



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 wellbeing through the sharing and development of knowledge, expertise and vision.

We are a Canadian voice of municipally-led approaches to crime prevention.

Together, we:

- Support municipalities through sharing of knowledge, experiences, evidence, and mentoring
- Partner with different levels of government
- Influence policy and programs
- Increase investment in prevention

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### The Role of Municipalities

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. 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. To assist municipalities, we:

- Maintain inter-municipal dialogues on common issues, trends, evidence, and new initiatives
- Exchange key information on policies, projects, programs, and emerging evidence
- Coordinate collaboration, knowledge building, sharing of evidence, and training
- Mentor other municipalities across Canada as requested

### Objective

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

- Facilitate inter-municipal exchanges and develop a common vision based on shared interests regarding community safety and crime prevention
- Support knowledge transfer between municipalities in order to implement successful practices in crime 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 based on existing evidence and collaborative initiatives

### Members

We bring together senior municipal managers, community safety coordinators, and professionals involved in the development and implementation of community-based strategies. Currently, the CMNCP has municipal representatives from 15 municipalities.

## Structure and Governance

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

## History

Two major conferences in Montreal in 1989 and Paris, France in 1991 sponsored by the Montreal 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 prevention. In 1993, the Horner Commission made recommendations to increase the prevention potential across Canada including through establishing 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 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 Center (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 that were based on evidence from across Canada and abroad. In 2008, the IPC visited each CMNCP member and produced a collaborative report entitled “Making Cities Safer: Canadian Strategies and Practices” that 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 centralized center 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, as well as actions focused on services for youth, Indigenous populations, women, urban planning, law enforcement, etc.

CMNCP has become a Canadian hub and a reference point for addressing municipal issues in crime prevention across Canada.

## CMNCP Membership

CMNCP membership is based on a sliding fee structure. Members have exclusive access to international and national evidence-based crime prevention programs, mentorship and support from specialists and peer practitioners, as well as workshops and trainings. If your municipality is interested in joining CMNCP, please contact [info@safercities.ca](mailto:info@safercities.ca).

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