised in the participants own country. We will also discuss how safety can be anchored within the local context, so that the work can be sustainable over time.

The Seminar starts on 2nd September at 13.00 and closes on the 5th. At the 6th September a

Bus will take the participants and the seminar organizers to the *20th Safe Community Conference in Falun*.

### Program at-a- Glans - Travelling Seminar, September 2011.

Friday 2: Maritime security - Mariestad. Saturday 3 : Safety for children and young people -Töreboda. Sunday 4: Youth program, increasing influence/ empowerment, reducing drugs—Skövde, Traffic safety - Lidköping. Monday 5 : Injury prevention in Resque services and suicide prevention - Falköping Elderly safety - Lidköping. Tuesday 6: Safe school - Götene. Bus to Falun.

.Deadline for registration:15 May 2011 (Maximum 20 participants)

More information on seminar fee, registration form etc. at: <http://falun.se//safecom> . Requests: Pia Gustavsson, phone: +46 506 182 55, [pia.gustavsson@toreboda.se](mailto:pia.gustavsson@toreboda.se), Gunilla Carlsson: Phone: +46 501 75 50 24, [gunilla.m.carlsson@mariestad.se](mailto:gunilla.m.carlsson@mariestad.se)

## 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**

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/>

#### \*\* 3rd European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

June 16 & 17, 2011, Budapest.

[www.eurosafe.eu.com](http://www.eurosafe.eu.com)

### 2012

#### *Regional Safe Community Conferences*

#### • 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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