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National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials Annual Report 2012-2013

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Message from the Chair

I am pleased again to present the National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials (NJC) with the annual report for 2012-2013. This report highlights the key activities and achievements of the NJC and its regional committees (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, and Pacific regions).

I am also proud to lead this national body that has hosted so many successful events regionally and nationally. A number of topics and issues are on the agenda such as intimidation, organized crime, street gang management strategies, intimidation of justice officials, Aboriginal issues, high-risk offenders, child exploitation, victims' rights, and the sex offender registry. The regional committees regularly invite representatives and their respective communities to take part in the discussions.

In the Spring, we organize the national meeting in one of the five regions. The Fall meeting is generally held in Ottawa, to allow more representatives from Federal Headquarters to participate.

Our first national meeting was held on June 19th 2012 in Calgary. We had a broad discussion on mental health and justice.

Our second meeting was held in Ottawa November 6th 2012. Victims were at the center of our agenda and we shared best practices to enhance victim services and make sure that they have a voice.

A great deal of work was done on our three-year strategic action plan to ensure that the NJC continues to play a decision-making role in the criminal justice system for years to come. Our

current government, supported by legislation, continues to implement its mandate, making the safety and security of the public a priority.

Effective June 13, 2012, clause 92 of Bill C-10 adds the new section 137.1. to our tool box. It allows any peace officer to arrest without warrant an offender who is believed to have committed a breach of condition, parole, statutory release, or unescorted temporary absence. NJC published a handbook as a rapid reference to instruct police, parolees, and the public on the background of this section and implications.

NJC is an effective and collaborative tool for a safer Canada. “Working together for safer communities”

In conclusion, I would like to thank Public Safety Canada for providing continuing financial support since 1973 despite a difficult economic climate and budgetary restrictions.

I would also like to thank our stake holders who always found creative ways to make the NJC’s mission a real success.

Didier Deramond

Chair

National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials

Background Information

The National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials was established in 1973 under the joint auspices of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and the Parole Board of Canada (PBC).

The original purpose of the Committee was to improve communication, understanding and cooperation among police and corrections officials. Its founding members were senior police officers representing the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, RCMP, and officials from the Parole Board of Canada. Later, the Committee expanded to include the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), the Canadian Association of Crown Counsel (CACC) and representation from the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association.

NJC establishes and maintains efficient and effective mechanisms of communication and consultation between the RCMP, CSC, PBC, CACC, the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association, and other agencies which are part of the criminal justice system.

The NJC works in partnership with governments and all agencies and services in the provision of advice on any matter referred to the Committee by these governments, agencies and services.

Today, NJC is a unique coast-to-coast forum that brings together representatives from Public Safety Canada, the Department of Justice, CSC, provincial Crowns, police and the PBC. NJC is also the sole criminal justice forum in Canada that engages people who are active in the

operational administration of criminal justice and represents governments, non-governmental organizations and other criminal justice players in discussions on the criminal justice system.

Highlights from National Activities

A Showcase of NJC Alberta Partner Programs Calgary, Alberta, June 19, 2012

The Prairie region showcased a number of NJC activities that are taking place in the area to enhance community safety.

Members heard presentations from the Calgary Police, Alberta Employment and Immigration Services, Alpha House, Native Counseling Services of Alberta, and the Calgary Homelessness Drop in Centre.

NJC members were able to use this opportunity to document best practices and strive to apply them to programs and policies on a national and regional level.

Serving Victims

Ottawa, Ontario, November 6, 2012

The theme of the November meeting was “Serving Victims” with a focus on identifying the needs of victims and how victim service providers at the municipal, provincial, and federal level can work together more effectively.

Members heard presentations for Public Safety Canada, Justice Canada, the Parole Board of Canada, Correctional Service Canada, the Ontario Criminal Injury Compensation Board, the Ontario Office for Victims of Crime, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

A key message from the meeting was that NJC organizations should work together in being fully committed to supporting victims of crime, and ensuring victims and their families have a stronger voice in the criminal justice system.

Arrest Without Warrant Handbook

Commissioned by NJC, the instructive handbook is in response to newly introduced amendments to the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (CCRA) brought about by the Safe Streets and Communities Act. The handbook was produced for use in Canada, across all federal and provincial jurisdictions.

