

Nelson/Tasman, New Zealand

International Safe Communities Designation #250



Safe at the Top is a collaborative community effort to improve safety, which has the support of both the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council. Nelson City and Tasman District are two neighbouring Territorial Local Authorities situated at the top of the South Island in New Zealand.

Accredited examiners from Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) conducted an official site visit on 12 July 2011 to assess the region's community safety efforts against criteria developed by the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.

The visiting assessors were welcomed at Whakatu Marae, then introduced to family violence and alcohol-related harm prevention programmes by local police. Next, they visited the Multicultural Resource Centre in Nelson, before heading to Saxton Field. The visit concluded with sessions at Fulton Hogan, to see workplace safety projects, and Sundial Square in Richmond, to view how the Square has been designed to deter crime.

Barbara Graves (coordinator) stated that: *"Safe at the Top' has the vision of "Our Community leading the way to Safety" and is supported by over 80 community organisations, including the Police, ACC, Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, the Ministry of Social Development, Nelson Bays Community Law, a representative of local Iwi and Fulton Hogan."*

Mark Preston-Thomas from ACC stated that *"Agencies working together in the region as an International Safe Community will result in less injuries, and reduced ACC claims"*.

Nelson and Tasman celebrated the achievement at a designation ceremony on 30 August. 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/neltas>



Safe at the Top: Working and Task Group Members

