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**Safety City Streets and
 Sidewalks - Ready**

If you've driven 92 Street lately you may have seen a buzz of activity happening on the Safety City site. Dump trucks, backhoes, concrete trucks and workers in hard hats and safety vests have been a common site this June and July. You may have also noticed the miniature version of City Hall - our 1st kiosk to come on site. The Safety City streets will be lined with replicas of businesses that you see everyday - our versions will be scaled down creations built on foundations that are 8'x10', 10'x12' or 12'x14'. Wapiti Gravel has worked hard to get the sidewalks and curbs in, and Granite Construction is now working on the kiosk foundations. Quotes are coming in for the construction of the Barn, which will house an additional classroom and our various agricultural safety displays. The next kiosk to come on site will be the Regional EMS Foundation. Tim Hortons, New Horizon Co-operative Ltd, and the Grande Prairie Regional College kiosks are presently in design phase and confirmed to be on site as soon as possible. The Burn Society safety trailer and the Peace Wapiti School District school bus are ready to come on site as soon as the heavy equipment is finished their work. ATCO Electric has worked very hard on their power safety display which will be installed mid-August.

Why have so many people spent countless hours working towards having a Safety City in our community? Every day in the Peace Region there are 8 injury-related hospital admissions and 90 injury-related emergency room visits, every month 9 residents will die due an injury. Safety City is designed to demonstrate that prevention is the most affordable method of creating safe and healthy environments.



“Tell me and I will forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I will understand.”



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Bears, Bikes and Bulldozers Prove Successful at Devon Safety Expo

Submitted by Devon Canada

Devon recently partnered with Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities to host a Safety Expo at Safety City in Grande Prairie on Saturday, May 8. Approximately 200 people braved the snow, rain and wind to come out and see a number of exhibits that were set up in and around Safety City. "This is the first time we've done anything like this, and I think it was a really big success," said Rob Petrone, Devon's District Superintendent for Grande Prairie. "We consider safety a top priority, that's just one of the reasons Devon

supports organizations such as Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities. I can't wait to do this again next year!"

Stations included Chemical Safety, Bear Safety, Backup Safety, Driving Safety, Dugout Safety, Bike Safety, Hazard House, Fire Extinguisher Training, ATV Safety and Heavy Equipment Safety. STARS also had a station where they had their helicopter on display.

When people arrived at the Expo, they were given a passport and encouraged to earn a stamp at each station by asking a question. Those who got all eleven stamps were eligible to win the grand prize of a ride for four in the STARS helicopter. Mercy Reyes was the lucky winner - her mother Imelda, and two sisters Emma and Hannah joined her on the 20 minute flight.

While the learnings from the event were numerous, the most feedback came from the Hazard House and the Bear Safety displays.



"I learned how to make an escape plan and what to do if my house is on fire," said one participant. Another commented, "I now know how to protect myself from a bear."



Special guests in attendance included Honourable Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky. Also, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Wayne Drysdale who brought his family out to participate in the activities. Other attendees helping out at the Expo included Alberta Health Services, Alberta Motor Association, Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, Safe Communities Board of Directors and of course Devon employees.



Clairmont Community School and Penson School students attend 2nd Annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

The goal of the Safety Day was to provide children with the information and skills they need to stay safe in agriculture settings, avoiding unnecessary injury and death. 116 students in Grades 3 - 6, from Clairmont Community School were bussed to Safety City on June 9th, 2010. 57 Penson School students, Grades 2 - 5, made the trip in from Grovedale on June 10th.

students were asked to raise their hand if they had ever had to ride in an ambulance and go to the hospital because they were hurt. It was encouraging to hear the students comments about changes they were going to make at home to be safer. And it was also encouraging to hear the teachers and parent chaperones share that they learned something new and would be changing old habits to new safe ones. One parent was leaving the Safety Day to go and buy himself an ATV helmet and a bicycle helmet.

With over 60 volunteers helping to plan and prepare, chaperone, instruct, and help with follow-up activities, the Safety Days were a huge success.



