

**CACP Crime Prevention Committee
Annual Report to President for 2009-2010
August 2010**

Committee Mandate/Objective

The CACP, through its Crime Prevention Committee, is committed to providing leadership in adopting and promoting a comprehensive, inclusive approach addressing the root causes of crime and social disorder. The CACP supports positive social change to enhance the quality of life for our diverse communities.

Executive Summary from the Co-Chairs

The Crime Prevention Committee is co-chaired by Chief Gary Crowell of Halton Regional Police Service and Chief John Domm of Rama Police Service following the resignation of Dorothy Ahlgren from the Committee in May 2010.

The Committee membership numbers remain strong, with 15 active and 2 associate members as of June 2010 (membership list attached). The Committee includes those who work in federal, provincial, municipal and Aboriginal policing roles, as well as in criminal justice advocacy. A number of technical advisors bring specialized expertise to the discussions and to specific initiatives. Committee meetings are held on weekends in cities across the country, hosted by resident Committee members, with regular and ongoing electronic communications with members.

The work of the Committee is outlined in a comprehensive 3-year work plan that was updated most recently in December 2009. In 2009-2010 the Committee refined its work plan to incorporate guiding principles based on the United Nations *Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime*, adopted by UN Member States in 2002. A copy of the work plan is attached. The Committee continues to focus on five strategic priorities:

1. supporting the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being,
2. promoting development of a national community safety framework,
3. knowledge development, in order to solidify understanding of crime prevention through social development,
4. outreach and education, in order to garner support for crime prevention, and
5. leading on specific issues.

Committee highlights:

The Crime Prevention Committee met twice in the past year, in Montreal in December 2009 and in Victoria on 15-16 May 2010. Meeting details are outlined in the following section of this report.

The Committee also was invited to attend the 28 October 2009 meeting of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention, where former Co-Chair Dorothy Ahlgren and Sandra Wright, Manager of the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being, made a presentation and sought input from the jurisdictions. The FPT group continues to urge the CACP to continue its work on prevention of youth gangs.

The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, as part of the joint ICPC-CACP *International Learnings on the Go: A Focus on Police-Community Partnerships in Crime Prevention*, held a very successful session on domestic violence and women's safety hosted by Chief Constable Mike Chadwick of the Saanich Police Department. It is hoped that this work may continue in the coming year.

The Committee was invited to participate in a non-partisan Public Forum on Crime and Community Safety held in Parliament Hill on 4 February 2010. Although attendance was not possible, Co-Chair Chief Gary Crowell wrote to the leaders of the three major political parties outlining the CACP policy position on crime prevention and providing a number of the Committee's documents and CACP resolutions relating to crime prevention.

The Committee's recommendation that the CACP Board of Directors endorse the Dignity For All Campaign, which urges a national anti-poverty strategy, was accepted by the Board in March 2010.

The Committee was represented by Inspector Daniel Rousseau at the 9 March 2010 workshop on "Developing a Strategic Approach to Criminal Youth Gangs", organized by the Institute for the Prevention of Crime.

The Committee produced the "Report of the 2009 CACP Conference Professional Development Program, *Creating safe and healthy communities through social development*", now available on the CACP website.

Dates/Overview of Meetings Held Since Report of 2008-2009

Montreal 6-7 December 2009:

The December 2009 meeting was held jointly with the Crime Prevention Committee of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and members of the Quebec Association of Police Directors. Members shared their respective work plans. OACP members expressed their support for the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being and participants explored ways to promote both the Coalition and the UN Principles. The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime arranged a discussion panel "Changing the Occupational Culture of the Police and Local Authorities: Towards Their Role in Prevention" featuring

speakers Jack Calhoun from the US, Elkin Velasquez of UN Habitat and Peter Homel of the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Several Committee members remained in Montreal to attend the 15th Anniversary Conference of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime. Deputy Chief Michael Mann represents the CACP and is a member of the ICPC Board of Directors.

