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Safe Community Renminlu Community No.191



Name of the Community: **Renminlu Community**

Country: **China**

Number of inhabitants: **28000**

Program started year: **2002**

International Safe Communities Network Membership: Designation Year **2009**

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Renminlu community locates on the east of Dalian city and covers an area of about 3.2 square kilometers. As a commercial port with long history and with the fast development of modern economy, the community becomes a modern CBD with various industries such as financial industry, trade industry, port and navigation services, tourism industry and foreign-oriented service institutions.

There is a high concentration of financial service institutions such as international & domestic banks and various insurance and securities agencies in the community, in addition to lots of transnational headquarters and representative offices. About 50 trade buildings with the overall building area exceeding 2.2 billion square meters line up along the main roads, and innumerable modern and stylish recreational salons scatter everywhere. It is a business center with frequent and continual economic exchanges, a functional service center with perfectly sound institutions, and a well-known transport and tourism center.

The program covers the following safety promotion activities

For the age group

Children 0—14 years

- The community organized the high and primary schools to carry out safety knowledge contests; unleashed the educational function of the community safety exhibition room and organized the schools, local units and residents to observe and learn escape drills; conducted schoolyard safety exhibitions; launched a series of safety activities for children during summer and winter vacations, and implemented extracurricular educational programs to improve the children's self-protection awareness and ability. By holding small hands in big hands, it enriched the functions of education and popularized safety knowledge. Besides, it also carried out the "Happy Youth Plan".
- According to the injury surveillance report of the community, children injuries mainly take place in the schools and public places. Therefore, the community conducted safety inspection in four schools one by one, softened the angles and hard parts of the sports facilities in Minsheng primary school, Dandong primary school and 33rd middle school, wrapped up the wall angles of the corridors and toilets with soft gums and prepared safety notice boards. Aimed at the characteristics of the

students in Peizhi primary school, the community changed the low iron fences in the playground to 2m high steel mesh fences, which effectively prevented the students from climbing over it.

Youth 15-24

- The home injury rate for the teenagers and youths was relatively high. According to the characteristic, the community carried out a series of thematic activities called "Safety Around". It visited the schools and invited some parents to attend the thematic lectures and practical drills on fire prevention, scald prevention, anti-burglary and anti-poisoning for the children staying at home, which reduced the household injury rate effectively.

Adults 25-64 years:

To visit and inspect local institutions, buildings, working sites, high-risk places and spaces to eliminate potential safety hazards timely.

- To organize different professional groups to take part in safety knowledge training, so as to popularize fire control, burglary prevention, first-aid and self-aid knowledge.

- To impart training to the persons-in-charge of production-and-operation units and the special operation personnel.

- To formulate emergency plans for major accidents.

- To popularize and implement work safety activities during each year's Work Safety Month.

Elderly 65+ years:

- The community conducted a collective renovation of the back streets and alleyways, paved over 500 m² asphalt road surface and over 900 m² square bricks, which improved the community road traffic greatly, and avoided many traffic injuries to the elderly due to bad road conditions.

- The community carried out door-to-door visits actively to learn the requirements of the elderly, and handed out over 3,000 "Questionnaires on Household Elderly Support" in the community. The contents involved the living, medical and spiritual requirements of the elderly, which aimed to get an in-depth understanding of the services needed by the elderly, and to provide more meticulous and excellent services for the elderly.



- The community printed the *Handbook of Safety Knowledge for the Household Elderly*, set up many safety notice boards and posters in the community and in the residential buildings, and installed various safety protection facilities for the elderly in their houses.



Prevention Programs that target high-risk environments

Home: ● The community invested nearly 800,000 yuan in establishing a multi-functional Healthy Household Guiding Station of about 500 square meters, in producing pictures and in equipping it with such modern educational devices as the large screen projector etc. The community also hands out questionnaires and gives lectures to the residents. In addition, it also organizes Mental Health Salons for the residents regularly and produces mental health billboards, in order to create a harmonious mental atmosphere.

The community perfected the establishment of food safety publicity and supervision network. The food safety publicity and supervision network covers all of the four communities in the area. The community organizes lectures on food safety regularly to publicize food safety and hygiene knowledge to the audience.