The students arrived in their matching t-shirts, provided by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, with enthusiasm, questions and an eagerness to learn to be a Farm Safety STAR! Can you hear the students chanting "S is for Spot the hazard. T - Tell an Adult. A - Act on it. And R- Remind others." It was shocking to see the number of hands that went up around the room when the

Topics addressed at this year's Safety Days were: ATV Safety, Lawn Mower Safety, Fire Safety, Dugout/Water Safety, First Aid, Safe Animal Handling, Chemical Safety, Electrical Safety and Brain Injury Awareness.

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities has applied to host another Progressive Agriculture Safety Day next year targeting another area school.

Thank you to our Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Sponsors & Presenters

- ✓ AB Agriculture
- ✓ Accredited Supportive Living Services Ltd
- ✓ Alberta Health Services - Health Promotion & Public Health
- ✓ ANS Safety - Kevin & Catherine O'Toole
- ✓ ATB Financial
- ✓ ATCO Electric
- ✓ Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA)

- ✓ Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council
- ✓ City of Grande Prairie Fire Department
- ✓ Clairmont & District Agricultural Society
- ✓ Clairmont Community School Staff and Parents
- ✓ ConocoPhillips
- ✓ County of Grande Prairie No. 1
- ✓ Devon Canada Corporation
- ✓ Penson School Staff & Parents
- ✓ Sheldon Crowe - Driving Consultant
- ✓ St John Ambulance
- ✓ Subway
- ✓ UFA

Thank you!!

Thank you

Darren

Bosomworth

Trucking

for keeping our parking lot cleared of snow this winter!

Darren donated all his plowing services in an effort to support keeping Grande Prairie injury free!



Did you Know?

The Peace Country Safety Resource Centre is available to rent for your workshop or meeting for only \$100/day or \$50/evening. Call our office for more information or to book your event.

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Priority Setting Exercise

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities had over 50 community members participate in a priority setting exercise on March 24, 2010. The Priority Setting Exercise was conceptualized by Dr. Sandra Harlos, the Medical Officer of Health with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, who used it as a tool to establish realistic injury prevention priorities. Safe Communities Canada realized its potential and developed it into a format all communities in Canada can use.

The Priority Setting Exercise was based on 3 components or thematic pillars:

- quantitative data on the community's injuries – both intentional & unintentional collected from credible sources
- a structured qualitative assessment of the injury issues that arise from the data
- a documented community consensus about its priorities that arise from a simple and transparent combination of the quantitative data & the qualitative assessment

Quantitative Data ranking of injury causes by itself showed the following results:

1. Motor Vehicle
2. Falls
3. Suicide
4. Violence/Purposely Inflicted
5. Poisoning
6. Struck by/Against Person or Object

Do you volunteer?

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities is so very thankful for each and every person that has volunteered to help make our community a safe and injury-free place to live, learn, work and play! Our volunteers have logged over 1000 hours of service during this past year. Are you interested in the health and safety of children? teens? seniors? We are always looking for passionate people to join the team.

Do you have a spare?

We are also looking for the following items to help with the growing needs of our organization and facility: step ladder, extension ladder, extension cords, carpet cleaning services, rolls of stamps, phone/fax machine, printer toner.

Safe Communities Volunteers at the VSB Appreciation Lunch, April 2010. Photos Top Left - Right: Helen Neufeld, Melody Mateev, Dan Mateev. Bottom Left - Right: Michelle Hodder, Carla Shkwarok (Staff)

Qualitative Data that ranked only the input from all participants & discussions using the assessment statements showed the following results:

1. Falls
2. Motor Vehicle
3. Violence/Purposely Inflicted
4. Poisoning
5. Suicide/Self Inflicted
6. Struck by/Against Person or Object

Community Consensus - linking both the quantitative & qualitative data resulted in the following priorities for Grande Prairie and area:

1. Falls and Motor Vehicle
2. TIE for 1st Place
3. Violence/Purposely Inflicted
4. Suicide/Self Inflicted
5. Poisoning
6. Struck by/Against Person or Object

The Priority Setting Exercise, in a systematic and thoughtful way, set injury priorities for the community. The exercise and the priorities it has established have given the community and Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities a solid and credible foundation upon which it can build its strategic plan. The exercise is not meant to diminish any injury prevention or safety promotion initiative that is currently taking place in the community that does not fit into this injury prevention priority profile. Its value lies in planning for future initiatives or working to enhance current ones which can now be seen to respond to the injury prevention priorities of the community.