Purpose

Effective June 13, 2012, Clause 92 of Bill C-10 adds the new section *137.1* to the *CCRA* allowing any peace officer to arrest without warrant an offender who is believed to have committed a breach or is found to be committing a breach of condition of his or her parole, statutory release or unescorted temporary absence.

The handbook is intended as a rapid reference resource to instruct police, parolees, and the public on the background, application, and implications of *s. 137.1* of the *CCRA*. The importance of information sharing between police, corrections, and parole authorities is underscored. Effective communication between arresting police, corrections, and parole authorities facilitates the sharing of offender information integral to offender management, and thus public safety.

Regional NJC Highlights

Atlantic Region

Chair(s): B. Chase and S. McIntyre

1. Introduction

The Atlantic regional NJC is presently reestablishing itself and have not had any activities per se as of yet except on a planning basis with the two co-chairs and a face to face with the Assistant Deputy Attorney General in New Brunswick.

2. Region Membership

- Chief Stephen McIntyre, Rothesay Police - co-chair
- Brian Chase, District Director CSC – co-chair
- Luc Labonte, Assistant Attorney General New Brunswick
- Edgar Macleod, Executive Director Atlantic Police Academy
- Rick Woodburn, Crown Prosecutor Nova Scotia

3. Overview of Activities 2012-13

A number of planning meetings occurred over the year but the group is just now discussing concrete plans in terms achievable goals. The two co Chairs have had a number of meetings and have approached Luc Labonte to join the working group.

4. Key Initiatives in the Region

The plan is to improve communication between agencies and to get a terms of reference for NJC to review amongst the group. Another meeting is planned for June 28th. One issue that has been raised for further discussion is the release of high profile offenders to the community and what can be done to ensure a less chaotic and seamless approach to this contentious issue.

5. Regional Budget

The upcoming budget for 2013-14 is \$2000.00.

Submitted by: Brian Chase and Steve McIntyre.

Quebec Region

Chair: Didier Deramond

1. Introduction

- The National Joint Committee Quebec Region is well established in the region. We also marked the arrival of a new partner, which are already very involved and active in their participation. (Quebec health, Quebec chief of police association)
- We would like to point out the retirement of:

- Brigitte Dubé, Director, Montreal Metropolitan District, Correctional Service of Canada

Also we note the replacement of Mr. Ronald Boudreault S.Q, and Mr. Guy Pilon RCMP

2. Quebec Region committee membership

- Didier Deramond, Regional Chair, Montreal Police Service
- François Bigras, Director, Régie de police Richelieu-St-Laurent
- Sylvie Boileau, Associate Chief Federal Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service of Canada
- Denis Morin, Inspector, Sûreté du Québec
- Michel Chaput, Chief Inspector, Montreal Police Service
- Andrée Drapeau, Regional Manager, Parole Board of Canada
- Claude Duguay, Director, Montreal Metropolitan District, Correctional Service of Canada
- Solange Ferron, Quebec Parole Board
- Yves Guimont, Director, Operations, Correctional Service of Canada
- Sabin Ouellet, Chief Prosecutor, Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales
- Sonia Paquet, Assistante Chief Prosecutor, Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales
- Philippe Thibodeau, Director, Intelligence, Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Éline Raza, Director, Security, Correctional Service of Canada
- Gratien Tremblay, Director, East/West District, Correctional Service of Canada

3. Overview of activities (2011–12)

Over the course of this year, we have held seven meetings where the following subjects were addressed:

- Electronic communications
- Collaborators of Justice Sub-Committee
- Update on omnibus and other bills
- Update on documents from all partners (collaborators of justice)
- Intimidation of justice official

4. Key initiatives in the Quebec Region

- Meeting in the Trois-Rivières region on mental health
- Tour of CSC emergency center in Ottawa
- Follow up on the collaborators of justice file
- Management of sex offenders
- Participation in the victims' symposium planning

5. Regional budget

A total of \$2,300 has been allocated to the Committee's operations. The totalities of these funds were spent since the victims' symposium did not take place on the mental health meeting in Trois-Rivières. 50 attendees from justice were present.

