

# ALBERTA COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE REPORT

## MAY 8 – 10, 2018 – EDMONTON

**NOTE: Speaker Bios and Presenter notes are on the ACCPA website.**

**PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING.** Took CPTED For Rural Communities.

**PRESENTER:** Steve Woolrich, Community Safety Consultant. Rethink Urban

**HIGHLIGHT MESSAGES:** Enhance natural surveillance and lightening, CRIME PREVENTION IS anticipation, recognition and appraisal of potential risk and initiating ACTION to remove or reduce risk.

Father of CPTED – Tim Crowe. Check out his book.

CPTED useful in developing Land Use Bylaws. To create a safe & compelling environment. CPTED is NOT fortification.

### BASIC PRINCIPLES:

1. Natural Surveillance – See & Be Seen.
2. Access control
3. Territorial Reinforcement – sphere of influence
4. Maintenance
5. Active Support – encourage interactive and attractive spaces
  - a. Eg. Street piano & murals on sides of buildings. To give illusion of ‘eyes’ watching.

### SECOND GENERATION CPTED: (Social Factors)

1. Social Cohesion – wide range of activities in same space
2. Community Culture. – build communities
3. Threshold Capacity
4. Connectivity (networks)

Check out Steve’s BLOG. – Rethink Urban

Mixed use of facilities develops community and cohesiveness – pro=active approaches

### INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT:

1. Expand scope of engagement. Processes towards creation of people to connect.
2. Create spaces you want to spend time in.
3. Walk community to see how to apply concepts. What makes a great place – people! EX: Art Alley. Do on rural road. Paint power poles / shelters. Become a community that looks like it cares. (and is watching)
4. Create Community – Front Porch concept
5. Look at local issues and design site specific plans.
6. Get the right people together.
7. Hold Town Hall discussions. Coffee talk with police, etc. Engage community to identify issues and develop solutions.
8. Success stories: Communities In Bloom for rural – tie with fertilizer tours.
9. Welcome new members to community. Get to Know Your Neighbor Program.
10. Find different ways to engage youth.

MAY 9 – AB APPROACH TO CANNABIS LEGISLATION. Dr. Elaine Hyshka.

Growing process. A lot of: If passed, then ..... maybe. Medical will remain separate and AS IS. Check out her presentation on ACCPA website and check out: [alberta.ca/cannabis](http://alberta.ca/cannabis).

Municipalities can add to restrictions through bylaws. IE set-back restrictions.

Landlord & Tenant Agreements may need adjustments.

AGLC has mandate for oversight, compliance and distribution of non-medical cannabis.

- ensure regulated products
- license private retailers
- be responsible for on-line sales.

EDIBLE PRODUCTS – next stage

THE OVERDOSES CRISES IN CANADA – Donald MacPherson

#1 Problem is organized crime. Google exit interview with RCMP – Bob Paulson. Response to toxic drug supply. Cannot keep chasing drug policing – need to address WHY people are using.

ABORIGINAL POLICING SERVICE – Earl Nini, RCMP K-Division

Need crime reduction strategies through partnerships. Alert Team – Drugs, Gangs & Guns

Reduce anti-social behavior on quality of life. Focus on hot spots tackling prolific offenders.

10% of criminals doing crime. Others – mental health issues, etc. 405 drugs & alcohol.

Drug Addict – 6 crimes / day!!! Focus on drug reduction to reduce crime. Need good stats & crime analysis to assess crime causation.

Know your resources – database of contacts including service agencies available to offenders

Need community involvement and partnerships to make change happen. **Community needs to be involved** in policing, justice system. Need local perspective and individualized solutions. “**Restorative Justice**” Also need data – “*COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS*” **HUB** Concept.

**NEED: Engagement of RCMP Detachments with Crime Prevention Groups.** Communicate & Celebrate Successes.

POLICE & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT. Sharlene Wolbeck- REACH Edmonton.

To address 2012 high homicide rate – created 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Police Academy in 2013. Now 2-week high school credit course for Grades 9 – 12. For students 15 – 19. Parents were afraid of police – built trust through this relationship.

C.P. THROUGH COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. – Chris Hay, John Howard Society  
Average age of offenders – 17

Crime rates are decreasing due to demographics Mandatory minimum sentences increase crime rates – escalates seriousness of crimes.

Criminal justice system based on punishment - deterrence model, For this to work **NEED**. Certainty of punishment; Swiftness of punishment, AND Severe enough.

**C.P. THROUGH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- IE. Fetal Alcohol. Treat mother before drinking CPSD. Work within the justice system.
  1. INDIVIDUAL Strategy – client centered. Wrap around services.
  2. FAMILY STRATEGY – parental support
  3. COMMUNITY STRATEGY. Strengthen local capacity for youth mentoring, peer support.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF CPSD:**

1. Orientation – focus on causal risk factors
2. Design – define problem & goals
3. Integrity – evaluation
4. Environment – positive influence on common coordinated supports and services
5. Resources – qualified, staff in-line with program goals – attitude & style.
6. Research & Evaluation
7. Sustainability – build current strengths of people and communities.

**RISK FACTORS:**

1. Family - abuse
2. Community – disorganized, poor
3. Individual – low social skills
4. School –
5. Peers –

**WHY INVEST IN CPSD:**

1. Economically responsible. \$\$ invested in quality pre-school saves \$\$
2. 2 of 3 Canadians prefer CP through education and jobs rather than prisons
3. Positive impact on other societal structures
4. Reduces victimization

**BROKEN ARROW PROGRAM – Brian Herbert**

Aboriginal Welcome Series – New in Town: Healing Society

Listen	Share	Learn	Plan
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Support referral services to effect positive integration into community

**ABORIGINAL NEW COMERS NEEDS:**

Housing	Financial Resources
Employment	Training / Education
Child care	Counseling
	Culture / community

**NEW IN TOWN HELPS TO TRANSITION.**

CORE SERVICES – Welcome      Mobile Services      Support referral advocacy  
 Community & Aboriginal connections      New Beginnings  
 Pre-planning

Work together with clients & other communities. Volunteer opportunities Mentoring. **Is there a need for this program in our local schools / (FCSS funding???) Mentoring – for bullying issues???** Work with Leadership group in schools.

**LIBRARY – COMPUTER SECURITY TRAINING. Internet Bullying.**

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Telus-wise – youth online safety. Alex Girvin (get community presentation)

**WISE TIPS:**

1. Protect with anti-virus, anti-spyware, adware, viruses.
2. Keep software – operating systems up-to-date
3. Set strong passwords
4. Scrutinize e-mail for suspicious attachments, requests for personal information, typo's & grammatical errors.
5. Limit activity in public spaces and on public Wi-Fi.
6. Hackers attack companies through employee e-mails (weak link)
7. Understand what data is being collected and how used. Manage privacy settings.
8. Turn it off when not in use. Especially devices with cameras. Cover the camera Close the lid.
9. Keep Internet of Things (IOT) devices on a separate network. “guest” network.

**Check out Telus Wise Tip Sheet on <http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca/> under crime tips**

ON-LINE SHOPPING SAFETY / SMART PHONE – TABLET SAFETY check out ACCPA website

Suggest CRIME PREVENTION should be called **COMMUNITY SAFETY. Change focus from Police to COMMUNITY. Education – Prevention – Intervention – Enforcement.** See City of red Deer's Community Safety Strategy (presentation on ACCPA website – Presenter Darlene Wilson.

Check out AB Wildfire APP

**Ask: What is possible!!**