



# Safe Community Network News

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## Upcoming webinars

PPSCN Webinar Series

*Planning underway for 2014, these are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and coordinators. So please email through any suggestions.*

*2013 archived webinars can be viewed on the SCFNZ website click on the titles below –*

- Child Safety – evidence based strategies
- Injury Data & your Safe Community
- Alcohol Related Harm in the Community
- Sun Safety – what councils and coalitions can do

## Upcoming conferences

**7th Asian Regional Safe Communities Conference**  
12th - 15th May, 2014

Busan, Republic of Korea  
(Travelling Seminar: 16-17th, May)  
Abstract deadline: 28 February 2014

**4th European Safe Communities Conference**  
3-5 June 2014, Harstad, Norway

**Crime Prevention and Communities Conference**  
Building better solutions  
10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
Melbourne, Australia  
Abstract deadline: 28 February 2014

Season greetings and welcome to the December, 2013 issue of the Safe Community Network News. Thank-you to all of you for your dedication and innovation in making your communities a safest place to live, work and play. We wish you all a happy, healthy, Safe Christmas and holiday break.

Reminders:

- 2013 Community Coalition Surveys were emailed on 6<sup>th</sup> December, if not received, let us know.
- 2013 Annual surveys sent by email, need to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
- SCFNZ offices will reopen on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

## International Safe Communities Conference

**Theme: Connecting Communities and Improving the Evidence Base**

Every two years, International Safe Communities hosts a conference inviting communities, partners and Support Centres to meet and share best practices. Representatives from the Safe Communities America network attended the 2013 conference, with Donna Stein-Harris representing the Pan-Pacific Safe Communities Network. The conference was held in Merida, Mexico and covered several different issues and strategies.



The next International Safe Communities conference will be held in Nam, Thailand in 2015. Visit [www.nansafecom2015.com](http://www.nansafecom2015.com) for updates.

## Palmerston North, Site visit 30/10/13, Population 85,300

In October 2013, the certifying team observed first-hand cross-sectorial collaboration and reach and effectiveness of community safety initiatives occurring in Palmerston North. Particular strengths highlighted during the review process included: the long history and strong commitment from Palmerston North City Council and the NZ Police; the CPTED work completed in The Square; the reach and effectiveness of existing networks throughout the city; the commitment and support of ACC in older adults falls prevention and workplace safety; and the collaborative linkages with both Massey University and the Linton Military Camp.

In addition, at the site visit reviewers noted the comprehensive approach adopted by the Mid Central Health and MSD in their approach with youth; the innovate road safety initiatives; the strong involvement of iwi; the outstanding leadership provided by Police and their proactive approach to community safety; and very importantly how the dedication, commitment and collaboration of all members of the PNSAB further strengthened the application.



Congratulations to all those involved. The designation ceremony is to be held early 2014. *Read further about [Palmerston North initiatives](#).*

East African Regional  
Conference Injury/violence  
Prevention and Safety Promotion  
5-7 November 2014,  
Arusha, Tanzania

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

## Highlighted Resources

2013 Census Release Schedule  
*The 2013 census products & services will be released progressively over an 18 month period. Full schedule here.*

*Don't forget to look at the released population data.*

- *QuickStats about national highlights,*
- *QuickStats about Māori*
- *Regional summary tables – part 1 (age, sex, ethnicity, broken down by TA)*

## National Drug Policy

*The Government's approach for tobacco, alcohol, & illegal & other drugs. Many different government & non-government groups have a role in preventing & reducing the harm these substances can cause. The policy brings together these activities, guides decision-making across government & communities and sets priorities.*

*MOH is seeking your views by 28 February 2014 on the outcomes, priorities and measures that should be included.*

## 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](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz)

[contact@scfnz.org](mailto: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.



## WorkSafe New Zealand begins operations

From Monday 16 December, you're going to need to call WorkSafe New Zealand about workplace health and safety matters.

WorkSafe NZ takes over all the workplace health and safety operations of the Health and Safety group of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. So when you want to check out whether there's an investigation into a workplace accident, or check some statistical information, call WorkSafe and not the MBIE media phone.

WorkSafe NZ signals a new era. With a single-minded focus on workplace health and safety issues, the agency will have high visibility, provide a single point of accountability and play a leadership role in improving New Zealand's health and safety performance. WorkSafe NZ will work collaboratively with employers and employees to embed and promote good workplace health and safety practice, and enforce workplace health and safety regulations. *Read further about [WorkSafe initiatives](#).*



## Social Statistics Update

**NZ Social Indicators** - new web-based tool launched on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

The New Zealand social indicators give you useful social statistics from across New Zealand government in one place, so it's easier to find the information you're looking for. You'll find relevant statistics about key social topics. You'll also find the information you'll need to understand the statistics, and links to where you can get more information and other relevant statistics. Explore the most up-to-date data on a range of key New Zealand social statistics.

Find graphs and data tables by domain:

- Health
- Perceived discrimination
- Education
- Labour market
- Standard of living
- Trust and participation in government
- Culture and identity
- Leisure and arts
- Individual safety and security
- Social connections



Each domain is broken down into more specific measures, or indicators. Each indicator has its own page, which includes graphs, downloadable Excel tables, and information about the data.

## Supply and Sale Alcohol to Under 18s

From 18 December 2013, new laws for supplying alcohol to under-18s came into effect. It is illegal to supply alcohol to someone under the age of 18 years unless:

- the person supplying the alcohol is the parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner,
- or the person supplying alcohol has the express consent of the young person's parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner.

For more information check out [www.alcohol.org.nz](http://www.alcohol.org.nz) or call the Alcohol Helpline on 0800 787 797