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CACP Crime Prevention Committee
Annual Report to President for 2008-2009
9 August 2009

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 Dorothy Ahlgren.

The Committee membership numbers are strong as new members have been welcomed and vacancies filled (membership list attached). The Committee includes federal, provincial, municipal and Aboriginal policing perspectives as well as non-police views. We have a number of technical advisors who bring valuable expertise to our discussions. Committee meetings are always held on a weekend and attendance is consistently high. It is hoped that this will continue, in light of the withdrawal of federal funding for the Committees meetings and the current economic climate.

Committee highlights:

The year 2008-2009 was marked by the continuation of work on the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being, the Committee's number one priority. We thank the Board for funding the part-time position of the Coalition Manager, who will present a separate report on the Coalition shortly. The highlights of the Committee are largely reflected in the Coalition report.

The Committee view is that the Coalition is a most positive CACP initiative. It promotes the mission of the Chiefs in 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 the chiefs—not just in good times but especially in times of economic recession.

The Crime Prevention Committee met last November in Toronto, in Calgary in May, and in Summerside on the Friday and Saturday prior to the CACP 2009 Annual Conference. The work of the Committee is outlined in a comprehensive 3-year work plan that is regularly reviewed and modified to take advantage of partnership opportunities and the input of our members on emerging priorities.

The Committee thanks the Executive Director and the National Office for their consistent support of the Committee's Coalition initiatives.

Dates/Overview of Meetings Held Since Report of 2007-08

November 29-30, 2008 – Toronto, ON

The Committee worked through the following agenda:

- The reply from National Crime Prevention Centre, following discussions between the Co-Chairs and NCPC Executive Director and his senior executives followed up after several months by correspondence, on what the NCPC-CACP relationship might look like, in light of the current direction of the former and their withdrawal of funding to the Committee for its meetings. The NCPC cannot fund meetings that are not its own. Therefore the Co-Chairs proposed: 1) one meeting per year with NCPC and the Crime Prevention Committee, 2) CACP to be invited to one meeting per year of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group, and 3) two CACP representatives to be invited to the second meeting per year of the FPT Working Group. The NCPC agreed to proposals 1 and 3.
- Report from Deputy Chief Mike Mann on the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime 8th Annual Colloquium on Crime Prevention in Querétaro, Mexico, where Mike presented on the Waterloo Regional Police Service family violence partnership with Catholic Family Services. Mike reported also on the ICPC Governance meetings, in his role as CACP representative to ICPC and an ICPC Director.
- Updates on the *Literacy and Policing in Canada* project, completed in September 2008; the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being; the Canadian Social Forum on Poverty by the Canadian Council on Social Development slated for Calgary in May 2009; the 2009 CACP Annual Conference, to which the Committee offered its support; and the ICPC-CACP seminars "Learnings on the Go".
- An update on CACP corporate-level developments, from the Executive Director.
- A motion to seek Board of Directors support for 3 years to fund the part-time position of the Coalition Manager.

May 23-24, 2009 – Calgary, AB

The Committee met with NCPC staff and the provincial Co-Chair of the FPT Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention on May 23 only. The meeting of Committee members continued on May 24. Items addressed were as described below:

- The purpose of the May 23 meeting was to explore possibilities for collaboration. While senior NCPC officials did not attend, they did send staff members to whom the Committee made several specific proposals. The Committee awaits response. There were many concrete suggestions

and strategies discussed for joint work with the provinces and territories, however.

- Updates on RCMP National HQ developments, the Coalition, 2009 Annual Conference planning team, the ICPC-CACP seminars “Learnings on the Go”;
- Review and modification to the work plan 2009-2012;
- development of a resolution calling for federal leadership in community safety, health and well-being, in light of mandate limitations of the National Crime Prevention Centre and the many ministries whose mandates more directly relate to the ingredients of safe and healthy communities;
- Presentation by Joseph P. Hornick, Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Calgary, on “A Study of Youth Reoffending and Police Best Practices”. This led to excellent discussion on factors related to reoffending, and strategies for dealing with chronic/persistent young offenders.

August 7-8, 2009 – Summerside, PEI

At its meeting preceding the Annual Conference, the Committee

- considered a request for CACP support for a proposal being submitted by the Institute for the Prevention of Crime (CACP was a member of its Working Group on Crime Prevention during its 2-year duration) for federal funding;
- had an update on the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being;
- reviewed the program and Committee member roles during the 2009 Annual Conference, in support of host Chief Paul Smith and his planning team, including Edgar MacLeod as program committee chair; and
- had a presentation from, and discussion with, the ISIS 2009 team on their recent work on youth violence;

Summary of Initiatives and Activities

INITIATIVES

Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being

Because the Coalition is the number one priority of the Crime Prevention Committee, the Coalition report summarizes the following initiative:

- the *National Invitational Symposium on Youth Illicit Substance Abuse and the Justice System*

Five members of the Crime Prevention Committee and two members of the Drug Abuse Committee participated as hosts of discussion tables.

Literacy and Policing in Canada

The 18-month project *Literacy and Policing in Canada* came to an end last September. All deliverables were completed and additional activities were

undertaken within the prescribed timeframe and budget. The police learning materials were distributed widely and are available in English and French on both the CACP website and the dedicated website www.PoliceABC.ca. There are no immediate plans for follow-up activities, in light of funding limitations.

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.
- Co-Chair Chief Gary Crowell met informally with the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Public Safety and took the opportunity to promote government support for the Coalition.
- The Committee was represented at the launch of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime publications *International Report—Crime Prevention and Community Safety: Trends and Perspectives* and the accompanying *International Compendium of Crime Prevention Practices to Inspire Action across the World*, held in Montreal in September 2008. This was an opportunity to renew discussions with international colleagues, including those from the United Nations.
- Deputy Chief Sue O’Sullivan represented the Committee on the Steering Committee for the Canadian Incidence Study into Child Neglect and Maltreatment.
- Dorothy Ahlgren represented the CACP on the Working Group on Crime Prevention, part of the Institute for the Prevention of Crime, whose federally-funded work came to an end in March 2009. The Committee will continue to maintain a relationship with the Institute in order not to lose momentum on knowledge development and dissemination.
- The Co-Chairs participated as part of the 2009 Annual Conference program planning committee, chaired by Edgar MacLeod, and the Crime Prevention Committee had the opportunity for input into the conference program.
- The Committee was represented at consultation meetings leading to the November 2008 Ottawa-based *Roundtable: Towards 2020*, on the future for children in Canada.

Resolution for Presentation to 2009 AGM

The Committee developed one resolution this year, consistent with the themes of past resolutions 2002-03, 2006-0 and 2008-02, as well as the CACP Board's policy statement "Community Safety, Health and Well-being: a Vision for a National Strategy", all of which call for federal leadership and establishment of a national responsibility centre for community safety, health and well-being.

Activities Planned for 2009-2010

- Championing crime prevention through social development through continued leadership within the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being, including chairing the Steering Committee.
- Contributing to policy issues around youth offending, through organizing the *Youth Mental Health and the Justice System* Conference (Winnipeg, 25-27 October 2009).
- Continued collaboration with the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime on "Learnings on the Go" and other opportunities for bringing international knowledge to Canada.
- Planning for conference on multi-generational family violence (Waterloo, 17-19 October 2010) with Coalition partners.
- Two regular meetings of the Crime Prevention Committee (Montreal, 6-7 December 2009; 1-2 May 2010 Victoria TBC).
- Co-Chairs to meet with FPT Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention (autumn 2009 date and location TBC).
- Joint meeting with the NCPC (spring 2010 date and location TBD).
- Actively seeking opportunities for collaboration with other CACP Committees and crime prevention committees of provincial associations of chiefs of police.

Committee Members and Technical Advisors

The Committee currently comprises 18 members representing all regions of Canada, plus the CACP Executive Director and four technical advisors (from RCMP, International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, the Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Ottawa Police Service, bringing the total to 22. The Committee no longer includes a technical advisor from the National Crime Prevention Centre, but will invite the NCPC to delegate a senior executive.

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

Chief Gary Crowell, Halton Regional Police Service , Co-Chair
Dorothy Ahlgren, Ottawa, Co-Chair

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
Inspector Alan Scott, Winnipeg Police Service
Inspecteur Daniel Rousseau, Montreal Police Service
Chief Mike Chadwick, Saanich Police Department
Inspecteur Chef Luc Filion, Sûreté du Québec
Katherine Suchecka, Sûreté du Québec
Chief John Domm, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service
Chief Troy Hagen, Regina Police Service
Chief Edgar MacLeod (ret'd), Atlantic Police Academy
Deputy Chief Kim Derry, Toronto Police Service
Assistant Commissioner Bill Robinson, CO of RCMP "D" Division (Manitoba)
Kathryn Gregory, 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*

Insp. Rick Shaw, RCMP National HQ*
Laura Capobianco/ 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*

Committee Partners and Sponsors

The National Crime Prevention Centre of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada supported a one-day joint meeting of the NCPC and the Crime Prevention Committee in May 2009.