

# Safe Community Network News

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Welcome to the first issue of the NZ Safe Community Network News for 2016. We hope the year has got off to a good start for you and that you have been able to enjoy some of the fabulous summer weather we have been experiencing. We also hope that you have been taking the opportunity to advocate the SunSmart principles and promote the relevant resources at community events you have been involved in (see <a href="http://sunsmart.org.nz">http://sunsmart.org.nz</a>).

We look forward to supporting your Safe Community and its activities during 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss how we can best support you.

Topics for the 2016 Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network webinar series programme of webinars are detailed on the left of this page. We would love to hear from you if you would like to present on one of the listed topics.

#### Reminders:

➤ 2015 Annual Safe Community reports need to be e-mailed to SCFNZ by 31 March 2016.

#### **PPSCN Webinar Series**

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following topics will be presented in 2016:

- Family Violence & Safe Communities (3 Mar, 1.30pm)
- Suicide Prevention & Safe Communities (25 May, 1.30pm)
- Road Safety & Safe Communities (18 Aug, 1.30pm)
- Update from World Safety conference (20 Oct, 1.30pm)

To view 2013-2015 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

#### **Upcoming events**

TheMHS Aotearoa 2016 – People: Authenticity starts in the heart 23-26 August 2016 Auckland, New Zealand Online abstract submissions close 4 March.

2016 Australasian Road Safety Conference 6-8 September 2016 Canberra, Australia

# SC Coalition Survey: Synergy Shines

The annual SC coalition survey gives each SC an indication of how well their coalition (governance or leadership group) is working and identifies areas for potential improvement.

In the 2015 SC coalition survey, it was pleasing to see that 76% of SCs showed overall improvement in synergy, or maintained a high level of synergy, from previous years' surveys (see table below).

The overall synergy score indicates how successful the collaborative process of the coalition has been thus far.

	Overall outcomes from coalition survey			
	Improvement from previous year			Maintenance from previous year
	SCs	range	media n	SCs
Synergy	14%	6-12%	8%	62%
Leadership	14%	8-24%	18%	57%
Administration/ management	10%	6-10%	8%	33%
Non-financial resources	19%	6-14%	11%	33%
Satisfaction with participation	10%	10-12%	4%	48%
Adoption of safer practices	62%	6-22%	12%	33%

For further information or a full report, e-mail: contact@scfnz.org

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

Third International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health 2-5 October 2016 Amsterdam, The Netherlands Abstract submissions close 14 April

#### **Highlighted Resources**

The Health of Older People Strategy is being updated to provide direction for future services to meet the health and disability support needs of older people. To find out how you can provide input, click here.

The International Safety Media Awards are accepting media entries until 28 March 2016.

The first issue of Justice Matters', the Ministry of Justice's quarterly newsletter is now available. It's target is everyone with an interest in a safe and just New Zealand.

MSD reports that Community Investment has moved to an online approach for both advertising funding opportunities and receiving funding applications.

#### **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:

www.safecommunities.org.nz contact@scfnz.org

SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre & an Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



## ServeWise: a New E-Learning Tool from HPA

The HPA has released ServeWise, a new national e-learning tool, for frontline sellers and servers of alcohol. Developed in response to industry and regulatory agency for improved training standards and consistency between different types of licensed premises, the tool provides a basic understanding of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act. It includes the specific requirements of selling alcohol in off-licensed settings and serving alcohol in on-licensed venue. The training is free and takes about an hour to complete.

To go to the website, click here: https://servewise.alcohol.org.nz

# Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Global High-level Conference on Road Safety aims to define ways to reduce road traffic fatalities by 50% by 2020, the target of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The meeting is hosted by the Brazilian government and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization. It will include 1500 delegates from 100 countries, including 60 ministers of transport, health and interior, and follows the recent release of the WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety.

For more information on the conference, click here.

# Welcome to Invercargill/Southland District SC

SCFNZ is delighted to welcome Invercargill City & Southland District, accredited on 11 February, to our SC network. SCFNZ reviewers and invited guests were impressed with the safety initiatives which are underway, and the commitment and passion demonstrated for community safety. This was confirmed by Gary Tong, Southland District mayor and chair of `Safe in the South' governance group who attributed gaining accreditation to the commitment and collaboration of the stakeholders, in the *Southland Express* (18 February 2016).

To view the SC application and the Southland Express article, click here.

### New SC Coordinators: Welcome!

SCFNZ is pleased to welcome Jodye Tomalin (Marlborough SC) and Rebekka Train (Hastings SC) as new SC coordinators. We hope you are enjoying your new positions and we look forward to working with you.

# Data for SC Communities

As part of SCFNZ's support of Safe Communities, data have been obtained from the government agencies. We have used it to calculate rates for individual Safe Communities and are in the process of compiling it and will send it out to coordinators soon. SCFNZ plans to do this annually. The currently available data include:

- rates of fatal and non-fatal injuries (NZHIS data sourced from the IPRU) – we have calculated rates according to leading causes, age, ethnicity and gender.
- rate and severity of road crashes from NZTA
- > rates of alcohol-related fatal and serious road crashes from NZTA.