



Annual Report 2016

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The past twelve months have been very productive for Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities. Our current board has been very active and involved in the operations of Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities. We are happy to say that this has helped to create positive change and growth in all areas of our organization.

While we did experience some changes in our staff over the past year, each of them brought unique talents to the organization that helped us to build and grow. Cindy Blinston joined our team as our new Program Coordinator on April 6, 2016. On June 20, we said farewell to Jasmine Brausen and welcomed Carla Boyne as our new Executive Director. Their passion for safety and injury prevention was apparent in the efforts that they gave to our organization. We expect great things to continue with great people in place.

Some Highlights of our efforts this year are:

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities presented the Home Alone program sixteen times in 2016, which continues to sell out, and has waiting lists. Two hundred and eighty children have learned how to stay safe this year through participation in the Home Alone program. We completed maintenance on facilities and updated some features. We provided programming to three different child and youth summer camp programs, with over 100 children attending. Safety City Summer Tuesday events were launched and were attended by over 1000 people this summer. Our school programming events were attended by over 2000 students in 2016 and our annual Safety City Halloween had over 1000 attendees. We also were able to add three new Kiosks to Safety City this year, which are available for sponsorship. We look forward to facilitating more great programming in 2017.

The injury prevention sub-committee continues to meet regularly and implement events and campaigns to work towards reducing injuries within our community and the surrounding area. As you will see in their report, they were busy this year and are planning more great things to come.

Thank you to our partners, board members, and volunteers for your commitment to injury prevention.

I look forward to working together towards injury prevention in 2017!

Donna Kulba

Board Chair



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December 2015

Jasmine Brausen accepts position as Executive Director. Candy Cane Check Stop successful; provided safe driving information to over 300 vehicles; spread some good cheer too.

January 2016

Home Alone Program is popular. Our classes have been full and well attended. There is often wait lists for the Home Alone sessions.

February 2016

Home Alone Program growing. Delivered school programming on Distracted driving/staying sober and clean (Say No to drugs) in cooperation with HIV North.

March 2016

Attended the Teachers convention to promote Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities and Safety City school programming.

April 2016

Cindy Blinston accepts position as Program Coordinator. Day of Mourning Event well attended by community members. Registrations for Spring programming open. Home Alone fully booked. Injury Prevention Committee Meets – Priority Planning for 2016/2017 year.

May 2016

Alberta Health Services EMS team has renewed their partnership with Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities. We are happy to continue working with them and thankful for their continued participation in our programs and events. Safe Communities hosted Farm Safety Week in partnership with Ag for Life. Over 520 children attended; K- gr.8. Participated at the Saskatoon Island 4H event. School Programming begins; features Street Smarts, Machines, Mammals and Mud, Fire & Emergency Safety and Barnyards and Boots. Well attended by local schools. Home Alone Fully Booked. Accepted grant from the City of Grande Prairie. Home Hardware and Cardon Homes assist with building 3 new kiosks to place in Safety City. Thank you!

June 2016

Carla Boyne accepts position as Executive Director. School Programming Continues. Participated in High Volt Safety's Safety Day. Home Alone Fully Booked. Invited community to Pledge to keep kids safe during Parachutes Safe Kids Week. Attended and helped with the AMA Safety Patrollers end of the year event. Over 1000 students received school programming over the months of May and June. Overhead Door agrees to provide free ongoing garage door maintenance in exchange for displaying their sign in Safety City. Thank you! New Kiosks Delivered. Available for sponsorship! Injury Prevention Committee Meeting.

July 2016

Welcomed Marissa Bisson as summer Program Assistant. Provided Summer Camp programming to Champion Gym (1 full day/week) & 1 full day of Summer Camp programming for Crime Prevention – CIA youth. Held Safety City Summer Tuesdays each week, open to the public events, different weekly safety focus. July 19 was Safety on Wheels (Bike Rodeo); attended by over 60 children. Offered Home Alone twice and were fully booked. Held Thank you tea for volunteers & community supporters.

