



Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Safety and security for all Canadians through innovative police leadership

CACP RF CONNECT

What is RF Connect?

It is the CACP's secure online portal for the Canadian policing community.



CONNECT to SHARE: RF Connect is a *professional network* where you can interact with fellow police and public safety professionals who share your challenges, your interests and understand your reality.



CONNECT to USE: RF Connect is a *resource centre* where you can access existing policies, strategies, guidelines, messaging, research, and other materials to support your operations and decision-making processes.



CONNECT to CREATE: RF Connect is a *professional collaboration centre* where you can generate new discussions, projects or initiatives in one secure, shared space.

Why RF Connect?

To advance Canadian strategic policing issues and priorities in a collaborative way.

- **Communities of practice:** RF Connect is an effective tool for committee work, especially for multi-agency working groups. It is a home for national, provincial, regional, and local representatives with mutual interests to discuss issues, ask questions, and develop projects in a collaborative way.
- **A hub to make connections:** RF Connect is where you can find potential partners (e.g. fellow police agencies, researchers, and subject matter experts) with whom you can align your efforts to develop and implement projects to address knowledge gaps.
- **Emerging issues and trends:** RF connect provides a secure forum to identify, discuss and address policing and public safety issues and concerns arising across the country. In doing so, we can maximize opportunities and work together to minimize the impact of issues as they emerge and before they spread across communities.

To support evidence-based policing in Canada.

- **A library of existing resources:** Save time, effort and money by adopting or adapting an existing document, tool, policy, program or practice developed by, or for, fellow police agencies, by public safety professionals, to meet the needs of your respective agency.
- **The EBSCO Criminal Justice Abstracts:** Access full-text versions of international academic research found in over 300 peer-reviewed e-journals, magazines, and e-books to support your projects, business cases, and/or decisions.

To support professional development in policing in Canada.

- **Reach and impact:** By sharing the knowledge, experience and resources you have acquired on RF Connect, you can help reduce the duplication of efforts and increase the reach and impact of your projects, initiatives, results and lessons learned with those who stand to benefit from them.
- **Expand your knowledge:** RF Connect allows individuals wishing to expand their knowledge and competencies to have access to individuals and resources in a particular area of expertise. As a result, RF Connect can help you advance in your career, improve current practices and operations, as well as increase your credibility and eligibility for transfers, promotions or new job opportunities.
- **Complementing one another:** There are a number of organizations that contribute to the evolution of policing in Canada, each with its own unique mandate and police focus. RF Connect creates a one-stop shop where you can find answers on policies and procedures related to policing and public safety.

Who is RF Connect for?

1. **Police Service Professionals who:**
 - a. support business cases and decision-making processes,
 - b. support the development of policies and procedures,
 - c. support the media relations and public relations functions,
 - d. identify emerging issues and trends at the local, provincial and national level and gather data to address strategic priorities, and
 - e. support professional development objectives.
2. **Provincial associations and other police organizations:** Committees or working groups in organizations across Canada who want to share the same area of interest thereby allowing us to achieve a national perspective, align our efforts and achieve evidence-based results.
3. **Police governance representatives:** To support the constructive oversight of police operations.
4. **Allied public safety experts:** To promote increased alignment and to support interoperability.
5. **Research Academics:** To support evidence-based policing in Canada.

How do I subscribe to RF Connect?

1. **Become a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:** All active members enjoy a free subscription to RF Connect. To become a member, complete the *CACP Membership Registration Form* or contact the CACP Membership Coordinator at admin@cacp.ca.
2. **Purchase an annual subscription for your entire police service:** The fee is based on the number of sworn members and represents a cost of only \$5 - \$10 per officer, per year. Complete the *RF Connect Registration Form* available at www.cacp.ca, in the section devoted to RF Connect.

# of sworn members	Under 50	50 – 100	101 – 500	500 – 1,000	1,000+
Fee for subscription	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000

3. **Purchase an annual base subscription for your police service** (\$1,500) and pay an additional \$50 per individual who would have access to the portal. Complete the *RF Connect Registration Form* available at www.cacp.ca, in the section devoted to RF Connect.
4. **Confirm your credentials as an Academic Researcher:** All faculty members actively attached to a post-secondary institution in Canada can enjoy a free subscription to RF Connect. Graduate students may apply for a subscription by sending an email to rf@cacp.ca with a brief explanation of the reason for wanting a subscription and the contact information for the supervisor at their post-secondary institution.

Where can I learn more about RF Connect?

Visit www.cacp.ca and select RF Connect from the top navigation bar, send an email to rf@cacp.ca or call 613.595.1101.