

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
CACP Meeting
Victoria, British Columbia
August 2014
Crime Prevention Committee Annual Report

Committee Composition:

The committee is led by co-chairs Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux of the Calgary Police Service and Chief Leanne Fitch of the Fredericton Police Force. There are currently 17 active members representing various police agencies across the country and with police representatives for the International Crime Prevention Association, the Atlantic Police Academy and the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well Being. There are also representatives from the National Crime Prevention Center and the Canadian Criminal Justice Association. We have had a few retirements of note including Coalition manager Sandra Wright which has left a significant void in the committee. We currently have three an additional people who have expressed interest in joining the committee and we will be discussing these additions at our meeting in Victoria on August 23, 2014.

Mandate:

Our mandate was revisited in January 2014 at a strategic planning session. The new draft mandate better reflects the mission, vision and values of the CACP as an organization.

“To provide leadership in adopting and promoting a comprehensive, inclusive approach addressing the root causes of crime and social disorder”.

Committee Work in 2013-2014 update:

The Committee met at the CACP annual meeting in Winnipeg in August 2013. New co-chair Chief Leanne Fitch assumed role from Chief John Domm to continue work with co-chair Daroux. Future steps were discussed regarding the challenges of funding for the committee and our coalition partners. John agreed to remain as past co-chair.

The Committee held a conference call on December 16, 2013 in preparation for a facilitated strategic planning session by Dorothy Ahlgren in 2014.

December 19, 2014 a letter was distributed to committee members and stakeholders seeking input by way of survey in preparation for the strategic planning session.

The committee met on January 28-29, 2014 in Ottawa for a facilitated strategic planning session which was designed to provide the group with focus moving forward. The facilitated planning session had three aims:

1. Review the Committee's current objectives,
2. Align those objectives with the updated mandate of the CACP as adopted in 2013
3. Establish Committee priorities for the period 2014-2017.

In advance of the meeting, Committee members were provided with background information on past work of the *Committee and the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being*, encompassing conferences and consultations held, presentations delivered, learning materials produced and resolutions sponsored.

Members were also asked to respond to a questionnaire and also to invite colleagues and stakeholders for their opinions. The results of this survey were the following: 1) strong agreement that the Committee is relevant, 2) agreement that the Committee mandate and objectives support the CACP mission, 3) agreement that the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being remains relevant, 4) agreement that learning opportunities benefit police services, partners and communities; 5) mixed support for the Committee's advocacy role though sponsoring resolutions; and 6) strong agreement that the Committee should partner with other CACP standing committees. Open-ended questions elicited suggestions for areas of focus the Committee could consider and ways to better align with the CACP mandate.

The Committee endorsed its current policy direction—promoting crime prevention in all its forms, with an emphasis on primary crime prevention. This approach addresses the root causes of crime and social disorder and is often termed “crime prevention through social development”. Primary prevention, along with secondary prevention (which uses opportunity reduction and environmental design to thwart crime) and tertiary prevention (which encompasses the criminal justice system of police, courts and corrections and is activated once a crime has been committed) together form an internationally-recognized crime prevention typology.

There was good discussion throughout the session, healthy debate and an impromptu update from the National Crime Prevention Centre, leading to agreement on actions to be taken by the Committee.

Crime Prevention Objectives 2014-2017:

1. Support greater collaboration with non-policing organizations at national, regional and local levels in order to promote crime prevention through social development.
2. Broaden the body of professional knowledge about crime prevention in all its forms, with an emphasis on primary prevention.
3. Advocate a comprehensive crime prevention strategy to decision-makers by sharing this knowledge internally within CACP and externally.

Short Term Objectives for 2014-2015

1. Continued involvement of and support for the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing.
2. Develop two resolutions calling for: change of names from economics of policing to economics of community safety and wellbeing; a call for the Coalition to be an invited participant in the economic discussions on the three pillars.
3. Take a more active role in the review of all CACP Resolutions for crime prevention content.
4. Promote a comprehensive professional education in crime prevention.
5. Communicate professional development opportunities and events through CACP website.
6. Promote comprehensive professional education in crime prevention by survey of police educators on cadet and in-service training, synthesizing training to produce a national guideline.

Long Term objectives 2016- 2017

1. Research and develop crime prevention competencies for performance appraisals of police officers.
2. Explore collaboration with CPKN for on-line crime prevention learning.
3. Host a learning event. Proposed suggested topics to date being discussed vulnerable sectors i.e. youth at risk, seniors, disabled, Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, mental health, risk manage models.

Achievements to date 2013-2014:

1. Survey of committee members and stakeholders and strategic planning session.
2. *Draft* of new Mandate and identified strategic priorities and objectives going forward.
3. Letter of support from President Chief Jim Chu on behalf of the committee to the Honorable Steven Blaney, P.C. , M.P. Minister of Public Safety requesting that an invitation to participate in further discussions around the three pillars that form the *Shared Forward Agenda* be extended to non-police representatives of the *Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being*, a sub-group of the CACP crime prevention committee.
4. Submitted two Resolutions for 2014 consideration by the Resolution Committee.
5. Co-chair member presence at the Mental Health Conference in Toronto in March 2014 “*Moving from Crisis to Creating Fundamental Change: Improving Interactions between Police and Persons with Mental Illness*”
6. Co-Chair met with the CACP Board of Directors while in Toronto and made a brief presentation regarding the direction of the Coalition partnership. The Board passed the following motion:

That the Coalition on Human Safety, Health and Well Being be placed under the direction of the Crime Prevention Committee as a Sub-Committee for a one year term, and then its placement be evaluated. The Coalition membership fees, are to be collected by the CACP, and the fees are to be used towards the expenses of the Coalition. D/General Debra Frazer will look into the possibility of obtaining assistance from Shaun Tupper, ADM, Public Safety Canada, regarding appointing a Committee Manager.

Immediate Next Steps August 2014 – January 2015

1. Finalize strategic objectives 2013-2107 and mandate wording for inclusion on the newly re-designed CACP website.
2. The Co-Chairs of the Crime Prevention Committee appoint a lead from their committee to oversee the existence of the Coalition. The CACP National Office staff will assist the Crime Prevention member with arranging meetings and collecting fees.
3. Identify a manager for the Coalition and notify CACP .
4. Have an updated coalition member contact list made available to CACP and identify a coalition manager.

5. Discuss potential of coordinating crime prevention efforts with mental health interventions and police interaction with person with mental illness.
6. Discuss potential of coordinating crime prevention efforts regarding Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence as a root cause issue of crime harm and social disorder.
7. Discuss/approve need for additional committee members and review list of names currently proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

on behalf of the Crime Prevention Committee by

Co-Chairs: Chief Leanne Fitch and Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux