



(SVCV)

Bruce County Council
October 17, 2024

Tell me and I will forget

Show me and I may remember

"Involve me and I will understand"



If you could make a difference in the life of a child –
would you?

Safety training programs to 1,000's of children from kindergarten to grade 6!

The impressionable years!



Community SAFETY Classroom



Community Safety Instruction



On Site Programs





Donated mini-fire truck.

Donated West Grey Police Services vehicle.





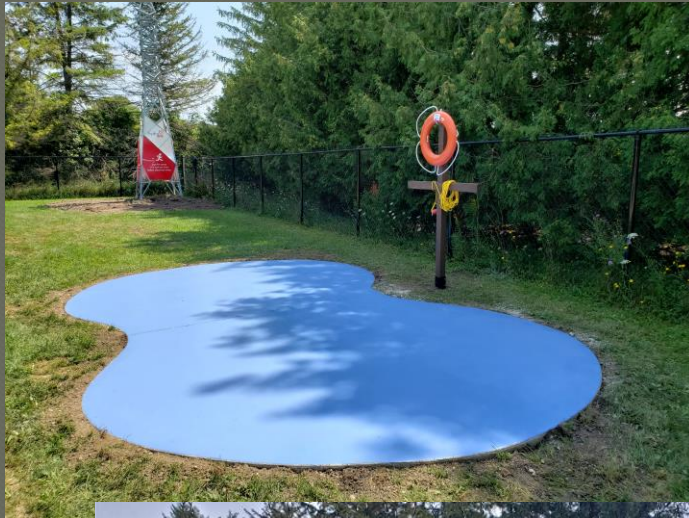
We include & accommodate all children in the programs regardless of physical limitations.

Future planned addition to miniature Safety Village buildings.



Miniature Safety Village

Recreation & Water Safety



Community Safety

Fire Safety Classroom



Interactive Fire Safety Training



Sparky's Bedroom- Evacuation Program



Farm Safety Building



Farm Safety Lessons



SUPER SAFETY DAYS

July 2024

Fire Safety



Home/Kitchen Safety

SUPER SAFETY DAYS July 2024



➤ 209 children were registered for the 5-day event hosted in July

Miniature Safety Village Buildings



Farm Equipment Dealership



Hospital



Grocery Store

Hanover Lions Town Hall



Miniature Safety Village Buildings



Hydro 1 & Westario



Garage



Children's Chapel



Eva LeFlar Schoolhouse



Dealership

Sept. 2021 - Nov. 2023 - Statistics

- **Over 2,000 children received fire safety training and police/community helpers safety messages and interactive sessions during each of 2021 & 2022 school years.**

- In **2023** the following attendance was logged by our program administrators:
 - **1,224 children were booked from April to June 2023**
 - Total # of Children from local watershed schools- **2,128 to end of November**
 - **# of Children from home school programs -142**
 - # of Children from day camps – 208
 - **# of children Scouting groups- 80**
 - # of Children who attended Super Safety Days in July – 209
 - Subtotal #: **2,767 children attended safety training**

 - **Special programs were also presented to Mennonite school children and an autistic child group.**

2023 Stats Cont'd

- **Numerous service groups and other organizations such as Fire Prevention Officers from Grey and Bruce and some sponsors were able to book the facility free of charge to hold their meetings.**
- The First Rider program for kindergarten children was also hosted at the safety Village on 2 separate dates.
- **The second annual Hallowe'en in the village attracted over 1,000 children and approx. 1,500 parents/guardians. This program was provided free of charge to all attendees and food was collected and distributed to local Food Banks by safety village volunteers.**

Hallowe'en in the Village- October 2023

Over 1,000 children
attended + parents/guardians
for 2,500+ attendees!



2024 Statistics to Date

- We started on-site programming again in April and were booked with school classes to the end of June. We now provide classes 3 to 4 days per week, up from 2 days per week in 2023.
- We had bookings for scouts, guides and municipal day camps the 2nd week of July.
- 1,947 students attended programs from April through June; including children from the following **Bruce County schools** – Lucknow, Paisley, Walkerton, Southampton, Tara, Mildmay, Port Elgin, Kincardine and Ripley.
- We are currently fully booked in October with some classes for November. We also booking into the spring of 2025 with May almost fully booked.

The SVCSV continues to provide its safety training programs free of charge to school children, home schooled children, day camps, scouts, and guides. It also provides opportunities for related community groups to use the facilities. Sustainability of the safety village is contingent upon members of its Board of Directors continuing to fundraise on an ongoing basis, which includes presentations and grant requests. We thank Bruce County for its support to date totaling \$15,000 (*from 2017 & 2023*). By comparison Grey County Council has provided \$68,000 to date and has further committed \$32,000 for 2025 and 2026.

We believe that Bruce County Council has an opportunity to play a larger role in providing further financial support to the SVCSV and supporting school children attending from across Bruce County. We appreciate Council's consideration of further support.

A young child with blonde hair is shown in profile, blowing bubbles. The background is a soft, greenish-yellow color with many bubbles floating around. The child's face is partially visible, showing a joyful expression.

CHILD SAFETY

Preventable Deaths – Hundreds of Children

Preventable Injuries – Thousands

Economic Burden – Billions of Dollars

The Life of a Child....

Priceless!