● The Injury surveillance report showed that the gas poisoning and fire cases were the primary causes for home injuries. Oriented primarily on the residents of storied buildings, and centered upon the topics of gas use, fire-fighting, accidental disease first-aid for the elderly, food poisoning and etc., the community carried out all kinds of demonstrative drills such as household fire-fighting, gas poisoning first-aid and health first-aid. Besides, the community also carried out emergency evacuation exercises and simulative fire escape exercises, which improved the self-rescue, escape and emergency management abilities of the residents.

Traffic: ● Perfect installation. Enhancing the construction of road traffic safety facilities. During 2006-2009, the community added 40 additional traffic signs, among which, 16 are guide signs, 8 are instructive signs, and 16 are prohibitory signs.

● Through such methods as special rectification, routine



check & control and night inspection, the community enhanced road order rectification. The community increased punishment for four kinds of severe illegal activities such as drunken driving, non-driver driving, disobedience of traffic lights and illegal license plates that affect traffic safety. In addition, it used various S & T methods to punish illegal traffic activities, and it altogether punished 137 illegal activities involving license plates and captured 174 drunken driving activities.

- Awareness Improvement. The traffic safety publicity and popularization rate in the community is above 90%; over 95% low-speed trucks, tricycles, tractors, motorcycles and drivers have licenses; over 90% residents are aware of the traffic safety regulations and common senses; and the compliance rate of traffic laws and regulations is over 85%.

- Introduction of Traffic Safety into Community. In compliance with the topic of traffic safety, the community actively carried out the introduction of traffic safety into community to publicize traffic safety knowledge. Meanwhile, it strengthened communication between police officers and residents, interviewed local social institutions for more than 70 times and collected over 130 opinions. After summarization, the community formulated detailed methods to solve the key and difficult problems reflected by community residents timely.

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Programs aiming at "High risk-groups":

- Between 2006 and 2008, making use of such opportunities as Work Safety Month and 119 Fire Awareness Day, the community issued work safety self-check notices and emergency drill notices to the management units of hazardous chemicals, motor-car repair and assembly plants, instrument factories and construction sites. The community conducted 63 safety inspections to the above production and management enterprises, and discovered 167 potential hazards, all of which had been rectified satisfactorily.
- It carried out fire evacuation drills in the construction fields of New World Hotel and Times Square (completed), and conducted simulation trainings on such basic subjects as opening of water hydrant, connection of water hose with water hydrant, putting out a fire with a fire extinguisher, putting out a fire with sand for emergency use, self-rescue in the fire site and fire site alarm.
- In order to improve the emergency response capability in dealing with risky chemical accidents, validate emergency materials and allocate the materials effectively during accidents, and reduce losses and prevent environmental pollution as much as possible, the community formulated the emergency material depot plan for risky chemical accidents and the emergency plan for risky chemical accidents. The plan is people-oriented. In case of any risky chemical accident, it can provide relief orderly with fastest speed and greatest efficacy, can reduce human casualties and property losses as much as possible, can lower accident damages to its lowest point, and can maintain community safety and stability.

Public Security● Properly utilize the security prevention resources and establish a security management network at two levels

In September 2006 with the support from enterprises in the community, together with the police station, the community established a public security network with cooperation and coordination of 529 volunteers from 1335 key units in the community, providing services on security prevention, emergency treatment and urban management.

In this network, wireless interphones are set in some key units to establish connection with the police station and community offices. When accidents occur, the units are able to have immediate access to the police and the latter



will assemble the nearby security forces to manage the spot. The mutual supervision, seamless coordination and timely treatment enable prompt management and control of the spot. The force of police assistants in the community has been greatly improved thanks to the proper utilization of the security resources, which in term has helped to establish an integrated security cooperation network in the community.

In November, the community organized some enterprises for the drill of cooperative security prevention to strengthen the operation of the network and ultimate improve the ability to handle emergencies. The drill included such content as the chase of burglary suspects within the enterprises and the community, emphasizing the necessity of improving the practical role of the network.

According to the current overall operation of the network, the network has played its advantages in promptness, efficiency and convenience, and thus has become an effective means to maintain public security in the community.

- Establish an image supervision and emergency command system for the share of supervision resources in the community. In 2006, the security control group further improved the supervision plan of the community on the basis of 96 digital detectors and integrated such functions as public security, emergency command, civil defense, prevention of terrorism and explosion and urban management.

