



community Connect



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Welcome **July 2013 edition of Community Connect!** We hope you are enjoying your summer (if you're in the Northern Hemisphere).

In this newsletter, you'll find new resources and reports to help your community, upcoming webinars on choosing policies that will impact safety and health, and registration information for our upcoming Safe Communities America annual networking conference in September 2013. We hope to see you there!

If you want to learn more about Safe Communities America or want to become a Safe Community, visit safecommunitiesamerica.org or contact us at scainfo@nsc.org.

Community Highlights

Itasca, IL

Designation: 2009
International Safe Community: #154
Population: 8,710



In 2009, the Village of Itasca was not only named "Best affordable suburb in Illinois" by BusinessWeek, but also received their International Safe Community designation. Since then, the coalition has been hard at work.

The Park District, an Itasca Safe Community coalition member, recently acquired funding to install a lightning detection system – a system the coalition has discussed installing for years. Although they have not experienced lightning strikes in Itasca, surrounding areas have. With the number of outdoor events and a large outdoor aquatic center, the coalition wanted to be proactive in the event of lightning strikes by installing the system.

Currently, the village relies on the police department to notify the park district about adverse weather, who then communicates with attendees at the events or aquatic park. With the lightning detection system, the park district, along with other village departments, will immediately receive notification if there is electrical activity in the atmosphere. The Itasca Safe Communities Coalition has been very supportive of the program and plans are underway to activate the system in the immediate future.

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New publication from our Dallas community!

Carrie Nie and Shelli Stephens-Stidham published an article in the April 2013 Injury Prevention journal

[Impact of errors in age estimates on the classifications of proper child occupant restraint use: an observational study](#)



In addition, the Northeast Dupage Family and Youth Services, a coalition member, is offering hoarding assessment trainings to the Itasca Police Department, library and community development professionals (inspectors). Hoarding presents a host of dangers to first responders including: difficulty in reaching victims in an emergency and

exposure to infectious disease, biohazards and airborne contaminants. This training will provide the skills to identify hoarding attributes and the resources available to help individuals.

For more information about what is happening in Itasca, please email scainfo@nsc.org.

News

Medicaid costs of child maltreatment

In a study published in *Pediatrics*, researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that child maltreatment costs the Medicaid system an estimated \$5.9 billion per year. Effective prevention programs can not only protect the health and well-being of children but reduce the impact of maltreatment on the health care system. These prevention strategies should support caregivers and teach positive parenting skills. [Read the entire publication.](#)

New Report available: Collaboration to Build Healthier Communities

The report addresses the kinds of collaborative activity occurring in the US, the factors that exist in successful cross sector collaborations, the obstacles that prevent success, and what is needed to support additional community collaborations to improve community health and safety. Although the report primarily addresses health, much of the information provided is applicable to our Safe Community Network. [Read the report](#)

Vital Signs: Prescription Painkiller Overdoses: Growing Epidemic, Especially Among Women

The number of prescription painkiller overdose deaths increased fivefold among women between 1999 and 2010, according to this month's edition of CDC Vital Signs. While men are more likely to die of a prescription painkiller overdose, since 1999 the percentage increase in deaths was greater among women (400% in women compared to 265% in men). More than 6,600 women, or 18 women every day, died from a prescription painkiller overdose in 2010.

Read this [Vital Signs](#) issue and learn what can be done to keep Americans safe from prescription painkiller overdoses.

Kentucky Project Updates

The Kentucky project* to engage communities with high injury rates and state safety advocates is gaining more and more momentum.

- In May, the Kentucky team presented the Safe Communities program at

The CAPABLE project

An intervention which is helping older adults stay safe and independent through home improvements and modifications. [Read more about this project](#) from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing or in the [Oakland Press](#)

The Network for Public Health Law

[Resource](#) on laws to improve access to Naloxone to reduce overdose deaths

New Guidance released by Health and Human Services

For child welfare professionals and providers working with children and families who have experienced trauma. [Read more](#)

FEMA updates

Receive text message updates and monthly preparedness tips from FEMA. Learn more at [Get Tech Ready](#)

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an annual leadership meeting of Universities Vice Presidents of Student Affairs in Kentucky. As a result, Western Kentucky University decided to seek a Safe Community designation/accreditation.

- In June, a letter of support was sent by UPS to Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville, KY to encourage a Safe Community accreditation/designation.
- In July, an evaluator joined the KIPRC** team to develop and execute an evaluation plan of the new recruitment model.
- The Kentucky project was [highlighted](#) in County Line, the official publication of the Kentucky Association of Counties - an agency that represents the needs of county government.

*The goal of this project is to designate 25 communities in 5 years, which over time, should have a significant impact in the safety and well-being of Kentuckians. We plan to replicate this model in other states.

** Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) is an Affiliate Safe Community Support Center.

Meetings & Conferences

Safe Communities America 4th Annual Networking Conference

September 29-30, 2013
Chicago, IL

[Registration](#) is now open for our fourth annual conference that will be held in conjunction with the National Safety Council [Congress & Expo](#) as we discuss Leading Safety into the Future. **If you are a Safe Communities America coalition leader**, you should have been sent a code to register – please share this code with your coalition members.

We highly recommend [booking your hotel](#) now. Our conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

International Safe Communities Conference

October 21- 23, 2013
Mérida, México



The International Safe Communities Conference will bring together Safe Communities from all around the world. The conference provides an opportunity to learn and share about the issues that impact Safe Communities. To register, please visit www.meridasafecom2013.mx/.

Upcoming Opportunities

Choose Effective Policies & Programs webinar

Tuesday, July 23, 3-4PM EDT

Community Coach Kate Konkle will provide an overview of the [Choose Effective Policies & Programs Guide](#) in the *Roadmaps to Health* Action Center. Guest presenter Sarah Kile of the Central Michigan District Health Department will discuss

1. How their coalition selected policies on which to work
2. How focusing on policies instead of programs meant thinking about partnerships and data in a different way.

[Register](#) for this free webinar.

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Safe Communities America is a founding member of the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network. The Network includes the Australian Safe Communities Foundation, Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand and Parachute Canada.

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A follow-up [in-depth webinar](#) will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 3-4 pm EDT and will focus on how the health improvement planning coalition used the Policy Advocacy Choice tool in their community.

Funding available for Injury Control Research Centers

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is seeking applications from qualified organizations for Injury Control Research Center (ICRC) grants. These centers will conduct high quality research and help translate scientific discoveries into practice for the prevention and control of fatal and nonfatal injuries, violence, and related disabilities that support NCIPC's priorities and mission. [Review the grant.](#)

International Corner

International Regional Conferences

2013

20th Nordic Research Conference on Safety

August 26-28, 2013

Helsingør, Denmark

<http://ocs.arbejdsmiljoforskning.dk>

11th Australian Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Conference

November 11– 13, 2013

Fremantle, Western Australia

<http://www.injuryprevention2013.com.au/>

2014

7th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities

May 12-15, 2014

Busan, Korea

4th European Regional Conference on Safe Communities

June 3-5, 2014

Harstad, Norway

[Invitation](#)

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