Submitted by: Didier Deramond, Regional Chair

Ontario Region

Chair(s): Mike Federico, Maureen Armstrong

1. Introduction

In 2012, the Ontario Region continued to provide a forum where justice partners could address issues of mutual concern. In addition to its regular business meeting in May, its Zone 3 Committee held its annual conference on November 1 exploring culturally influenced domestic violence and murder featuring the Parvez and Shafia cases. The High Risk Offender Sub-Committee held two meetings in 2012 with participants from police, corrections, prosecutions, mental health agencies, and offender and victim advocacy groups to examine ways to help offenders successfully reintegrate into the community. This year, the NJC supported a very successful international conference on investigating sex crimes from October 23 to 26 in Toronto. This conference focused on understanding the nature and characteristics (the profile) of the predatory sex offender.

2. Region Membership

- Mike Federico, Chair, NJC Ontario Region,
- Deputy Chief, Toronto Police Service
- Maureen Armstrong, 1st Vice Chair, NJC Ontario Region,
- Chair, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
- Ruth Campbell, Chair, Office for Victims of Crime
- Susan Crone, Det/Sgt. Behavioural Assessment Section Toronto Police Service and Chair of GTA High Risk Offender Committee
- Arnold Galet, Chair, Ontario Parole Board
- Randolph Smith, Inspector, Toronto Police Services – Provincial ROPE
- George McFarlane, Manager Probation and Parole, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Co-Chair of Zone 3 NJC-Ontario
- David Pisapio, District Director Toronto Region, Correctional Service Canada
- Denise Preston, Director, Ontario Region of the Parole Board of Canada
- Bill Stahlbaum, Information Retrieval Unit Correctional Service Canada
- Steve Tanner, Chief of Police, Halton Region Police
- Stephen Waldie, Director, External Relations, Public Safety Division, Ministry Community Safety Correctional Service

3. Overview of Activities 2012

At its May 11th meeting, Ontario Regional members agreed to support a focus on victims' issues at the fall national meeting of the NJC as a way to keep victim's issues in the forefront of the NJC's priorities. The Ontario Region joined the organizing committee and provided information, presentations and speakers. The organizing committee agreed to focus the meeting's discussions on what NJC member agencies need from each other in order to support victims. The meeting took place on November 6 in Ottawa.

The Ontario Region also learned that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (the ministry that oversees policing in Ontario) has established an advisory committee to help guide policing into the future. The Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC) is comprised of policing stakeholders including Ministry representatives, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Toronto Police Service, the Toronto Police Services Board, the Ontario Senior

Officers' Police Association, the Police Association of Ontario, the Toronto Police Association, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the City of Toronto. Its mandate is to review core police services and solicit strategic advice about professional police practices for the future. FPAC is the link between the ministry and its policing partners.

The Office for Victims of Crime produced two new information packages. *Have you been a victim of Crime* is for victims of violent crime and the people who support them. It includes information about the criminal justice system, victims' rights, and places to go for help. This information will help victims to understand what to expect and how to make sure their rights are respected. *Living Beyond the Murder of a Loved One: Information for Families and Others Affected by Homicide* specifically helps families and others affected by homicide navigate the confusion of their loss and understand some of the processes that may happen in the days, weeks, months and years following their loved one's death. It includes practical information about the criminal justice system, and the supports and services that are available to help them cope with this ordeal. Both publications are available online at www.ovc.gov.on.ca.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board reported that in Ontario the legislation is now 41 years old so the focus lately has been on process reform and alignment with victim needs. The office was able to reduced timelines to process a claim from 39 to 15 months which is closer to the goal of 12 months. This achievement is attributable, in part, to improved information exchange with police (e.g. relying on police reports as opposed to officer questionnaires).

The High Risk Offender Sub Committee (HROC) held two regular business meetings in 2012 and continued to search for ways to develop greater information exchange between its partners in support victim needs and concerns.

On October 23 to 26, the Toronto Sex Crimes Unit, supported by the NJC, held an international conference on understanding the nature and characteristics of predatory sex offenders, entitled "FACE OF THE OFFENDER - Motivation, Methodology and Management". The conference featured a case study of the Russell Williams investigation. This convicted Ontario serial sexual murderer who preyed upon victims in their own homes captured the attention of the nation. Detective Inspector Chris Nicholas, Detective Sergeant Jim Smyth and Detective Constable Michele Haggerty of the Ontario Provincial Police, led the investigation. They discussed the challenges of a multi-jurisdictional investigation using the Major Case Management format. Other sessions included presentations from psychologists, other investigators, prosecutors, addiction and mental health professionals, and correctional authorities, nationally and internationally, on aspects of serial predators and how the criminal justice system should respond.

