



Crime Prevention Ottawa

ACTION REPORT 2011-12

Partners in crime prevention

When gang violence, drugs or sexual assaults make headlines in Ottawa, all too often the story of what's being done to prevent such crimes goes unreported. Yet there is a large contingent of organizations working together to address the root causes of crime, promote community safety and deter criminal activity. Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) acts as the catalyst, bringing together a host of partners to examine the issues, identify solutions and implement evidence-based initiatives designed to achieve results. After all, keeping our city safe requires long term planning. It demands cooperation. We all have a part to play—and CPO is committed to leading the way.

Shad Qadri, CPO Chair and City of Ottawa Councillor



OUR PRIORITIES

- ▶ VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- ▶ NEIGHBOURHOODS
- ▶ YOUTH

Three Ottawa communities curb crime



▲ Pinecrest-Queensway's United Neighbours

CPO's *Why Community-Based Crime Prevention Works* offers an insightful look at the impressive results achieved by three Ottawa communities after each adopted a community-based approach to crime prevention. The report is the culmination of four years of CPO funding and support for Lowertown, Our Home, Together for Vanier and United Neighbours. By bringing

together local stakeholders to implement community safety activities, each group built a sense of security and belonging among residents. Today, crime is down in Lowertown by 20%, Vanier by 20% and Pinecrest by 27%.

New Neighbourhood Toolkit launch

In 2011-12, CPO updated the Neighbourhood Toolkit, our popular online community safety resource that is unique in Canada. Officially launched in June 2012, the new website offers easy-to-find, actionable information and advice designed to help Ottawa residents create safer surroundings, build community spirit and prevent crime.



Header photo: Revitalizing Rochester Paint it Up! project

Research offers insight into guns & gangs

CPO publishes important, insightful research about Ottawa-based gangs with the goal of developing long-term solutions and building healthier neighbourhoods. All research reports are available on our website. We work with practitioners and generate awareness through events and workshops for parents and the public. Our work is far from over. It will continue with the Gang Symposium and other initiatives to address this critical problem.

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I would like to congratulate you on the Community Safety Awards! Such wonderful initiatives across the city. It's refreshing to see that the ENTIRE city is getting involved to prevent crime. I was amazed by the stories of the recipients.

Élyse Robertson, Vanier Community Service Centre

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Speaker Series sparks awareness and education

CPO continued to engage the community and key stakeholders in valuable discussions and educational sessions about emerging crime and community safety issues in 2011-12. Our Speaker Series events included Youth Gangs: Pathways In, Pathways Out; Violence, Gender and Disability; Are Any Sex Crimes Necessary?; Communicative Disabilities and Abuse; and Violence in Ottawa: Statistics and Stories from the Trauma Centre.



▲ Communicative Disabilities and Abuse workshop

Preventing Violence Against Women

CPO continued to promote the innovative and edgy “Don’t Be That Guy” campaign, while exploring new ways to prevent alcohol related sexual assault in partnership with bar owners and regulatory bodies. We ensured the long term sustainability of “The Fourth R” dating violence prevention program by training Master Trainers in each of Ottawa’s four school boards. We funded the new program, I Can MANifest Change, which takes an exciting approach to engaging men in preventing violence. CPO is also a key member in the new Coordinated Victim Assistance Network, which brings together Ottawa-based victims’ services to work for change.

Focus on the future

CPO undertook extensive consultations with stakeholders across the city this year with the aim of developing a strategic plan that will guide our future. Our goal? To plan thoughtfully as we continue efforts to build on our mission: To contribute to crime reduction and enhanced community safety in Ottawa through evidence-based crime prevention.

“It’s the residents who are truly making changes in our community. They’re very vocal. They stand up for what they believe in and they ask for support when it’s needed. Our city’s diverse communities have a lot to bring to Ottawa. They are wonderful assets.

Sylvie Manser, Banff Community House

Financial statement

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REVENUE	ACTUAL 2011
City of Ottawa	\$674,460
Federal Government	\$16,213
Other Revenue	\$2,725
TOTAL	\$693,398
EXPENSES	
Staff	\$292,391
CPO Initiatives	\$119,237
Grants	\$281,763
TOTAL	\$693,391
UNSPENT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011	\$7



Let's talk crime!

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