



## CANADIAN MUNICIPAL NETWORK ON CRIME PREVENTION

Together for Safer Canadian Cities

## RÉSEAU MUNICIPAL CANADIEN EN PRÉVENTION DE LA CRIMINALITÉ

Ensemble pour des villes canadiennes plus sécuritaires

**The Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP)** brings together Canadian municipalities from across the country in order to fulfill its **MISSION** to build municipal capacity, mobilize municipalities to prevent and reduce crime, and foster community safety and well-being through the sharing and development of knowledge, expertise and vision.

Our goal is to complement the efforts of police services and the criminal justice system by offering a broader concept of community safety and well-being that includes a variety of preventative measures, the mobilization of stakeholders, and greater public engagement.

We are a Canadian voice of municipally-led approaches to crime prevention. Together, we:

- Maintain inter-municipal dialogues on common issues, trends, evidence and new initiatives
- Coordinate collaboration, knowledge building, sharing of evidence and training
- Work with municipalities to develop crime prevention initiatives
- Partner with other orders of government
- Influence policy and programs
- Increase investment in prevention
- Increase the number of municipal staff with expert knowledge and skills for planning, coordinating, and implementing crime prevention initiatives in their communities
- Foster leadership and engagement among municipal authorities to promote community safety and well-being based on existing evidence and collaborative initiatives

### The Role of Municipalities

We understand that municipalities are the order of government best able to work with local agencies and neighbourhoods to identify

specific service needs and tackle the multiple causes of crime. Local authorities are expected to play a key role in the development of an integrated approach to reduce and prevent crime, victimization, and fear of crime.

We understand that municipalities are the order of government most able to work with local agencies and neighbourhoods to identify specific service needs and tackle the multiple causes of crime in high-risk areas.

### Members

We bring together senior municipal managers, community safety coordinators, and professionals involved in the development and implementation of community-based strategies to improve community safety and well-being.

### Structure and Governance

CMNCP has a coordination committee that makes decisions and organizes meetings and exchanges of the membership. CMNCP communicates regularly by conference call and organizes annual meetings in order to share and discuss best practices and strategies for the implementation of municipal programs on crime prevention.

## History

Two major conferences (Montréal in 1989 and Paris, France in 1991), sponsored by the Montréal Urban Community (MUC) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) sparked a new commitment to make cities safer by going beyond police, courts and corrections to also invest in crime prevention. In 1993, the Horner Commission made recommendations to increase the prevention potential across Canada, including the establishment of a key role for municipalities, and new funding. In 2003, 120 practitioners, elected officials, policy makers, and researchers came together during a National Symposium in Waterloo Region, Ontario and created the Agenda for a Safer Canada.

In 2006, the Institute for the Prevention of Crime (IPC) of the University of Ottawa, with financial support from the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC), invited key stakeholders from 14 Canadian municipalities to become part of what is now the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention. In 2007, in collaboration with the CMNCP, the IPC published "Making Cities Safer: The International Experience", an analysis of crime prevention strategies based on evidence from across Canada and abroad. In 2008, the IPC visited each CMNCP member municipality and produced a collaborative report entitled "Making Cities Safer: Canadian

Strategies and Practices", which outlined successful crime prevention strategies in each municipality. In order to achieve tangible, permanent results at the municipal level, the project identified: the importance of a clear, strong political will; ongoing funding; a centre of municipal responsibilities for crime prevention; a strategic plan; and the importance of public engagement. In 2009, the IPC, in collaboration with the CMNCP, developed action plans that outlined concrete steps that would encourage the prevention of crime. These included steps for good governance of municipal actions integrated into prevention, and actions focused on services for youth, Indigenous populations and, women, as well as urban planning and law enforcement.

CMNCP has become a Canadian hub and a reference point for addressing crime and community safety at the municipal level.

## CMNCP Membership

CMNCP membership is based on a sliding fee structure. Members have ready access to international and national evidence-based crime prevention programs and practices, mentorship, and support from community safety specialists and peer practitioners, as well as workshops and training. Your municipality is invited to join! For more information, please contact [info@safercities.ca](mailto:info@safercities.ca).

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