Finally, Zone 3 held its annual conference on November 1 where it explored the problem of culturally influenced domestic violence, entitled "HONOUR-BASED VIOLENCE There is No Honour in Killing". It discussed two case studies: the murder of Aqsa Parvez a teenage daughter killed by her father and brother (presented by Sergeant Jeff Jensen of Peel Regional Police), and the Shafia murders, the death of a wife, in a polygamous relationship, and three daughters killed by the husband/father and son/brother (presented by Staff Sergeant Chris Scott and Constable Jeff Dempster of Kingston Police Service), for ostensibly violating family and cultural values. The conference explored how the deaths were the culmination of the victim's relative's distorted ideas of family honour. Interesting in the Shafia case is the fact that the second wife was also

convicted of the murder, illustrating that misperceptions of cultural or tradition are not always gender based and how community agencies and police services can respond. It also featured a presentation from the Dr. Nalia Butt, Director of the Social Services Network, that focussed on family support from a South Asian perspective and a presentation on an innovative new police approach to support victims of domestic violence by Inspector A. Konarski of the RCMP in British Columbia.

4. **Key Initiatives in the Region**

For 2013 the Ontario Region NJC will continue to focus on developing greater cooperation between criminal justice partners by supporting its HROC and Zone 3 Conference. In particular, it will continue to help develop a victim focussed agenda for member agencies of the NJC.

Specifically, the Regional Committee will explore with HROC the feasibility of including victim support agencies at their meetings.

5. **Regional Budget**

The Ontario Region expended its entire budget (\$3000) supporting the High Risk Offender Committee meetings, the Sex Crimes Conference, the Zone 3 Conference, and its regular business meeting.

Submitted by: Mike Federico, Chair, Ontario Region.

Prairie Region

Chair: Clive Weighill

1. **Introduction**

The Prairie Region has been active over the past year. Thanks to the hard work of Jan Fox, we are making inroads in Alberta. As demonstrated by the membership below, the region is very well represented.

2. **Prairie Region Membership**

- o Regional Co-Chair – Clive Weighill, Saskatoon Police Service
- o Regional Co-Chair – Jan Fox Reach Edmonton
- o Regional Vice -Chair – Wayne Michaluk, CSC

Locals include - Westman/Dauphin, Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, and Alberta South.

3. **Overview of Activities 2011/2012**

Meetings have been held in most of the locals within the region. The Local Chairs are very committed and forward all their meeting minutes to the Regional Chair. Topics covered within the locals include; use of skype and video conferencing, serious violent offenders, "Free Men on the Land" movement, space problems within institutions, numbers within institutions growing due to housing persons with substance and psychological problems, and backlog within courts.

All local committees report very good relationships amongst criminal justice partners within their areas. Westerman/Dauphin held their annual workshop in September 2012, with over 80 attendees. They hold the workshop at their own expense with each agency assisting with

funding.

The local committees in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert all held 3 meetings during the past year. Alberta is in the midst of forming local committees for the North and South of the province

4. **Prairie Region Key Initiatives**

1. The Saskatoon local held a seminar on January 15, 2013, entitled “getting revved up for work”. The seminar was attended by 50 representatives from Parole, Corrections (Federal and Provincial), police, Restorative Action Workers from the high schools, Prosecutions, and Probation. It was a highly effective motivational experience.
2. Westerman Region from Manitoba will be holding its 24th annual NJC Justice Workshop. Over 80 participants from the criminal justice system will be attending.
3. Building a strong local representation in Alberta
4. There was no Prairie Chair meeting held this year
5. We are please that Deputy Chief Mark Chatterbok from the Saskatoon Police Service will be stepping into the Prairie Chair role beginning in May 2013.

5. **Prairie Region Budget**

The Prairie Region was allocated \$3,000 in the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Submitted by: Clive Weighill, Prairie Region Co-Chair

Pacific Region

Chair(s): Cari Turi & Janice Armstrong

- Regional Chair – Cari Turi, CSC
- Vice Chair – Derren Lench, RCMP

1. **Introduction**

The 2012-2013 year has been an exciting year for Pacific Region NJC. We have seen the new development of the Yukon Zone and also 3 very successful NJC Workshops. Pacific Region also played a large role in the development of the “Arrest Without Warrant Handbook”. We have also seen a large turnover in our Executive. Pacific Region Co-chair Janice Armstrong has accepted a promotion in Ottawa and will depart on April 1st 2013. Congratulations to Janice! Long standing NJC members Doug Lepard and Teal Maedel have decided to step down from their roles on the Executive. Doug and Teal’s leadership will be greatly missed but we know they are still with us in spirit and continue to support and promote the NJC. Also stepping down from NJC are Mike Cumberworth, Dave Vallance and Les Yeo. Thank you to all of these valued NJC members for your dedication and commitment to the importance of collaboration of criminal justice partners.

The new faces on the Pacific Region NJC Executive include Dean Robinson from VPD, Derren Lench from RCMP, Elenore Clark for BC Corrections, Leah White from Department of Justice Yukon Territory and Steve Fudge, Crown Counsel. On behalf of NJC, I would like to welcome these new Executive Members!

Our 6 NJC Zones throughout BC and the Yukon continue to be very active and maintain sound involvement from all agencies. Special thanks to the Zone Representatives and Members for their involvement with NJC and coordination and participation of the 3 workshops held this

year.

NJC Pacific Region continues to enjoy excellent relationships between the criminal justice partners which contribute to our ongoing success. On behalf of NJC, I would like to thank the members for their ongoing efforts that contribute to enhance Public Safety.

2. **Region Membership**

- o Regional Chair – Cari Turi, CSC
- o Vice Chair – Derren Lench, RCMP
- o Dean Robinson, Vancouver Police Department
- o David Jardine, Crown Counsel
- o Harold Massey, Parole Board of Canada
- o Rick Lucy, Abbotsford Police Department
- o Elenore Clark, BC Corrections
- o Steve Fudge, BC Corrections
- o Leah White, Department of Justice – Yukon

The entire Pacific Region NJC Membership is located at the website:

<http://vancouver.ca/police/justice/documents/Executive.pdf>

3. **Overview of Activities 2011/2012**

1. **Creation of an NJC Zone in the Yukon**

It has been a long standing action plan to develop an NJC zone in the Yukon. We are proud to announce that this zone is now established. The representatives from this Zone include:

- John Phelps – Chief Federal Prosecutor
- Peter Clark – RCMP Chief Superintendent
- Leah White – Department of Justice, Offender Supervision and Services)
- Tricia Ratel – Director of Community and Correctional Services
- Paul McConnell – RCMP Superintendent
- Erin Dewar – Correctional Service Canada

2. **NJC Vancouver Island Workshop October 2012 – Gangs – Impact in Custody and Community**

The Island Zone of NJC hosted a well attended and informative Fall workshop on Gangs- Impact in custody and in the community. We were fortunate to have found expertise on this topic within our local justice partners.

The day started with a description of the different drugs on the street. Followed up by the sharing of intelligence information about drug trafficking and gang movement. Next was an explanation of how an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang is identified, the tier of clubs beneath them and their linkage with crime. Finally, we were informed about the challenges of supervising gang members in the community and in custody.

A common theme of all presenters' was how education and communication between justice partners will lead to more of a pro-active response to the impact gangs has on public safety.

3. **NJC Lower Mainland Workshop February 2012 – Enhancing Partnerships**

On February 12, 2013 at the Justice Institute of BC nearly 200 police, parole, crown, CRF's and other justice partners met to take part in the annual Police / Parole / Crown

Workshop. The event was an excellent opportunity for criminal justice partners to forge new relationships and enhance existing ones.

What started out as just police and parole officers meeting in a small room 33 years ago has evolved to include Crown, Transit Authority, Community Residential Facilities, Sheriffs and Psychologists. This evolution is a result of the increasingly complex nature of crime and offenders. As well it has improved out of the understanding that when we work together well our communities benefit from a reduction in offending. What was evidenced in the presentations was that now, more than ever, we need to work collectively, inclusively and with continued dedication to effectively respond to our rapidly changing world.

