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Crime Prevention, Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee

2014-2015 Annual Report (Version – Final)

Committee Composition:

The committee is led by co-chairs Chief Kimberley Greenwood of Barrie Ontario and Chief Leanne Fitch of the Fredericton Police Force. There are currently 14 voting members and 7 non-voting members for a total of 21 committee members representing various Canadian police agencies and associate agencies from coast to coast. We have Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs and Inspectors along with representatives from the International Crime Prevention Association, the Atlantic Police Academy, Status of Women Canada and academics. There are also representatives from National Crime Prevention Strategy and the Canadian Criminal Justice Association. We have had some loss and replacements on the committee this past year most notably the retirement Chief Mike Chadwick of Saanich BC and Tyrus Cameron of Ottawa Police who stepped down for operational reasons. Both absences left significant voids in the committee. We thank them for their commitment over the years and are pleased with the most recent addition of Magdi Younan of Peel and of newcomers in waiting from Saanich (Brett Fryer) and Ottawa (Uday Jaswal).

Mandate:

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

Strategic Objectives 2014-2017 (Based on updated Terms of Reference and Committee Name Change)

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.

Short Term Objectives for 2015-2016:

1. Determination of the fate of the continued involvement of and support for the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing **(Coalition dissolved lack of funding)**.
2. Finalize mandate, strategic objectives and membership profile.
3. Examine opportunities to coordinate crime prevention and domestic and intimate partner violence initiatives.
4. Explore opportunities to co-ordinate crime prevention and youth radicalization interventions.
5. Explore opportunities to co-ordinate crime prevention and mental health initiatives.
6. Seeking approval of CACP resolution calling for the creation of a National Framework for Policing on Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence (Prevention, Intervention and Response).
7. Finalize composition of committee membership in light of dissolved Coalition.
8. Take a more active role in the review of **ALL CACP** Resolutions for crime prevention content.

Long Term objectives 2015- 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. Promote a comprehensive professional education in crime prevention.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Communicate professional development opportunities and events through new CACP website and working committee website section.

Committee Work and Achievements in 2014-2015 update:

- The Committee met at the CACP annual meeting in **Victoria, BC on August 23, 2014** chaired by Chief Leanne Fitch of Fredericton Police. There was consensus that CACP overall must continue to support an emphasis on the root causes of crime and the relevance of crime prevention on multi-sectorial issues such as mental health, domestic violence, drug addictions, poverty, education etc.
- **Resolution #02-2014** terminology change from the **“Economics of Policing” to the “Economics of Community safety and Wellbeing”** passed at the CACP AGM in August 2014.
- Committee had **Teleconference meeting in October 2014**. New co-chair Chief Kimberly Greenwood of Barrie Police assumed role from Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux of Calgary. Trevor Daroux and John Dom will continue in past chair positions for the committee. New members adopted into the committee included Deputy Chief Dave Thorn of Winnipeg, Tyler Bates , RCMP HQ and Vaughn Charlton - Status of Women Canada. More discussion was had on adding academics as non-voting members to round out the committee.
- Considerable discussion around the role and sustainability of the Coalition as well as a focus moving forward on mental health, wellness and domestic and Intimate Partner Violence in keeping with our Committee’s strategic objectives both short and long term. Coalition has been dissolved, no funding.

- Discussion surrounding the Coalition also included options for hosting a learning venue and the challenges of funding and coordinating same. The coalition has dissolved and no longer exists but will hopefully live on through localized “Hub models” that have become a backbone for interagency integration and cooperation.
- There was an interest by some if not most committee members in pursuing a learning conference on DIPV and funding options and opportunities were to be scouted out going forward.
- Committee met in **January 2015 in Montreal**. Kevin Chalk has agreed to act in the capacity as secretary for the committee. Dr. Carmen Gill of the University of New Brunswick has been added to the Committee and has an area of specialty in family and intimate partner violence and the police/community role.
- Presentation made by Angela Connidis of Public Safety Canada. There was considerable discussion with committee members around the need for Government to understand the critical importance of joint initiatives, funding, policy and alignment of services. Vaughn Charlton discussed Public Safety website and information available and importance of measurements to determine success. It remains a challenge to convince Government of the value and importance of crime prevention first.
- Presentation on SNAP a Youth Project “Proven Crime Prevention Initiative: Helping Canada’s most vulnerable children and youth by Dr. Leena K. Augimeri and Sarah Woods.
- Committee provided support for a successful “Connections” grant application for research on Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence with the Canadian Observatory on Family Violence leading to continued committee member involvement on Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence prevention at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
- Committee moved to create a resolution to change the name of the committee to “**Crime Prevention, Community Safety and Wellbeing**” to better reflect our integrated mandate and in keeping with the resolution #02-2014 on the “Economics of Community Safety and Wellbeing”. Motion passed and later approved by CACP executive.
- Committee discussed at length the issue of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence as it relates to crime prevention and healthy safe communities. This issue does not rest with any other CACP

committee and there was agreement that our Committee would adopt this as a strategic objective. Coordinating crime prevention efforts regarding Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence as a root cause issue of crime harm and social disorder is critical to safe and healthy communities across the country.

- Magazine Article submitted and published to CACP Magazine by Dr. Carmen Gill And Chief Fitch in Fall 2014 edition Title: “National Think Tank on Community Police Response to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): Sharing Best Practices”.
- Co-Chairs Kimberly Greenwood and Leanne Fitch along with other committee members attended the CACP Executive meetings while in Montreal and ensured that Crime Prevention Community Safety and Wellbeing were captured on the CACP strategic priority planning for 2015 and beyond.
- Co-Chairs Kimberly Greenwood and Leanne Fitch along with other committee members attended the Atlantic Chiefs and CACP executive meetings in Halifax in May 2015.
- Update of **Terms of Reference** consistent with name change and the dissolution of the coalition and understanding that Crime Prevention inherently requires a comprehensive, inclusive approach to addressing the root cause of crime and social disorder.
- Submitted **Resolution** for 2015 AGM to support the “Development of a National Framework on Community Police Intervention in Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence”. Vote scheduled for AGM Quebec.
- July 2015 Dr. Carmen Gill and Chief Fitch submitted second magazine article to CACP for publication. Title: “National Framework on Proactive Community-Policing Responses to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence”.
- Co-Chairs Greenwood and Fitch participated in two training sessions with Eldon Amoroso to learn how to navigate the new CACP Committee member’s website. Several documents have been uploading for viewing by the committee members. Calendar events for the committee are being entered.

Outstanding Items 2013-2015 to date:

1. Chief Fitch to request President Chief Weighill to write a letter of support and encouragement to Public Safety Canada to use newly adopted terminology #02-2104 “Economics of Public Safety and Wellbeing” rather than merely “Economics of Policing” that lays all cost and responsibility at the feet of police.
2. Co-Chairs to craft key message for committee members to send letters to their jurisdictional Ministers advocating for government understanding and support of Crime Prevention first mindset.
3. Co-Chairs to craft a letter to ICPC to invite to upcoming Crime Prevention, Community Safety and Wellbeing meeting in an effort to encourage continued partnership between CACP and ICPC.
4. Letter from committee to former Vice Chair of Coalition Gord. Does he have interest in sitting on our committee?
5. Review of draft strategic plan to remove references to Coalition. Include language around knowledge building, and advancing crime prevention strategies and integrated, collaborative approach to crime prevention, HUB Model and Contemporary Community Policing philosophy in which community safety and wellbeing is inherently tied to citizens, various NGO and government branches.

Immediate Next Steps August 2014 – January 2015

1. Address the above outstanding items.
2. Finalize short and long term strategic objectives for inclusion on the newly re-designed CACP website.
3. Provide training on the CACP Committee website through Eldon Amorgos to committee members while at meetings in Quebec and prior to the meetings via teleconference if practicable.
4. Discuss potential of coordinating crime prevention efforts with mental health interventions and police interaction with person with mental illness.
5. Continue to explore opportunities to coordinate crime prevention and domestic and intimate partner violence initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Crime Prevention Committee by

Co-Chairs: Chief Leanne Fitch and Chief Kimberly Greenwood