Fire Control Safety ● Most buildings in the community were built in the 1990s but those in Fushou sub-community and Xinghe sub-community were quite old. Considering the oldness and lack of firefighting infrastructures in the old buildings, bungalows and tube-shaped apartments, the community police made a detailed list of the places with fire risks and cooperated with the firefighting committee and the community comprehensive management office to eliminate the hidden hazards. 12 buildings were repaired and 40 peccant buildings were demolished.

- Measures on three key fire prevention places namely the residential buildings, underground space and shopping centers and markets include:

(1) for residential buildings: by the end of 2007, over 78 firefighting accesses occupied by the residents were cleaned out and 33 firefighting facilities were repaired. The community signed fire prevention responsibility agreement with 135 enterprises and office buildings in the region.

(2) for underground space and shopping centers and markets: special measures were taken and examinations were conducted upon key places. By the end of 2007, 45 fire hidden hazards were discovered and eliminated.

(3) establishing fire prevention files in terms of the following 6 aspects: approval procedures staff training records facility replacement records flue cleaning records patrol records and point inspection records.



Workplace Safety

- It cooperated with the Friendship Hospital in the community to organize necessary health check-ups for the high-altitude operation workers, and regulated clearly that those with such diseases as heart disease, high blood pressure, anemia, epilepsy and other unfavorable diseases are prohibited from high-altitude operation.
- It formulated the *Renminlu Community High-altitude Operation Safety Standard* and issued them to the property management departments of the buildings. The standards defined the scope of high-altitude suspension operation, management and operation procedures of the production and management units, and responsibilities of the production and management units and project contracting units. The standards included the high-altitude suspension operation workers into the management scope of specialized operation personnel, who could work only after passing the theory and practical operation examination of Zhongshan District Administration of Work Safety.
- For the property management companies with high-altitude operation requirements but without relevant operation workers, the community assisted them in contacting qualified, regular and legitimated high-altitude operation companies to carry out high-altitude operations.
- The community established the safety guidance team for high-altitude operation, invited the working staffs from Zhongshan District Administrative Bureau of Safety Production Supervision to inspect regularly the protection facilities of the property management companies and in the

construction units, and to inspect the personal safety protection equipment, in order to prevent forced and risky operation with potential safety hazards.

- The community organized the property management personnel and high-altitude operation workers to take part in the high-altitude operation safety training. Aimed at the three large construction projects of New World Hotel, Times Square (completed) and Harbor One, the community organized relevant safety assistants to inspect the construction fields regularly, to carry out publicity and inspection, and to prevent falling down from the buildings and other accidents.

Safety in Public Places

- The community established an emergency material depot, which contained 16 kinds of emergency relief materials of 440 pieces, 240 bottles of drinking water, and 240 packages of instant food. It also signed supply agreements with local dealers to ensure that the required materials are in place within 3 hours.



- It formulated and perfected 13 public emergency plans, and the local units also submitted 13 plans. It perfected each mechanism gradually, and formulated the pre-event, during-event and post-event management procedures for public emergencies.

- It set up 6 emergency rescue volunteer teams with a total number of 294 persons, among which, 12 belong to the information team, 54 the property recovery team, 32 the logistical support team, 36 the security team, 90 the information assistant team, and 70 the assault team. They were equipped with 22 PHS and could release warning information through Internet.

- It strengthened monitoring of key points in the community and installed 30 surveillance cameras. Besides, it could realize network commanding through connecting with the district emergency command center, which enabled it to command and coordinate relevant departments on the spot to deal with all kinds of public emergency rescue works.

- It enhanced publicity and carried out emergency drills: it handed out 8,000 pamphlets on earthquake prevention and rescue and 300 manuals on public disaster prevention, and conducted 3 emergency drills. It popularized the emergency experience of the community and the provincial, municipal and district officials and units also toured the community and issued instructions.

Sport Safety● Renovation of Barrier-free Facilities.

The community repaired and renovated the public places often used by the elderly and the disabled, paved 14 road sections, built 56 barrier-free roads, and completed the construction of barrier-free passages in 4 residential areas. The community established physical activity sites for the elderly and the disabled, such as the fitness equipment zone. Besides, the community



also installed “Loving Door-bells” for 8 empty-nest senile SCGFD.

Violence Prevention and Suicide Prevention

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