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State Health Department Hosts Injury Prevention Conference

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is hosting the North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention and Control: Preventing and Responding to Injuries Oct. 28 through 30, 2008, at the Seven Seas Best Western Inn in Mandan, N.D.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage law enforcement personnel, mental health workers, educators, clergy and other professionals to develop a multifaceted approach to promoting awareness, prevention and intervention of unintentional and intentional injuries in North Dakota. Conference topics address the leading causes of injury and death in North Dakota, such as motor vehicle crashes, suicides, homicides and falls, as well as child passenger safety, farm injuries, Internet stalking, bullying, ATVs, and water and playground safety. Speakers include national experts, as well as experts from North Dakota.

State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D., opened the conference with a keynote address titled “The Impact of Injuries in North Dakota.” Other keynote speakers and their topics include:

- Justin McNaull, State Relations coordinator, AAA. – Traffic crashes as the leading cause of death among people ages 3 to 34.
- Elizabeth Saewyc, associate professor, University of British Columbia – Preventing sexual violence
- Stephanie Russell, Safe Kids Worldwide – Effective advocacy
- Dr. Westley Clark, director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – The ripple effect of substance abuse on family and community

Information about the North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention and Control is available at www.ndhealth.gov/injury or by calling 701.328.2496.

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