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Crime Prevention, Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee

2016-2017 Annual Report

Committee Composition:

The committee is led by co-chairs Chief Kimberley Greenwood, Barrie Police Service and Deputy Chief Kevin Chalk, Waterloo Regional Police Service. There are currently 17 voting members and 6 consultants for a total of 23 committee members representing various Canadian police agencies and association agencies from coast to coast. Our committee is represented by police service members of various ranks including Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Superintendents and Inspectors; along with representatives from the Crime Prevention Associations, Policing Academies, Federal Government Ministries and academics. The Composition of our committee continues to change and we thank those for their long standing commitment, and appreciate those volunteering to become new members.

Mandate:

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Crime Prevention, Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee acts in an advisory role to the CACP Executive on crime prevention and community safety matters affecting police services across the country. We provide leadership in adopting and promoting a comprehensive, inclusive approach addressing the root causes of crime and social disorder.

### Strategic Objectives:

1. Identify new models of collaborative and integrated approach for community safety, health and wellbeing
2. Knowledge transfer, in order to advocate a better understanding of crime prevention through social development.
3. Outreach and education, in order to garner support for crime prevention, community safety and wellbeing
4. Advancing on merging issues

### Initiatives Planned for 2016-2017:

- Launch of the National Framework on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) – *complete*
- Implement the national IPV Framework – *ongoing*
- Examine opportunities to coordinate crime prevention and domestic and intimate partner violence initiatives – *final stages*
- Explore opportunities to co-ordinate crime prevention and youth radicalization interventions – *ongoing*
- Collaborate with TELUS to combat cyber-crime targeting teens – *complete*
- Expand functional use of website – *ongoing*

### Committee Work and Achievements in 2016-2017:

- The Committee's major initiative was our work on the launch and implementation on the National Framework for Collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence. The principle of this initiative to provide police services across the county with common and shared language and understanding of IPV, moving toward informed policies and collective engagement designed to keep Canadian families and communities safe. The Framework document was translated and produced into a report with visual graphics in March of 2016. A presentation was made to the Executive at their meeting in Ottawa where the National CACP framework was officially endorsed.

- In September of 2016 a presentation on the National Framework was given at the World Safety Organization in Finland and later to the International Association of Women in Police in Spain.
- On October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 Inspector Jeff Adam appeared before the House of Commons' Standing Committee on the Status of Women and sat on a panel providing information and later a question period concerning cyber- violence.
- Later in October, the committee welcomed new members, and items that were discussed included the Telus Wise Smart Social Campaign and the National Framework on IPV.
- In November of 2016 here at home in Canada the national launch of the Framework was held during Family Violence Prevention month in the University of New Brunswick. The Framework received national media coverage and garnered more attention on the front cover the CACP Chiefs of Police Magazine.
- Notice in regards to the National Framework was disseminated to all Canadian Chiefs via the CACP social media.
- A journal article about the Framework was published in the Canadian Journal of Community Safety and Wellbeing.
- A presentation in regards to the National Framework was made in Ottawa to the Federal Government Women's Equality branch.
- The Committee met in Mississauga on January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 where a strategy was developed to bring attention and highlight the National Framework on IPV that was endorsed by the Executive of the CACP. A letter writing campaign was developed in which letters were drafted and disseminated to local stakeholders, provincial and federal government leaders, social service agencies and police services across Canada. The goal was to focus attention of various organizations to take note of the Framework so as to bring discussion forward and possible collaboration of stakeholders, social and police agencies within the community. After this meeting a presentation was made to provincial

police associations in Niagara Falls Ontario to further educate members regarding the endorsed IPV Framework which was subsequently placed on the CACP Website.

- Fall 2016- May 2017 presentations have been made to Police Chief Associations in:
  - Ontario
  - New Brunswick
  - Nova Scotia
  - Alberta
  - First Nations Chiefs
  - British Columbia
  
- As an extension of the communication plan established in 2016 the CACP President sent a letter supporting the National Framework to all Police Chiefs across Canada with the expectation that all police agencies in the country will review their current practices and by Winter 2017 sent outreach template letters to all Chief's to distribute to their various local and provincial governments and community partners to raise their awareness and engagement. NOTE: This is essential to the Police proaction and collaboration intent of the Framework.
  
- In February of 2017, Chief Leanne Fitch and Dr. Carmen Gill attended a conference hosted by the CACP Research and Foundation. The objective highlighted that Intimate Partner Violence is experienced by individuals of all backgrounds and is often part of a continuum in people's lives. The consequences of IPV and family violence may vary but can last a lifetime. The session explored the research that led to the development of the CACP National Framework for Collaborative Action on IPV, as well as the impact of IPV and family violence on the health of those directly and indirectly involved.
  
- Also in February the co-chairs participated in the CACP response and statement of release on Sexual Assault Investigations working collaboratively with Victims of Crime Committee and Police Information and Stats Committee.
  
- Co-chairs implemented a provincial and territorial scan on addressing sexual violence for the Minister of Status of Women. This scan directed senior officials to explore additional opportunities for collaboration to address sexual violence, such as exploring best practices on reporting, enhancing sexual violence

examination methods and working with law enforcement to discuss best practices.

- In May the co-chairs participated in a Healthy Cities and Communities Partner's meeting held in Ottawa. The objectives were to share with prospective partners a plan for a large, multi-scale, multi-disciplinary, multi-year initiative comprised of funding intervention research/implementation science in the area of Healthy Cities & Communities. This meeting also discussed common areas of interest and future priorities across participating organizations and the stakeholders they represented.
- The committee met on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and heard from Public Safety Canada concerning "Countering Radicalization to Violence". Further talks were had in relation to the National Framework on IPV (awareness campaign and academic study update) as well as the "unfounded" sexual assault investigations which were brought to light in the Globe and Mail.
- The TELUs Smart Social campaign endorsed by the CACP has proven to be a very successful venture. The campaign, managed by Shelley Smith of TELUS, targeted both middle and high schools to bring awareness and understanding of social media pitfalls to students across the country. The campaign featured posters, social media messaging and a contest for students to raise awareness in the smart use of social media. The demand for the materials, all featuring the CACP logo. Were in such demand second and third printings were required to meet the demand. In total police services and schools from eight provinces and one territory engaged in the campaign. The 46 police services involved in the campaign included federal, provincial, municipal and first nations. Based on demand and great positive feedback from schools the CPCSWB Committee is currently discussing a new campaign with TELUS for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### Next Steps:

1. Further communication strategy to promote the National Framework of Collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence.
2. Expand the functional use of the Committee website

3. Expand discussions on coordinating crime prevention efforts with mental health interventions and police interaction with persons with mental illness
4. Further explore opportunities to coordinate crime prevention and youth radicalization interventions.
5. Presentation to CACP Research Foundation in “The Unintended Results of Our Approach to Family Violence in Canada” panel in Winnipeg Winter 2017.
6. We have begun our work in preparation for the 2017 evaluation process of the National Framework and the future research project focusing on First Nations in Canada and IPV.
7. Funding received from University research Funds at University of New Brunswick.
8. Funding application for phase 2 – Evaluation of National Framework rollout.
9. Article being published in the International Association of Women Police Magazine 2017
10. Invitation to present at International Association of Chiefs of Police in Philadelphia Oct 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Crime Prevention Committee by

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