

SAFETY CITY 2010

OPEN HOUSE

JOIN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AMBASSADORS
FOR A RIBBON CUTTING
CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY
RENOVATED SAFETY CITY!

DATE:

October 22, 2010

TIME:

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

**City of Centralia
Training Facility**

Meet 17-year old Centralia student Thayer Lund, who took on the Safety City Revamping as his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project.

SAFETY CITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OVER A THOUSAND LEWIS COUNTY STUDENTS EVERY YEAR. K – 3RD GRADE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT THE BASICS OF SAFETY WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- **Pedestrian Safety**
- **Stranger Danger**
- **Railroad Crossing**
- **School Bus Safety**

Safety City is a nationally recognized program in which law enforcement and fire district personnel escort young students through a maze of streets and buildings to teach them how to recognize street signage, railroad crossings, safe localities and safe youngster behavior.

A \$5,000 grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission's Safe Routes to School program was awarded and allowed our local Lewis County Task Force the opportunity to revamp the city's buildings. Thayer Lund, a member of local Boy Scout Troop 300, undertook the renovation of Safety City as his Eagle Scout Leadership Project. Students this year will be led through 39 brightly colored and trimmed new 3-D buildings as they learn the fundamentals of safety.

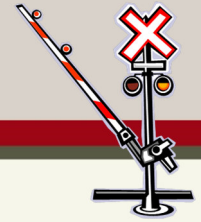


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*"GIVING YOUNG STUDENTS
AN EDGE ON SAFETY"*

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GUIDED TOURS FOR STUDENTS K – 3
OCTOBER 25 – 30, 2010



HISTORY OF SAFETY CITY

The first "Safety City" event took place in 1976 and has grown tremendously since that time. Safety City became an annual event starting in 1984. Tom Prigmore from the Centralia/Chehalis Public Transportation Co-Op was one of the founding partners. He worked with a team of volunteers to construct the original buildings and sponsorships were gathered from local businesses to help with the care and upkeep of the program. The Centralia/Chehalis Pupil Transportation Co-Op and Operation Lifesaver were the lead agencies responsible for the program until 2004, when the reins were turned over to the Lewis County Task Force.

The current Traffic Safety Coordinator, Melody Nelson, was able to secure a grant to rebuild Safety City from the ground up. Thayer Lund then graciously volunteered to transform the acquired lumber into 39 assorted buildings. Thayer chose to build Safety City as his Eagle project due to his interest in community safety. Thayer enlisted the help of his scout troop, parents and grandfather and began cutting, sanding, painting and assembling the miniature city. Volunteers from the W. F. West High School Leadership Class, along with Sheriff's Office employees and their children, then assisted Thayer in detailing the buildings into various stores, houses, and city/government buildings.

It is hoped Safety City will continue to grow in the future and include other safety opportunities, the proper wearing of bicycle helmets, education on seatbelts/booster seats, and skateboard safety.



PREVIOUS SAFETY CITY



TRAIN CONDUCTOR DEAN DAHLIN TALKS ABOUT RAILROAD SAFETY

NEW 3-D BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



RILEY HANSON PAINTS ON THE NEWLY DESIGNED FIRE HOUSE



**A \$5,000 grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission made the Safety City renovation possible.
Thank You for Your Support & Stay Safe!**