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Calgary, precedent setting in many areas, is the only large city in Canada to receive the prestigious designation as a member of the World Health Organization's (W.H.O.) international Safe Community Network.

With the World Health Organization's Safe Community status, Calgary holds title for being the largest municipality in Canada to receive such recognition, joining 70 other designated communities internationally.

"This is a great achievement for our city. It is a celebration of our accomplishments to date and speaks to the outstanding effort of many individuals and organizations. This event also affirms our commitment to make Calgary safe for all its residents", says Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart, Co-Chair of Safer Calgary initiative.

In Calgary, as in the rest of Canada, the public, private and not-for-profit sectors work hand-in-hand to promote the overall well being of the population. Calgary's designation is the culmination of years of work by many coalitions, organizations and caring individuals, which united under the Safer Calgary initiative. This collaborative effort fosters community action towards a safe Calgary in the areas of injury prevention, violence prevention and natural and built environments.

In addition, Calgary will receive the national Safe Community designation from the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada in April 2003.

To commemorate these achievements, The City of Calgary and Safer Calgary, will host an international workshop on safe communities, April 2 - 4, 2003.

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