



The **Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP)** brings together urban, rural, and Indigenous communities across Canada to build capacity, prevent and reduce violence and crime, and foster community safety and well-being (CSWB) through training, research, knowledge exchange, and expertise.

Our work is guided by a broad concept of community safety and well-being that includes thorough local assessments and planning processes, a variety of preventative measures, the mobilization of stakeholders, and public engagement. These efforts expand beyond criminal legal system responses and reduce reliance on enforcement.

CMNCP is a Canadian voice of municipally led approaches to crime prevention and community safety.

Together, we:

- Maintain dialogues on common issues, trends, evidence, best and promising practice, and new initiatives.
- Coordinate collaboration, knowledge building, evidence sharing, and training.
- Work with communities to assess local community safety challenges, create plans, and develop crime prevention initiatives.
- Partner with different orders of government.
- Support policy and program development.
- Increase the expert knowledge and skills for planning, coordinating, and implementing crime prevention and community safety initiatives among municipal staff.
- Foster leadership and engagement among municipal authorities to promote community safety and well-being based on existing evidence and collaborative initiatives.

THE ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We understand that communities are best positioned to work with local agencies and neighbourhoods to identify specific service needs and tackle the causes of violence, crime, and lack of safety. As such, local authorities and stakeholders play a key role in the development of integrated approaches to reduce and prevent crime, victimization, and fear of crime by convening key sectors including education, health and social services, child welfare, housing, Indigenous communities/organizations, youth and family services, and enforcement.

MEMBERS

CMNCP represents over 100 communities and approximately 50% of the Canadian population. We regularly bring together senior municipal managers, elected officials, community safety coordinators, and professionals involved in the development and implementation of community-based strategies to improve community safety and well-being at the local level.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

CMNCP is a not-for-profit organization guided by a board of directors elected from within the membership and supported by a small group of staff.

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.

ACTIVITIES

Trainings

- Rural Crime Prevention Training
- Creating Safer Communities Training (Crime Prevention and CSWB Planning; Crime Prevention Programs, Collaborative Practice and Decision-Making, and Communication; and Crime Prevention Program Implementation, Practice & Collaborative Decision-Making)

Webinars see [CMNCP YouTube Channel](#) for examples.

Guiding Documents

- **Action Briefs** (e.g., Importance of Data in Crime Prevention, Effective Crime Prevention)
- **Practice Briefs** (e.g., Working with Elected Officials, Cross-Sectoral Collaboration)
- **Topic Summaries** (e.g., Indicators for Crime Prevention and CSWB)
- **Guides & Toolkits** (e.g., Practitioner Guide on Crime Prevention and Community Safety & Well-Being Planning)

Annual Conference

Every year CMNCP offers a national conference in person or online.

HISTORY

Two major conferences (Montréal in 1989 and Paris in 1991) sparked a commitment to make cities safer by going beyond police, courts, and corrections to invest in crime prevention. In 2003, 120 practitioners, elected officials, policy makers, and researchers created the *Agenda for a Safer Canada* during a National Symposium in Waterloo Region, Ontario. In 2006, the National Crime Prevention Centre funded the University of Ottawa to convene 14 Canadian municipalities to become part of what is now CMNCP. After multiple projects looking at international and national strategies to make communities safer and building local capacity for evidence-based crime prevention approaches (e.g., Building Municipal Capacity to Harness Evidence to Prevent Crime, 2015-2018), CMNCP has become a Canadian hub and 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 national and international 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.

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