



Safe Community Network News

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PPSCN Webinar Series 2014

These are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions & co-ordinators. So please email through any suggestions.

- **Crime Prevention & Safe Communities** – 13 November 2014- 1.30pm

Archived webinars on SCFNZ website

- Falls Prevention & your SC
- Child Safety – evidence based strategies
- Injury Data & your SC
- Alcohol Related Harm in the Community
- Sun Safety – what councils/coalitions can do
- Workplace & Safe Communities

Upcoming events

**NZ Population Health Congress
Connecting Communities, Policy &
Science**
6-8 October 2014
Auckland, New Zealand

Mental Health Awareness week
Its Mental Health Awareness week on 6-12 October. Go to the website to see what other communities are doing, find out about promoting your events and lots more information.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our National Forum and are busy finalising the agenda. The forum will provide an opportunity for government updates, capacity building, and learning from other communities' experiences in the sharing sessions as well as plenty of time to network.

Reminders:

- 2014 Annual National Forum will be on 20th and 21st October 2014. Please e-mail Tracey (earl@scfnz.org) your registration form and subject of your community sharing presentation if you have not already done so.

Safe Communities America (SCA) conference 5th Annual SCA Networking Conference, Chicago August 2014

The conference was attended by 17 coalitions and international partners. Given the size of the US, SCA is well on its way to achieving its goal and is growing a vibrant, engaged network of Safe



Communities. The communities were in varying levels of development and cycles within their coalition. One main difference to NZ was the language used of Safe Community "leaders" who were the main point of contact within the Safe Community. The strongest safe communities appeared to be those that had dedicated paid coordinators, as well as "leaders".

Due to the size of the US, SCA is utilizing a state by state approach. Kentucky has one of the highest unintentional injury mortality rates in the US. During 2004-2008, the average number of injuries to Kentucky residents was approximately 8 fatalities and 68 hospitalizations per day. [The Kentucky Safety and Prevention Alignment Network](#) membership supports Safe Communities as a strategy for increasing capacity for injury prevention and affecting policy throughout the state.

In addition, the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) was designated as an Affiliate Safe Communities Support Center in 2012. KIPRC mentors and guides communities in building their capabilities toward qualifying for Safe Community designation. The KIPRC objective over the next five years is to create Safe Communities throughout the state of Kentucky to cover 50% of the population and to evaluate the effectiveness of this new recruitment.

Tania Peters, the SCFNZ Director, reports that attendance proved a very useful exercise in further strengthening the relationships with our PPSCN partners (collectively and individually), as well as providing several take-home messages on the cyclic nature of coalitions.

SCFNZ National Forum
Connecting Communities and
Improving the Evidence Base
20-21 October 2014,
Wellington, New Zealand

IPNANZ Conference
In Our Own Backyard
6 & 7 November 2014
Wellington, New Zealand

22nd International Safe
Communities Conference
From Grassroots Stepping Stone
Through Global Vision
23-25 November, 2015
Nan, Thailand

Highlighted Resources

What is the 'injury profile' of
your community?

NEW DATA RELEASE

Visit the Injury Comparison
Reports on ACC's website for the
most recent data that can help
prioritize injury initiatives in your
community.

MoJ Statement of Intent

Read about the targets the
government has set for the
justice sector to improve public
safety in the MoJ Statement of
Intent report 2014-2018.

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnerships

Read about the challenges and
opportunities of such
partnerships based on research
from New South Wales, Australia.

Contact Us

If you want to learn more about Safe
Communities in New Zealand or want
to become a Safe Community visit:

www.safecommunities.org.nz

contact@scfnz.org

SCFNZ is an International Safe Community
Support Centre to the World Health Organization
Collaborating Centre on Community Safety
Promotion & Accrediting Centre for the Pan
Pacific Safe Community Network.



WHO Suicide Prevention Report

According to the World Health Organization's first global report on suicide prevention, more than 800,000 people die from suicide every year - about one person every 40 seconds. Prevention strategies include reducing access to means of suicide, responsible reporting on suicide in the media, follow-up care for those who have attempted suicide and a commitment by national governments to establish and implement a coordinated plan of action. [Read the report](#) and share it.

Keep NZ Beautiful Society (KNZB)

KNZB is a national provider for MoJ, and for nearly 50 years it has run nationwide programmes including environmental improvements and educational activities, with strong community support through a local volunteer base. These programmes have grown from litter abatement and education to incorporate broader environmental objectives. KNZB has driven clean-up projects, tree-planting, stream restoration efforts, graffiti removal and environmental education programmes.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean-Up Week, is this week (14-20 September). It is one of the largest nationwide community events; in 2013, 365 sites were registered, and 40,000 volunteers donated 79,610 hours and collected an estimated 47.3 tonnes of rubbish. This initiative provides an opportunity to be an integral part of the community.

For further information, go to: www.knzb.org.nz

ACC new approach to injury prevention

This approach includes better collaboration with a range of stakeholders, use of data to design ACC programmes and targeting ACC programmes' areas of focus. ACC will talk about this at the National Forum.

In 2013 Cabinet replaced the NZ Injury Prevention Strategy with a new way of working – a Cross-government Injury Prevention Work Plan. In its initial phase, the Work Plan will address four key priority areas for ACC and its partner agencies:

- vulnerable children
- sexual violence
- family violence
- the role of dementia in falls.

Getting to know you

It was a pleasure to meet with Teresa Gordon, the SC Programme Manager for New Plymouth, last week to discuss their Safe Community reaccreditation. Teresa has worked in this position for about 2 years and is able to advocate for a range of causes because the SC coalition operates as an independent trust. Teresa will be presenting on how the trust operates in the community sharing session at our National Forum.



For further information, go to: <http://www.safetaranaki.org.nz/>

