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PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following Topics are planned for 2015:

- *Safety in the Home*
- *Youth Initiatives*
- *Alcohol and Drugs*
- *Water Safety*

Please email us any suggestions for topics for 2015.

To view 2013 and 2014 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

Upcoming events

Third UN Global Road Safety Week 2015

**Children and road safety
4 - 10 May 2015**

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

**12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference,
Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World
25-27 November 2015
Sydney, Australia**

**12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016 - WHO co-organized
From research to implementation
18-21 September 2016
Tampere, Finland**

Seasons greetings and welcome to the last issue of the Safe Community Network News for 2014. Many thanks to you to all for your dedication and innovation in making your communities a safer place to live, work and play. We look forward to working with you again next year and wish you all a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and holiday season.

Reminders:

- 2014 Community Coalition Survey Reports have been e-mailed. If you have not received the report for your community, please let us know.
- 2014 Annual surveys sent by e-mail need to be returned by 31 March 2015.
- The SCFNZ office will be closed 18 December to 27 January.

Community Policing

Community policing is a tactic of the [Prevention First: National Operating Strategy 2011-15](#), according to Acting Inspector Alasdair MacMillan, Manager Community Services, Police National Headquarters. 'Prevention First' is the responsibility of all Police employees. It places prevention at the forefront of our organisation and people at the very centre, he says.

The strategy focuses on targeted policing to reduce offending and victimisation and aims to:

- reduce reported crime with a target of 13% by 2014/2015
- reduce the number of cases referred to the Justice Sector pipeline with a target of 19% by 2014/2015"

'Community policing' is both a community-centred philosophy and an approach to dealing with community-related crime and safety problems. It involves problem-solving, working with government, non-government and community groups in a co-ordinated way to reduce crime and road trauma and increase community safety and reassurance.

Community policing is expected to be innovative and flexible by using all resources, including those of the community. Police cannot solve community issues alone and therefore we NEED to draw on the community and engage it in a response. In doing so, this process will build "social capital" in areas, assisting in the transition, leaving the community to deal with its own issues and the results are sustainable.

A good example of how a Neighbourhood Policing team (NPT) works is in [Phillipstown](#).

See the [Neighbourhood Policing Teams](#) for information and contact details of your nearest NPT.

WHO Global Reports on Violence and Drowning

The WHO has released two first global reports.

The [WHO Global status report on violence prevention 2014](#) includes data from 133 countries and is the first report of its kind to address national efforts regarding interpersonal violence. The report reviews violence prevention efforts and requests increased effort towards violence prevention programmes, stronger legislation and enforcement of laws relevant for violence prevention, and better services for victims of violence. It is published by WHO, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Highlighted Resources

Safekids Aotearoa has launched a new campaign: Don't Let #FallsRuinThe Fun.

Helpful hints for LAP processes and appeals

Points have been summarised from Alcohol Healthwatch's observations at the Tasman and Wellington Provisional Local Alcohol Policy Appeal hearings in 2014.

WHO Regional Committee for Europe adopts European child maltreatment prevention action plan 2015-2020

This action plan, adopted on 17 September 2014, highlights that maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences result in health-harming behaviour, poorer mental and physical health, and worse social and educational outcomes throughout the life-course for those affected.

Contact Us

If you want to learn more about Safe Communities in New Zealand or want to become a Safe Community, visit our website or e-mail us:

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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.



The [WHO Global Report on Drowning: preventing a leading killer](#) reports that 372,000 people drown annually. It recommends increasing efforts and resources to prevent drowning, highlights the value of collaboration between sectors, and suggests preventative actions for national policy-makers and local governments to take, including making drowning prevention an integral part of current discussions, such as climate change and mass migrations.

Please note that WHO has created a new department: Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention. This is the result of the merger of the Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability with the Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases.

Changes to Health and Safety Reform Bill

Treating all volunteers as workers is one of the proposed changes to the Health and Safety Reform bill. This would make councils potentially liable for community volunteers who participate in events such as beach clean ups.

Local Government NZ supports the need for local authorities to have a duty of care for volunteers, but is concerned that the change will have a negative impact on communities by limiting the ability of councils to give the public opportunity for community engagement.

The bill is due in parliament on 30 March 2015.

For more information, see [Health and Safety Reform Bill](#) and [local government submission](#).

SCFNZ National Forum 2014

The SCFNZ National Forum was held in Wellington on 20 and 21 October. It was attended by 44 participants covering 28 Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs), 3 facilitators and 13 speakers from government agencies and non-government organisations.

The purpose of the forum was to reduce New Zealand's injury toll and increase the adoption of safety behaviours through strengthening the capacity of all existing New Zealand accredited Safe Communities to improve the:

- Effectiveness of local Safe Community coalitions.
- Reach of effective community safety programme delivery.
- Building of effective Safe Community networks at local, regional, and national levels
- Longevity of the positive effects of community safety programmes.

Attendees were updated on national priorities by the government agencies and learnt about suicide prevention and mental health promotion, a programme for graffiti artists from Wellington Boys and Girls Institute, social marketing and community safety partners, including how coalitions work. A new feature this year was the community sharing which was rated as one of the best features of the forum. The increased opportunity for networking, by holding the forum over 2 days, instead of 1, was also considered a highlight. In addition, forum evaluation showed that 77% of participants rated their satisfaction with the forum content as 'excellent' or 'very good' and expectations were met for all participants. In addition, most participants increased their knowledge of SCFNZ activities, national priorities, suicide prevention and mental health promotion, community collaborations and social marketing.

Thanks to everyone who provided comments in the forum survey. Feedback on improvements mainly related to more discussion and small workshop sessions. We will endeavour to include these suggestions to have an even better National Forum next year. Many thanks to all our participants who made this year's forum successful.
