

Community Safety

Sub Activities:

Civil Defence

Fire Control

Environmental Health

Land Transport Safety

Safer Communities

Goals

To protect the safety, health and well-being of all residents and visitors to the district, including

- the provision of a civil defence organisation that is able to prepare, respond to, and recover from a civil defence emergency
- the management and suppression of rural fires
- the promotion of a high standard of environmental health
- the reduction of road accidents
- the reduction of crime

Nature and Scope of Activity

Civil Defence

Council works with the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and other partners to promote public education and awareness of Kaikoura's natural and human-caused hazards, to reduce the likelihood and effect of those hazards on the community.

The District Council office is the Civil Defence Headquarters in the event of a Civil Defence emergency. Sector wardens operating from the Kaikoura Primary School, Oaro, Clarence, Lynton Downs, Hapuku and Kekerengu support the Headquarters. Training of staff is undertaken annually, plus the entire district works together in at least one major exercise per year, in conjunction with local, regional and national Civil Defence Emergency Management organisations.

The Council is committed to developing and maintaining effective civil defence emergency management partnerships with local emergency response agencies and neighbouring local authorities, to ensure coordinated mutual support during emergencies.

Fire Control

The Kaikoura District Council is responsible for administering the Rural Fires Act, and its role is to respond to rural fires, to monitor the fire risk and determine when it is appropriate to restrict the lighting of fires, and to issue fire permits in an environmentally sustainable manner. The District has volunteer fire forces based in Oaro, Clarence and Kekerengu, and owns three fire appliances, one water tanker, and three tanker trailers. The Kaikoura Volunteer Fire Brigade is responsible for responding to fires within the urban township, and is outside the administrative blanket of the District Council; however they also provide support to the rural fire forces when needed.

Environmental Health

Food and Health Standards NZ Ltd provide environmental health services under contract, and are responsible for water sampling of all public water supplies, ensuring that all food premises comply

with the Food Hygiene Regulations and investigating food nuisance complaints and reported infectious diseases.

Land Transport Safety

A part-time Coordinator, funded by a grant from the Land Transport Safety Authority, undertakes this function to provide education programmes to road users regarding the reduction of accidents due to fatigue, speed, and age. He maintains a working relationship with the Police and the Social Services Committee to promote the safety of all road users.

Safer Communities

Until June 2004, this function existed as the Safer Community Council, which was grant funded, with Council acting only as facilitator. Since that date, Council has employed a Community Development Officer to substantially replace that position. This function involves the coordination of several social services organisations, including Police, WINZ, CYPFS, and Strengthening Families to provide support to the community. By extending this role to include community development, this position now includes additional roles and responsibilities relating to the overall social well-being of the community.

Effects on the Community

It is the goal of this activity to protect the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community. Through emergency management, the district should be able to respond and recover from an emergency, and rural fires are controlled to protect lives and land.

Community Outcomes

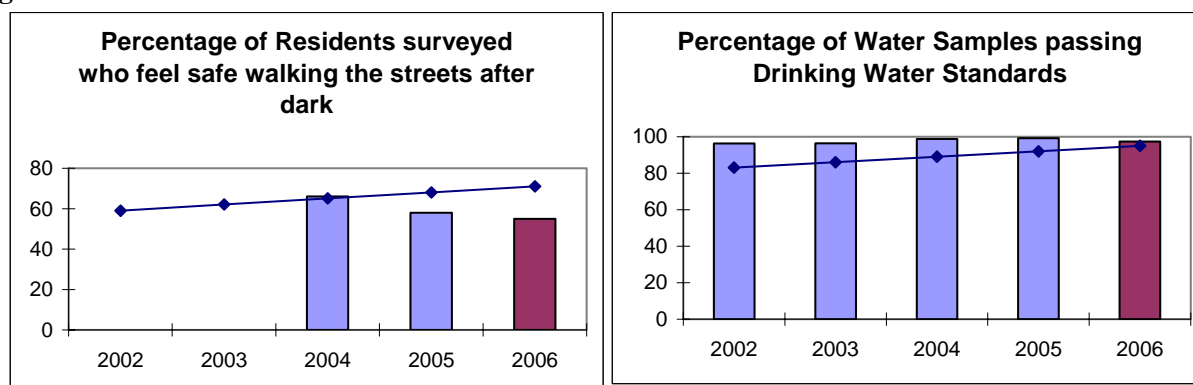
The following table highlights how Community Safety contributes to the achievement of Community Outcomes.

