

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

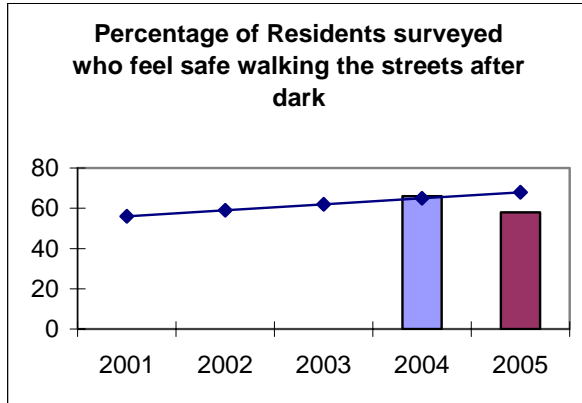
The following table highlights how Community Safety contributes to the achievement of Community Outcomes.

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>

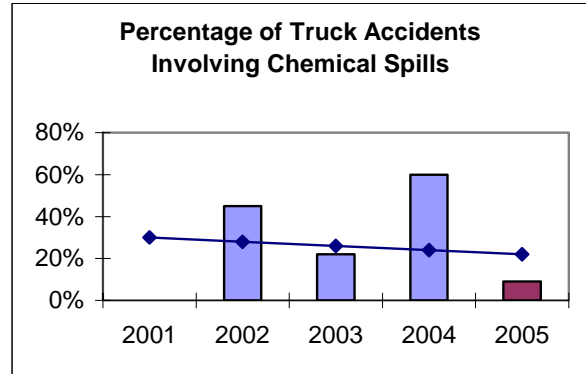
Report on Performance

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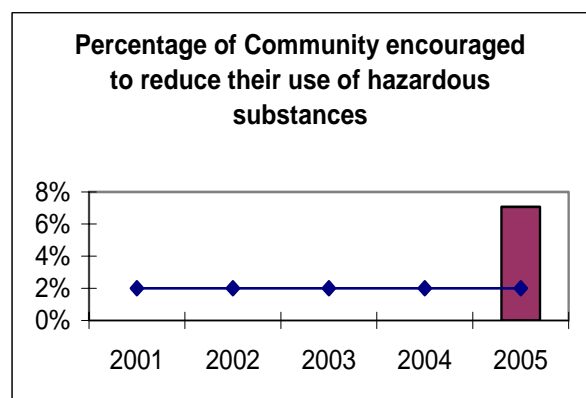
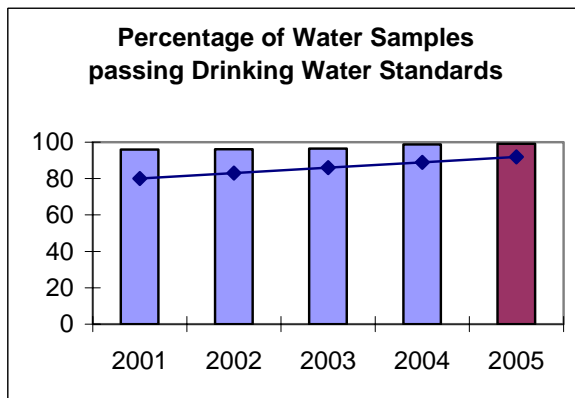
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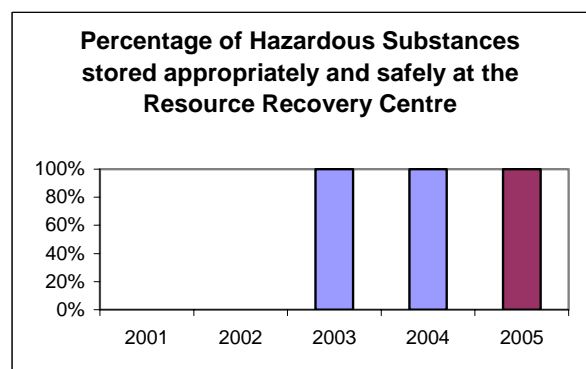
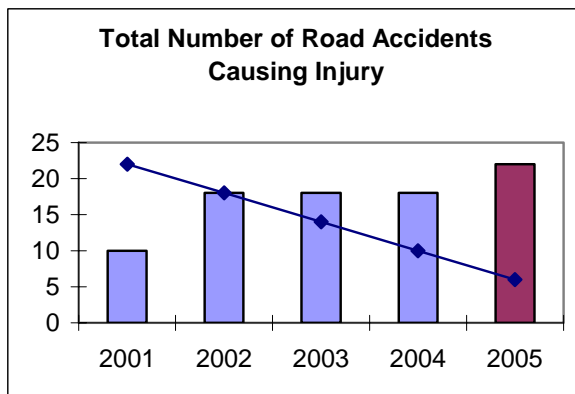
Not asked in survey prior to 2004.



Not recorded in 2001



First community hazardous substances collection took place 2005 in partnership with Environment Canterbury.



Hazardous waste store was installed 2003.

Level of Achievement

Generally speaking, the level of achievement has been substantially met. However, it is disappointing to note the increase in road accidents causing injury. Major causes of road accidents in the Kaikoura District have been identified as loss of control, trucks, fatigue, and speed. Council's Land Transport Safety Coordinator continues to work with police and Transit NZ on these issues, and holds regular "Driver Reviver" and speed campaigns. Pressure is being placed on Council and Transit NZ to reduce 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 2005

	2005 BUDGET \$	2005 ACTUAL \$	2004 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
Civil Defence	34,740	33,245	31,891
Fire Control	45,172	43,106	51,887
Environmental Health	33,656	31,653	28,437
Land Transport Safety	32,000	24,569	25,475
Safer Communities	30,319	31,482	54,191
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	5,340	2,737
	175,887	169,395	194,618
Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	13,960	10,623	22,175
Grants & Subsidies	34,000	44,100	103,503
	47,960	54,723	125,678
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(127,927)	(114,672)	(68,940)
Capital Expenditure			
Fire Control	-	1,088	20,261
Other Revenue			
General Rates	97,608	99,574	87,720
Reserves	30,319	10,846	(1,256)
Loans	-	-	-
	127,927	110,420	86,464
Balance	-	(5,340)	(2,737)

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

The Kekerengu Volunteer Fire Force garage was completed early in the financial year, this project was partially subsidised.