The day was moderated by Teal Maedel, Past Chair of the NJC Pacific Region. Janice Armstrong of the RCMP welcomed the crowd on behalf of both the National Joint Committee of Criminal Justice Officials as well as the RCMP. Deputy Commissioner Peter German of CSC, Patrick Storey of the PBC, Deputy Chief Adam Palmer of the VPD, and Assistant Deputy Attorney General Joyce Dewitt-Van Oosten of the Attorney Generals' office each provided welcoming remarks. The opening remarks all had a theme of change, communication and optimism.

The first speaker of the day was RCMP Chief Superintendent Dan Malo. Chief Superintendent Malo spoke of the changing landscape of gang activity in the Lower Mainland. He provided a great summary of the CFSEU - BC unit which is the Integrated Provincial Unit formed in the year 2000, made up of 14 agencies with their role to target, investigate, prosecute, disrupt and dismantle the organized crime groups and individuals that pose the highest risk to public safety due to gang violence. Dan Malo used a number of excellent examples and took the crowd through a summary of the major changes to the gang profile over the past 8 years.

The afternoon speaker was Dr. Randall Kropp who provided a detailed summary of Honour Based Violence and the Patriarch Assessment Tool. The presentation helped the audience understand decisional theory as it pertains to violence and he provided a great summary of the strategies to deal with Honour based violence such as Monitoring, Supervision, Treatment and Victim Safety / Planning. It is safe to say that the audience had a much better understanding of the profile of both perpetrator and victim of honour based violence.

The third speaker was Sergeant David Teboul who gave a powerful presentation on the Atwal murder. The way he took the audience through the timeline of the murder was both powerful and informative. It was easy to see a clear pattern of escalation as he laid out the details. Sergeant Teboul also brought his own personal story to the presentation and made the audience reflect on the fact that Honour Based violence can occur across a number of different cultures.

4. **NJC Prince George Workshop March 2013 - Gang and Guns**

On March 7, 2013, the National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials organized a gang workshop in Prince George, B.C. The following NJC members participated in this event: RCMP Superintendant Eric Stubbs, Northern Interior Regional Director Miles McGuire, Crown Counsel Shannon Keyes and Parole Officer Supervisor Bill Pavich.

Crown Counsel Shannon Keyes gave the opening address and briefly described the role of the NJC in the Prince George Community. She highlighted the mandate of the NJC is to establish and maintain effective communication between our criminal justice partners. She thanked the group of sixty individuals presented and noted the positive representation from Crown, RCMP, Conservation Officer Service, Sheriffs, Provincial Community Corrections, Correctional Service of Canada and local Community Residential Facilities staff.

Parole Officer Supervisor Bill Pavich introduced the first presenter, Parole Officer Supervisor Justin Chow, and gave a brief overview of Mr. Chow's professional background. Parole Officer Supervisor Justin Chow presented on a variety of issues regarding gangs and the challenges this group of individuals present to the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC). He shared that over the last decade, CSC has seen a growth of gang activity, but also noted that his organization has also made positive strides in their ability to identify, adjust and develop strategies to deal with this group of organized and sometimes violent group of individuals.

Superintendent Eric Stubbs of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) introduced Prince George RCMP Corporal Kent MacNeill. After a brief introduction, Corporal Kent MacNeill presented information in regards to historical and current status of gang activity in the Prince George Community. He acknowledged the challenges of dealing with an organized, at times volatile, and not easily identified group of individuals. His informative presentation also offered insightful observations on how this issue impacts the community and family members who have had to witness the tragic outcomes of gang warfare. A moment of silence fell upon the room when he shared how the lives of two educated and personable young adults from good families were cut short by gang violence.

Superintendent Eric Stubbs completed the closing remarks. He thanked the presenters and gave acknowledgement to the importance of developing effective relationships among the criminal justice partners in attendance. He encouraged all agencies to maintain and increase their ability to communicate and share information and noted the benefit of forming partnerships among our organizations for the purpose of enhancing public safety.