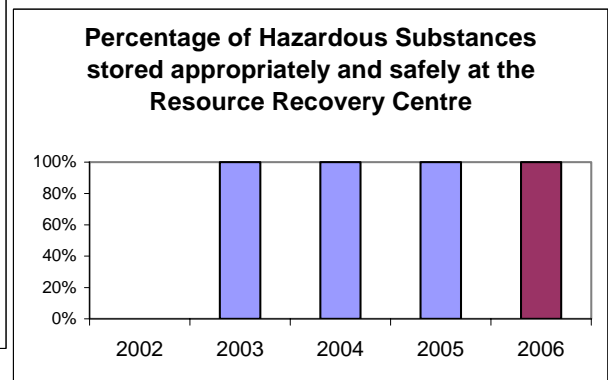
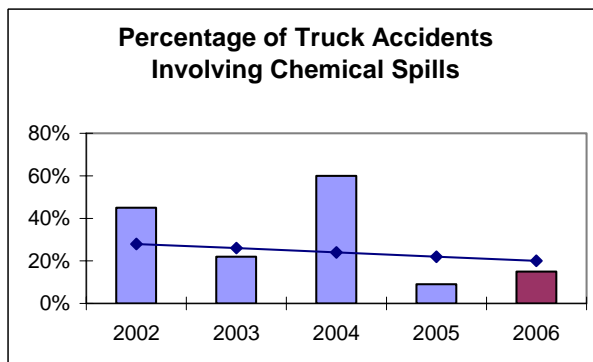
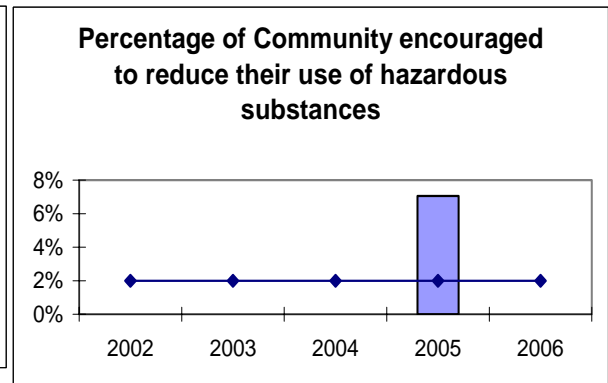
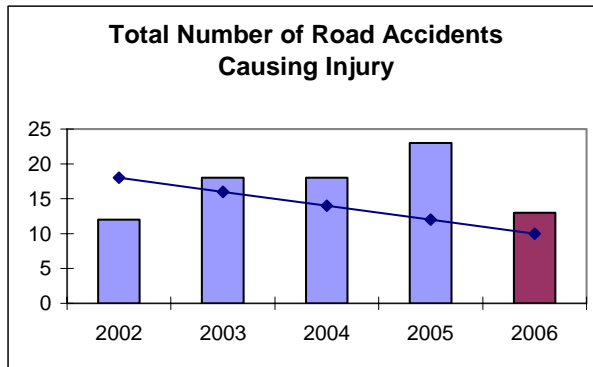
Community Outcomes	How the Community Safety Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
Sustainable Development	The provision of adequate services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs	The percentage of residents surveyed who said they feel safe walking the streets after dark
Quality Water and Wastewater Services	Ensuring that public drinking water supplies provide safe and potable water	Percentage of water samples that passed Drinking Water Standards
Safe, Efficient Transport Network	Protecting the safety of all road users by education and preventative action	Total number of reported injury accidents
Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Preventing spillages of environmentally harmful substances by encouraging and promoting their safe transportation, storage and use	<p>Percentage of truck accidents involving chemical spills</p> <p>Percentage of community encouraged to reduce their use of hazardous substances</p> <p>Percentage of hazardous substances from domestic sources presented at the Resource Recovery Centre stored appropriately and safely</p>

Report on Performance

The results of each performance measure above are shown here.

KEY: The line in each graph indicates the Councils desired trend, and for 2006 the Actual Target.





Level of Achievement

Generally speaking, the level of achievement has been substantially met, particularly regarding the decrease in road accidents causing injury. This indicator had been increasing in recent years, and was the major focus of Council's Land Transport Safety Coordinator, who continues to work with police and Transit NZ on these issues, and holds regular "Driver Reviver" and speed campaigns. Major causes of road accidents in the Kaikoura District have been identified as loss of control, trucks, fatigue, and speed. Transit NZ has reduced speed limits on the coastal parts of the State Highway, due to the increasing number of truck accidents on this section of road.

Cost of Service Statement: Community Safety

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006 BUDGET \$	2006 ACTUAL \$	2005 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
Civil Defence	36,474	31,167	33,245
Fire Control	45,185	41,699	43,106
Environmental Health	30,399	33,576	31,653
Land Transport Safety	25,315	18,671	24,569
Safer Communities	53,100	63,966	31,482
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	5,015	5,340
	190,474	194,094	169,395
Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	15,154	13,110	10,623
Grants & Subsidies	53,815	74,927	44,100
	68,969	88,037	54,723
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(121,505)	(106,057)	(114,672)
Capital Expenditure			
Fire Control	27,000	27,257	1,088
Other Revenue			
General Rates	108,359	108,536	99,574
Reserves	40,146	19,763	10,846
Loans	-	-	-
	148,505	128,299	110,420
Balance (Depreciation)	-	(5,015)	(5,340)

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

A Rural Fire Tanker and alphanumeric pagers were purchased during the financial year, the water tanker purchase was partially subsidised.