



safe **communities**<sup>™</sup>  
port colborne  
**Newsletter**



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## Welcome...

to the first *Safe Communities Port Colborne* Newsletter!

This newsletter will provide an update for not only SCPC Members but for individuals interested in reducing injury and promoting safety in our community. Together, we can achieve the vision of making Port Colborne among the safest communities in Ontario to live, learn, work and play!

This first issue will provide an update about:

- The SCPC Annual General Meeting
- Background about Safe Communities

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to attend the Safe Communities Port Colborne AGM! *This meeting is open to all SCPC Members and anyone interested in reducing injury and promoting safety in our community!*

**April 29, 2010, 9:00 a.m.**

**Fire Station - Killaly Street West, Port Colborne**

**Agenda:** Chair's Report, Financial Update, 2009 Accomplishments and 2010 Work Plans, Nomination and Election of Board of Directors.

**AGM to be followed by a Special Meeting to discuss the structure and function of Safe Communities Port Colborne.**

There is currently one vacant position on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please attend the AGM and express interest during the meeting or notify Cynthia Koudijs at the phone number or email address below.

If you are planning to attend the Safe Communities Port Colborne AGM, please notify:  
Cynthia Koudijs at 905-835-8941 Ext. 150  
or [portcolborne@safecommunities.ca](mailto:portcolborne@safecommunities.ca)

## A BIT OF BACKGROUND...

### What is Safe Communities?

In November, 1994, Sean Kells was pouring a highly flammable chemical from one ungrounded drum to another when it ignited and exploded. Sean was not told that what he was doing was potentially dangerous, let alone lethal. Sean was killed on the third day of his part-time job. He was nineteen years old. His death was not an "accident"; it was entirely preventable.

Since that tragic day, Sean's father, [Paul Kells](#), has made it his goal to help prevent any other family from experiencing the loss and pain that he and his family have experienced as a result of needless death, however it is caused. Safe Communities Canada, the network of 53 designated Safe Communities in Canada has seen thousands of volunteers rally to the cause of preventing tragic injuries of all kinds. It is a testament to the dedication and passion of Paul's, and those volunteers', commitment to change, and it is a living legacy for a young life needlessly lost.

### When did we become a Safe Community?

On March 31, 2009, the City of Port Colborne, Ontario,

became Canada's 56th designated "Safe Community" under the umbrella of Safe Communities Canada. This designation came after a year-long candidacy period during which time we established a Leadership Table, held a Priority Setting Exercise, and formed committees to address our top three injury priorities – Vehicle, Intentional Harm, and Falls.

### What is the current status of SCPC?

Safe Communities Port Colborne was incorporated as a not-for-profit without share capital Corporation in February 2009. A Board of Directors was appointed as the initial directors of the Corporation. In the last year, the Board has expanded to seven Directors and has been working to ensure the sustainability of Safe Communities Port Colborne. This has included establishing policies and procedures in respect of finances and undergoing an extensive filing process to apply for Charitable Status in order to be eligible to apply for certain funding programs and to provide donors with tax receipts.

### Who are the current Board Members?

Vance Badaway - Chair	Taralea McLean - Officer
Tom Cartwright - Vice Chair	Paul Masotti - Officer
Sharon Grant - Treasurer	Steven Davis - Officer
Lynda Reinhart - Secretary	