Aloha,

Welcome to the 2017 Injury Prevention, EMS & Trauma Newsletter. This web-based publication is a compilation of member spotlights, briefs and announcements assembled by the Hawaii Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB). The objective of this newsletter is to inform partners across the state about EMS, trauma and injury issues, activities, trainings, and milestones related to strengthening our Hawaii state EMS and Injury Prevention System.

Contributions are available under the following categories:

**Member Spotlights:** Highlights the notable contribution of individuals or partners in the field of emergency medical services, trauma and injury prevention in Hawaii.

**Member Briefs:** As the central component of the newsletter, briefs partners on emerging efforts, current issues, achievements and milestones to strengthen collaboration.

**Member Reminders:** Announces committee and conference dates, annual reports, emerging events, and trainings.

We all do great work; share the news, no matter the magnitude!

Submissions are included if they address the leading causes of injury and death in Hawaii and help to educate, support, and mobilize individuals and organizations to effectively work together in preventing injuries.

Finally, you are receiving these updates, announcements and other important information because we joined several distribution lists. Your ongoing membership is important; we hope you remain involved or interested in EMS, trauma and injury prevention work.
Welcome Data-Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI) Grant Coordinator - Tammie Healani Hoapili Smith, MPH

The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tammie Healani Hoapili Smith, MPH as the Public Health Educator for the Branch’s Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Data-Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI) grant for the study and prevention of opioid abuse. Tammie is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama campus. She is a Native Hawaiian Health Scholar and received her MPH from the University of Hawaii in Maternal and Child Health.

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2017 Safe Hawaii Award Recipient: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland

In January 2017, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee honored Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland’s many contributions to injury prevention and especially to the safety of Hawaii’s keiki and kupuna. Senator Chun Oakland served Hawaii as State Senator for over 26 years.

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Hawaii County Hospitals and Trauma Centers Collaborate on Summer Safety Campaign

Wendi Wagner RN BA MN
Trauma Program Manager at Kona Community Hospital

In February, the National Safety Council released preliminary data on motor vehicle deaths in the U.S. Data indicate that vehicular deaths increased 6% in 2015, making the nationwide two-year total increase a staggering 14%.

In Hawaii, the death certificate data reflects a similar increase among motor vehicle occupant deaths. Data from death certificates indicate there were 60 motor vehicle occupant deaths in 2016 compared to the previous 5-years (2011-2015) average of 49 deaths per year. That is a 22% increase over the annual average for the previous 5-year period.

Following the release of the 2016 traffic death statistics, Kona Community Hospital, Hilo Medical Center and North Hawaii Community Hospital and their Trauma Centers teamed up to collaborate on a county-wide summer safety ad campaign to focus on distracted driving crashes due specifically to texting.

The ad campaign, titled the “100 deadliest days of summer” is intended to raise public awareness by sending a clear, focused message to drivers – especially teen drivers – that texting and driving is dangerous activity with deadly consequences.

Organizers plan to blanket Big Island media outlets including radio stations, newspapers, websites, newsletters and social media by pooling the hospitals’ marketing resources. The Big Island Trauma Advisory Committee is supportive of the initiative and will help provide data to support the messaging.

The “100 deadliest days of summer” ad campaign launched on Memorial Day weekend, and will run through Labor Day.

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June 2017 Ola Lokahi Newsletter

The Hawaii Department of Health, June 2017 Ola Lokahi Newsletter announced the following:

1) Louise Kido Iwaishi, MD was awarded Employee of the Year. One of Dr Iwaishi’s more recent contributions to injury prevention include her work to restart the Child Death Review Program through legislation that passed last year.

2) Stan Michaels, Fall Prevention Coordinator for the EMS & Injury Prevention System Branch provided tips to prevent falls and fall-related injuries among our senior citizens. In addition, the DOH and the Hawaii Fall Prevention Consortium, in collaboration with other community and media partners, are sponsoring the 2017 Summer Fall Prevention Campaign. As part of the Campaign, seniors can receive free vision screening, medications and balance tests to determine fall risk through pharmacies across the state.

