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The last couple of months in Safe Communities have been a flourish of activities and changes. We recently completed a restructure of our organization and now have 2 new employees at Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities.

We hired Jasmine Brausen as our Sales/Marketing manager who is responsible for promoting injury prevention program, events and for marketing kiosk lease sales. Candace Fournier is our Program Manager and responsible for facilitating our safety programming such as Barnyards and Boots and Home Alone Sessions. We welcome Candace and Jasmine to our team and look forward to working together.

October 7th was National Safe Communities Day. To Celebrate this day we held our 2nd Priority Setting Exercise. Representatives from our community came together to review local injury data and prioritize the top injuries in Grande Prairie & Area.

The Consensus was the 4 Priority Injuries are:

1. Motor Vehicles
2. Assaults/Homicides
3. Falls
4. Off Road Motor Vehicles

The Injury Prevention committee will be working on injury prevention programs such as Joint Force Operations, Car Seat Clinics and awareness sessions. The priority setting exercise is not only a means for our community to come together to address the injury situation, but also as a means to reaffirm our mandate and renew our commitment to the cause of injury prevention in our communities.

Our board members and volunteers have logged many hours of their time in support of our programs and injury prevention initiatives. Our successes are a direct result of the dedication to creating safe environments at work, play and home. Thank you to our partners, board members and volunteers for your commitment to injury prevention.

I look forward to working together in 2016!



Annual Report – News 2015

January 2015

Family & Community Support Service Grant, City of Grande Prairie, was increased and doubled for 2015. The FCSS grant funds our Home Alone Program. This program was featured in the Daily Herald Tribune and was booked solid for three consecutive months, January, February and March.

February 2015

Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities completed their report card for Parachute, Safe Communities. This reflects the status of Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities to other Safe Communities in Canada.

Tim Hortons renewed kiosk lease for another 5 years.

March 2015

Received a grant from the City of Grande Prairie for \$ 24,000.00

AG for Life approved funding of \$20,000.00 for 2015 to support our Barnyard and Boots program.

April 2015

Day of Mourning Event was well attended by community members.

May 2015

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities held the first Bike Road-E-O of the year. Over 12 families attended the event.

School Tours started for our Spring Programming Sessions, we had over 575 children attend. The programming consisted of Street Smarts, Machine Mammals and Mud, Fire & Emergency Safety and Barnyard and Boots.

Aquatera awarded Safe Communities the recipient of the Bottle Donation Program for the month of May.

Safe Communities attend the CSSE's, NAOSH Safety event.

June 2015

School tours started utilizing safe city and our programs for the season.

Attended the KMSC Law Charity event and was well received by community members.

July 2015

Held AG Safety Tour in which over 30 people attended.

Sept 2015

Welcomed two new staff members on board with Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities.

October 2015

Our Priority Setting Exercise was held for our re-designation through parachute There was over 30 community partners in attendance and our priorities were set for the next 3-5 years.

Over 500 people attended our annual Safety City Halloween event.

Safe Communities was approved for the Safe Growth matching grant from Crime Prevention to update our current Security System.

November 2015

Annual General Meeting held on November 25, 2015.

Injury Prevention Committee

Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities facilitates an Injury Prevention sub-committee. This committee meets several times a year to review the main causes of injuries to citizens in Grande Prairie and 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.

Safe Communities recently held a Priority Planning Exercise, which included over 30 members of our community. This exercise revealed the following four priorities. Motor Vehicle Collisions, falls, off Highway vehicles, assaults and homicides

Our committee has recently held an event planning exercise and we are pleased to announce that our mandate affords us to address three of the above four noted priorities.

The following is a brief recap of the areas that our Injury Prevention committee will be addressing over the next year. Information on these topics will be shared with local media, and placed on our social media sites, which will assist us with enhancing awareness of safety issues with-in our community.

1. **Motor Vehicle Collisions:** Our committee will hold various enforcement and educational events to raise awareness and gain compliance in the following traffic safety related topics. Pedestrian Safety, Impaired Driving, Intersection safety, Distracted driving, Occupant restraints, Speeding, Young drivers, Commercial vehicle safety, Motor cycle safety and Back to school safety.
2. **Falls:** We will be working with various agencies to enhance awareness on falls. This will include holding information sessions for seniors.
3. **Off High Way Vehicles:** We will host information and enforcement events to enhance knowledge and gain compliance on the safe operation of off highway vehicles.
4. **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.

By agencies and the community working 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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Vice-Chair– Barbara Campbell

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Public Health

Come Down to Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities on **December 10th at 10am** for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Aquatera Learning Center



Aquatera Learning Center



Jasmine Brausen, James Brausen-Ward

Safety City Halloween



**Candace Fournier, Safe Communities
accepting donation from Justin Lieverse, REED
Energy**

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 designated to educate the public about safety

How Can YOU become involved?

- Become a member of our Injury Prevention Committee
- Make decisions that will protect you and your family from injury
- Let your name stand out to become a Board Member
- Volunteer for events at Safe Communities
- Make a financial contribution– a tax receipt will be issued.
- Donate tools for our maintenance volunteers
- Challenger 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 one person about Safe Communities and the Safety City Project. Create a Ripple effect throughout our community.