Victoria 15-16 May 2010:

The May 2010 meeting was the annual joint meeting with the National Crime Prevention Centre, which the Centre funds. The CACP Committee again, and unsuccessfully, sought input from the NCPC on areas of potential collaboration within the Committee's work plan. In the current political climate and with existing funding criteria, the NCPC does not fund initiatives of the Committee or its number one priority, the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being. For its part the NCPC requested support of the Committee for continuation of the Youth Gang Prevention Fund, which is scheduled to end before the evaluations of currently-funded projects are completed. The Committee formulated its views in a July 2010 letter to the Minister of Public Safety urging continuation of the Fund until results can be professionally assessed. The Committee invited the NCPC to name a technical advisor to the Committee, a role it has played in the past.

Summary of Initiatives and Activities

INITIATIVE

The Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being is the number one priority of the Committee. The principal event of the past year was the Coalition's national conference, "Youth Mental Health and the Justice System", held in Winnipeg on 25-27 October 2009. This is reported in detail in the report on the Coalition, which is presented separately. The Coalition promotes the mission of the Chiefs as shared within a broad community of partners who are essential to creating safe and healthy communities. The Committee urges a continuing and longer-term commitment to the Coalition, in order to better plan, and especially to convey to Coalition partners the depth of commitment of Canada's police leaders.

ACTIVITIES

- The Committee supported the ICPC-CACP seminars "Learnings on the Go", throughout the year. These seminars, individually tailored, provide police agencies with the most current international findings on a variety of policing and community safety issues.

- The Committee facilitated liaison between Justice Canada and Canadian police agencies and youth mental health agencies, in order to ensure appropriate participation in Justice Canada's 29 January 2010 workshop that focused on police use of their discretion to make referrals under s. 6 of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. Dorothy Ahlgren delivered a presentation outlining the main themes of the October 2009 conference "Youth Mental Health and the Justice System: Strengthening Integration and Coordination".
- Deputy Chief Sue O'Sullivan continued to represent the Committee on the Steering Committee for the Canadian Incidence Study into Child Neglect and Maltreatment.

Resolution for Presentation to 2010 AGM

The Committee is not proposing a resolution this year.

Activities Planned for 2010-2011

- Championing crime prevention through social development through continued leadership within the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being, including chairing the Steering Committee.
- Conference on family violence (Toronto, February 2011) with Coalition partners.
- Two regular meetings of the Crime Prevention Committee (one in Quebec City in September 2010, the other TBC).
- Co-Chairs to meet with FPT Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention (autumn 2010 date and location TBC).
- Joint meeting with the NCPC (spring 2011 date and location TBC).



Committee Members and Technical Advisors

The Committee currently (July 2010) comprises 17 members representing all regions of Canada, plus the CACP Executive Director and technical advisors (from the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, the Institute for the Prevention of Crime, the Ottawa Police Service and Sûreté du Québec) bringing the total to 22. The Committee has invited the National Crime Prevention Centre to delegate a senior executive.

Composition of the Committee (and technical advisors*) is as follows:

Chief Gary Crowell, Halton Regional Police Service, Co-Chair
Chief John Domm, Rama Police Service, Co-Chair
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police Service
Chief Paul Smith, Charlottetown Police Department
Deputy Chief Mike Mann, Waterloo Regional Police Service
Deputy Chief Sue O'Sullivan, Ottawa Police Service
Chief Ward Clapham, South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority
Police Service
Inspecteur Daniel Rousseau, Montreal Police Service
Chief Constable Mike Chadwick, Saanich Police Department
Inspecteur Chef Luc Filion, Sûreté du Québec
Chief Troy Hagen, Regina Police Service
Chief Edgar MacLeod, Atlantic Police Academy
Deputy Chief Kim Derry, Toronto Police Service
Assistant Commissioner Bill Robinson, CO of RCMP "D" Division (Manitoba)
Chief Superintendent Russ Mirasty, RCMP National HQ
Hugh Osler, President, Canadian Criminal Justice Association
Sandra Wright, Manager, Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being

Supt. Peter Cuthbert (ret'd), CACP Executive Director *ex officio*

Serges Bruneau, International Centre for the Prevention of Crime*
Prof. Ross Hastings/Melanie Bania, Institute for the Prevention of Crime*
Louise Logue, R.N., Ottawa Police Service*
Katherine Suchecka, Sûreté du Québec*

Committee Partners and Sponsors

The National Crime Prevention Centre of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada supported CACP participation at the October 2009 meeting of the FPT Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention and the one-day joint meeting of the NCPC and the Crime Prevention Committee in May 2010.