Read June 2017 Ola Lokahi Newsletter

STEADI: The Pharmacist’s Role in Older Adult Fall Prevention

Developed in collaboration with American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched this online training will provide pharmacists with the knowledge, skills, and ability to identify fall prevention strategies that they can integrate within their pharmacy practice. It will provide strategies to help pharmacists screen older adults for fall risk, conduct medication review and management, and offer patient education.

Launch STEADI Pharmacist Falls Prevention Training
Hawaii Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report

The Hawaii Department of Health, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division, published this helpful report intending to serve as a source of health statistics for sexual and gender minorities in Hawaii. This report highlights infographics, but not limited to, injury and violence data for youth and adults.

Read Hawaii Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report

Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released this technical package to help states and communities prioritize efforts to prevent suicide.

Read Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices to help states and communities prioritize efforts to prevent intimate partner violence.

Read Preventing Intimate Partner Violence: A Technical Package
HEADS UP for Youth Sports Coaches: Online Training

This free online course will help you create a safe environment for young athletes so that they can stay healthy, active, and thrive - both on and off the playing field. **Learning objectives include:**

- Understand a concussion and the potential consequences of this injury,
- Recognize concussion signs and symptoms and how to respond,
- Learn about steps for returning to activity (play and school) after a concussion, and
- Focus on prevention and preparedness to help keep athletes safe season-to-season

Access HEAD UP Training for Coaches

Blast Off into Concussion Safety with CDC HEADS UP Rocket Blades Gaming App!

The mobile game app on concussion safety for children aged 6 to 8. Through a futuristic world of galactic racing adventures children can learn the benefits of playing it safe and smart!

**Learning objective include:**

- Different ways the brain can get hurt during sports activities.
- How important it is to tell a coach, parent, or other adult when an injury occurs.
- The importance of taking time to rest and recover if they have a concussion.

Download Rocket Blades Gaming App!
2017 Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium

Educational objectives, include but not limited to, examining challenges with impaired driving, end of life decision making, airway management, ocean safety, and fire rescues. For example:

**Friday, July 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM**
Working Together to Combat Impaired Driving and Complying with the Mandatory Blood Draw Law.
- **Panelists:**
  - Daniel Galanis, PhD
  - Jeen Pang
  - Sgt. John Rathjen
  - Brandon Segal

Registration [2017 Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium](#)

2017 State of Hawaii Drowning Prevention and Ocean Safety Conference

The 2017 State of Hawaii Drowning Prevention and Ocean Safety Conference "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lifeguarding on Oahu" will be held July 27-28 at the Hawaii Convention Center. Topics include The Impact of Global Warming on Hawaii Beaches, Snorkeling Related Drownings in Hawaii, Spinal Cord Injuries in the Aquatic Environment and much more!

Registration [2017 Drowning Prevention and Ocean Safety Conference](#)

2017 Safe States Alliance Annual Meeting

Join the Safe States Alliance and fellow injury and violence prevention professionals at this year's Annual Meeting in Aurora, Colorado to strengthen existing connections in order to elevate injury and violence prevention efforts. Registration [2017 Safe States Alliance Annual Meeting](#)
Safe States Alliance

Injury and Violence Prevention Policy Fellowship

The purpose of the Policy Fellow Program is to support the implementation of Safe States Alliance’s strategic map by engaging members and supporting advocacy and policy making. Program participants will receive extensive training, technical assistance and peer-based support aimed to increase skills and self-confidence to educate policymakers at the local, state and national levels in support injury and violence prevention.

Key Dates

- Applications Open: June 23, 2017
- Applications Due: July 14, 2017
- IVP Public Policy 101 Workshop/Kickoff Meeting: September 11, 2017 (Aurora, Colorado)

Apply Policy Fellowship

IVPN's 2017 Presidential Transition Document

The Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN) 2017 Call to Action for the Trump Administration document is a collaboration with members of the Injury and Violence Prevention Network.

Read Call To Action For The Trump Administration
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