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# RF CONNECT

## Identifying and addressing emerging issues and trends

*"I have attached the survey report by the CACP Information and Communications Technology Committee. Twice a year, we survey the ICT priorities of our member organizations and produce a summary. It is a quick view of what is happening right now. I know all of you will find it interesting to compare your organization's to the survey. There were some major changes in the top priorities from six months ago, but Digital Evidence Management remains the top priority."*

*"The opioid crisis is leaving no part of Canada untouched. In British Columbia, Dr. Perry Kendall declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency in the province. In 2016, 931 British Columbians died from overdose. The proposed recommendations in this report are intended to reduce the impact of the opioid crisis."*

*"I am looking to solicit any and all statistics collected by an agency on roadside injuries or deaths of members whilst on-duty, due to a collision with an approaching vehicle. (...) This will aid research being conducted in aid of designing a device to alert officers of an impending threat posed by a fast-approaching vehicle that could possibly cause harm to an officer at the road-side."*

*"The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics released its report on Police Resources in Canada, 2017. This Juristat article examines trends in police resources for Canada, the provinces and territories, and select police services."*

*"I have been working on 2017 stats, specifically reading the reports to mine how many assaults against our members are not captured by our reporting system. I am shocked to find how sometimes brutal assaults get written in the narrative and go undetected and more importantly, the incident and the constables involved do not get debriefed! Imagine my delight when I realized that what appears to be a trend towards aggressiveness towards police is not an isolated phenomenon or something that only happens in the USA."*

These are a few examples of the discussions taking place on the CACP's *RF Connect* portal. Have you discovered an interesting trend in your police service that is perhaps happening elsewhere but is not yet on their radar? Are you dealing with a local issue that you expect others may also be contending with or that you expect is likely to come their way? *RF Connect* is a perfect place for you 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. **CONNECT to SHARE** your thoughts, experience, statistics and/or documents related to emerging issues and trends!

Reach out instantly to thousands of police and public safety professionals in Canada.

Benefit from the knowledge, resources, and experience of your fellow policing professionals.

Adopt a proactive and collaborative approach to policing in Canada.

“Canada is a large, diverse country with unique communities. However, we know that police services face the same or similar issues related to public safety, albeit at different times. Through *RF Connect*, we have the opportunity to share data and information on emerging issues – allowing police agencies nationwide to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of other agencies that have dealt with the same issues previously.”

Chief Constable Adam Palmer, President of the CACP



Wouldn't it be great if we could predict the future? Well maybe we can. The reality in one police service or community may just be the predictor of the future in another. It's not unusual for an issue or trend arising on the West Coast to eventually spread and make its way to the East Coast and Northern Canada. Until *RF Connect*, there hasn't really been one place where you could reach out to confirm a theory, test the waters, or sound an alarm with fellow police services. The CACP's *RF Connect* portal now represents a valuable resource and option for you.



#### Access the EBSCO Criminal Justice Abstracts

Search full-text versions of international academic research found in over 300 peer-reviewed e-journals, magazines, and e-books to find articles related to particular issues or that may support the identification of an emerging trend.



#### Post/Respond to a discussion on the Open Forum

Ask *RF Connect* subscribers if they too are seeing or dealing with an issue or trend you believe may be emerging in your community.

Respond to *RF Connect* subscribers directly on the Open Forum or reach out to them in a private message to provide your insight or experience.



#### Create a Community of Practice

If you feel that a particular issue or trend is likely to impact other police services across the country, establish a community of practice to identify, discuss or explore solutions to address it.



#### Upload and Share Resources in the Library

Do you have existing statistics, research, or documents that others could benefit from? By sharing your insight, experience and resources, you can help your colleagues reduce the duplication of efforts and increase the reach and impact of your projects, initiatives, and lessons learned.



*“Policing has never been as complex as it is today. The way forward is about collaboration and innovation. To that end, the *RF Connect* portal is an important addition to any police service's toolbox.”*

Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Halifax Regional Police Service, a proud founding member of *RF Connect*