August 2016

Held weekly summer camp programming (full day) for Champion Gym. Provided 1 day of programming to YMCA day camp. Provided one full day of summer camp programming to Crime Prevention/CIA youth camp. Continued to hold Safety City Summer Tuesdays with good attendance. Offered Home Alone 2x; fully booked. Grande Prairie and area Safe Communities Injury Prevention committee participated in informational check stop to educate drivers on dangers of Impaired Driving. Injury Prev. Com. Meeting.

September 2016

Hosted Traffic Safety Day in partnership with Alberta Transportation, office of Traffic Safety with 61 grade 3 students attending. Home Alone Offered 2x; fully booked with waiting list. Attended Back to School, AMA Safety Patroller event. Aided City Enforcement with Back to School Safe Driving/ Safe Kids Campaign. Offered 3 weeks of School programming (street smarts, M3, Barnyards and Boots and Fire & Emergency Safety.)

October 2016

Offered additional 3 weeks of School programming. Over 1000 people attended our annual Safety City Halloween event. Home Alone offered once, fully booked with waiting list. New boardroom available for rent. Injury Prev. Com. Meeting.

November 2016

Annual General Meeting held on November 23, 2016. Home Alone offered once, fully booked with waiting list. December Home Alone filled with a waiting list. Already have children booked in first five Home Alone sessions available for 2017.

Injury Prevention Committee

Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities facilitates an Injury Prevention sub-committee. This committee meets regularly to review the main causes of injuries to citizens in Grande Prairie and the surrounding area. We develop programs and projects, which are designed to reduce the number of these injuries. This is accomplished in part by attaining information and statistics from provincial and local agencies as well as utilizing the results of the Safe Communities Priority Planning Exercise.

The Injury Prevention committee is comprised of personnel from all area enforcement agencies as well as individuals from several provincial and municipal agencies. We would like to invite anyone with a passion for injury prevention to join the committee.

Safe Communities held a Priority Planning Exercise, which included members of our community. This exercise revealed the following four priorities.

Motor Vehicle Collisions: Pedestrian Safety, Impaired Driving, Intersection safety, Distracted driving, Occupant restraints, Speeding, Young drivers, Commercial vehicle safety, Motorcycle safety and Back to school safety.

Falls: We will be working with various agencies to enhance awareness on falls. This will include holding information sessions for seniors.

Off High Way Vehicles: We would like to reduce ATV related injury events through enhancement of knowledge and increased compliance on the safe operation of all off highway vehicles. (This would include dirt bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.)

Assaults and Homicides: Although our committee will not be directly involved with addressing these issues, we will continue to liaise with the City's Crime Prevention Branch and local enforcement agencies to keep apprised of and share information on these issues.

In the past year, we have worked to reducing Motor vehicle collisions through various educational events and campaigns. Some of these include; informational check stops, social media posts, monthly traffic safety topics posted to our website, Street Smarts programming and education on Bike and Pedestrian Safety. In regards to Off Highway Vehicles, we offered programming to children on the importance of ATV safety as part of our Barnyards and Boots, and Machine, Mammals and Mud Programs at Safety City. We also addressed this topic at our Ag for Life Farm Safety Week, Traffic Safety Day and dedicated one of our Summer Tuesdays in August to educating families on ATV safety. Our main messages have been "One seat = One rider" and "No Helmet = No riding", and "wear proper equipment". We are still in development of a program for fall awareness and prevention.

Through facilitating the cooperation of businesses, agencies and our community to work together, we are confident that we can assist with our common goal of making our community a safer place to work, live, and play.

Co – chair of committee; Gordon Ellert

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Our Mission:

"To Promote public safety and reduce the incidence of injury in Grande Prairie and area through the maintenance and operation of Safety City and other programs designed to educate the public about safety and injury prevention"



How can You become involved?

- Join our Injury Prevention Committee
- Make safe choices to protect you and your family from injuries
- Become a Board Member
- Volunteer at GP & Area Safe Communities
- Make a financial contribution— a tax receipt will be issued.
- Donate tools for our maintenance volunteers
- Challenge your office staff to a safety competition and share the proceeds from funds raised.
- Make the decision to NOT use your cell phone while driving
- Build Kiosk resembling your business and lease a lot within Safety City.
- Tell two people about Safe Communities and the Safety City Project. Create a Ripple effect throughout our community.



