



Welcome to the January 2015 edition of Community Connect

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

We thought we'd start off with something exciting and new. The National Safety Council is hosting the first [Community Safety Summit](http://www.nsc.org/CommunitySafetySummit) in Austin, TX, March 30-31. The 2015 Community Safety Summit will highlight promising and proven interventions that build and strengthen communities and the people and organizations within them. Participants will learn strategies for influencing policies that contribute to the day-to-day practices and plans that make communities strong, safe and resilient. In addition, Safe Communities in Texas - Dallas and Fort Worth - will share their experiences in addressing community safety. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to make their voices heard with a rally on Capitol Hill and visits with Texas lawmakers. Please join us in Austin! To learn more and register, visit www.nsc.org/CommunitySafetySummit.

Community Highlights

Madison-Dane County Drug Poisoning Prevention Initiative

In November 2014, Madison-Dane County Safe Communities held a week of education, networking and action planning featuring Don Teater, MD, medical advisor for National Safety Council. Dr. Teater presented at several events during the week, including:

- Educational session on pain management without opioids where more than 200 area clinicians attended
- A presentation on strategies to address the prescription drug overdose epidemic in the area at the Rotary Club of Madison
- A training session for area employers on best practices to prevent and respond to prescription drug misuse in the workplace
- A briefing with health care, business and foundation leaders on community strategies to address the drug overdose epidemic
- A talk with medical and public health students on the role of health care in preventing opioid abuse and dependence through prescribing practices

The National Safety Council will develop a case study and video outlining Madison-Dane County Safe Communities' approach to the drug overdose epidemic. We will share both when they are available. A special thanks to the city of Madison and Dane County for hosting representatives from the National Safety Council. **If your Safe Community is interested in having Dr. Teater present on prescription drug overdoses, please contact scainfo@nsc.org.**

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Collaboration Multiplier: A Tool for Engaging Key Sectors to Prevent Violence
Prevention Institute

The [Multi-Sector Partnerships for Preventing Violence guide](#) helps community organizations and leaders bring new partners to the table to maximize collaboration. It was designed to support effective cross-sector partnerships to address any health or safety issue (although this guide highlights violence prevention). In addition, the guide will walk through using

Global status report on violence prevention 2014

In December 2014, the World Health Organization released the Global Status Report on Violence Prevention 2014. The report assesses national efforts to address interpersonal violence (child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner and sexual violence) and elder abuse. Individual country profiles provide an overview of the key violence prevention programs and laws being implemented. [Find your country's profile.](#)

Recommendations from the report include:

- Improving violence prevention programs in all countries
- Stronger legislation and enforcement of laws
- Strengthened justice and security institutions to uphold the rule of law
- Enhanced services for victims of violence
- Better use of data to inform programs and measure progress

[Review the entire report.](#)

Green Cross for Safety Medal Winner Announced!

The Council is pleased to honor CB&I and its president and CEO Philip Asherman with the 2015 Green Cross for Safety® medal. Earning this prestigious award is a reflection of CB&I's exceptional safety culture and century-long commitment to workplace safety.



Please save the date, and join us for this special event, being held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 in Houston at the Westin Galleria. To find out more, please visit GreenCross.nsc.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence-Related Injury

In December, the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) released RFA-CE-15-001, [Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury](#). NCIPC intends to commit up to 1.05 million in Fiscal Year 2015 to support up to three awards.

NCIPC is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance knowledge in three areas:

1. how best to disseminate, implement and translate evidence-based primary prevention strategies, programs and policies designed to reduce youth violence;
2. what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs and policies; and
3. research to determine ways to effectively prevent serious and lethal interpersonal or self-directed violence.

The research supported under this announcement will focus on preventing the perpetration of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, youth violence or suicidal behavior. Visit grants.gov to apply.

Letter of Intent due: January 30, 2015
Applications due: March 16, 2015

the Collaboration Multiplier, an interactive tool for analyzing collaborative efforts across fields.



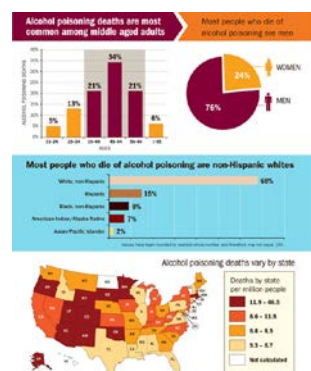
Prescription Drug Employer Kit

Comprehensive employer kit to begin addressing the risks related to prescription painkiller use in your organization. [Download the kit.](#)

Have you made your New Year's resolution?

This year, make a pledge to stop using your cell phone while driving. [Make your pledge now.](#)

New CDC Vital Signs Issue: Alcohol Poisoning Deaths



Meetings & Conferences

SAVIR Conference 2015

Maximizing Injury Research to Benefit All
March 11-13, 2015
New Orleans, LA
savirweb.org

2015 Lifesavers

March 15-17, 2015
Chicago, IL

Lifesavers is the national highway safety meeting dedicated to reducing deaths and injuries on our nation's roadways. Lifesavers brings together public health and safety professionals, researchers, volunteers, and practitioners committed to sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work. The [workshop schedule](#) is now available. [Register now](#). Early bird registration has been extended to February 2, 2015.

2015 Community Safety Summit

Austin, TX
March 30-31
www.nsc.org/CommunitySafetySummit



National Safety Council
**2015 COMMUNITY
SAFETY SUMMIT**

Safe States

Creating a Culture of Safety: It Take All of Us
April 29 – May 1, 2015
Atlanta, GA
[Register now](#)



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