In consultation with the criminal justice partners in attendance, all were in agreement that this workshop was of benefit, not only for the sharing of information, but for its ability to bring such a diverse group of individuals together. The NJC Committee was extremely pleased with the success of this presentation and by the positive responses of those in attendance. The NJC is committed to the further development of joint-training initiatives and problem-solving on criminal justice-related issues in the Prince George community and looks forward to working together not only as criminal justice partners, but as concerned community members.

5. **Creation of the “Arrest Without Warrant Handbook”**

Pacific Region NJC worked collaboratively with Public Safety Canada to contract the development of the Arrest Without Warrant Handbook. This handbook was designed for

front line officers to assist with the understanding and interpretation of the Bill C-10 changes that now allow for police officers to arrest an offenders with a warrant.

6. Pacific Region Executive Meetings

The Pacific Region NJC hosted three Executive Meetings this year:

- May 14th, 2012 – Vancouver BC
- October 2, 2013 – Conference Call
- March 13th, 2013 – Surrey B.C.

7. Pacific Region NJC Website

The Pacific Region NJC website is now operational at: [National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials](#)

Thanks to Mike Cumberworth and Jennifer Taylor for re-establishing this website!

4. Key Initiatives in the Pacific Region

The executive committee has established three key objectives for next 2 years:

Objective #1

Continue to maintain Strong NJC participation across BC and the Yukon and to be inclusive of all participating agencies throughout the geographical zones in the region by:

- NJC Executive members taking leadership in promoting agency participation and recruitment;
- Increasing communication of the executive and the zone teams through use of tele/video conferencing and regular email updates;
- Increase participation of zone team in the Yukon.

Objective #2

Conduct communication initiatives to promote the role of NJC Pacific Region and to facilitate cooperation among the components of the criminal justice system by:

- Executive Members commit to making ongoing presentations at internal management meetings;
- Continue to update Website.
- Host police/parole workshops in each zone (as funding permits)

Objective #3

Identify common themes for Pacific Region NJC and focus workshops and training in these key themes. Following a consultation process it was identified that common themes amongst the criminal justice partners in Pacific Region to focus on in 2013-2014 include:

- Victims
- Mental health offenders

It was also recognized that information and workshops will focus on these two themes as we work collaboratively to address these areas of interest within the criminal justice scope.

5. Regional Budget

The Pacific Region allocated the budget of \$4000 as per the following:

- Executive Meeting May 2012 - \$421
- Vancouver Island Zone Workshop -October 25,012 - \$1460
- Lower Mainland Zone Workshop - Feb 14,2013 - \$1500
- Northern Interior Zone Workshop – March 7, 2013 - \$297.80

Executive Meeting – March 12, 2013 - \$173.04

Submitted by: Cari Turi and Janice Armstrong, Regional Chairs Pacific Region

National Joint Committee Strategic Plan

2011-2015

Mission

Contribute to the establishment of effective partnerships to improve the administration of criminal justice in Canada

Values

- Cooperation
- Understanding
- Respect
- Engagement

Action Plan

Objective #1

Maintain an efficient and effective mechanism of information sharing and communication among criminal justice system partners

- Analyze the environment, review emerging trends and assess their risk.
- Share information on the best practices
- Maintain the flow of information

Objective #2

Enhance consultations and the advisory role of the Committee within federal, provincial and territorial governments on issues pertaining to the various criminal justice services

- Align various regional and national priorities

- Work in partnership with all levels of government and various partner agencies to provide advice on any matter referred to the National Joint Committee (i.e. Victim Issues, Mental Health, and Offender management)

Objective #3

Enhance relationships among member organizations and the Criminal Justice community, to establish lasting ties for improved coordination and collaboration.

- Develop communication initiatives to facilitate cooperation among the components of the criminal justice system
- Review the by-laws of the members under our charter

Strategy

- Strengthen the Atlantic regions
- Strengthen the Prairies
- Analyze technological solutions to improve communication
- Develop environmental scans
- Work on member engagement
- Align our work with the CACP and other appropriate national bodies and focus on combining certain issues of mutual concern
- Develop a strategy to deal with the Northern region
- Commissioning studies/reports on priority areas for NJC
- Input on the Federal Victim Bill of Rights

National Joint Committee Membership

Chair

Didier Deramond

Assistant Director
Specialized Investigations Service
Montreal Police Service

Vice-Chair

Michael Federico

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