

**Atlantic Coordinating Committee
on Crime Prevention and Community Safety**

2010 Conference Report

***Exploring Opportunities:
Mental Illness, Addiction and
Community Safety***



**June 2nd – 4th 2010
Memramcook, New Brunswick**

Message from Co-Chairs

As the Co-Chairs of the 24th Annual Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention and Community Safety conference we would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee for the tremendous work they put into hosting this year's event.

We would specifically like to recognize the work of the Conference Coordinator, Tara Carlisle. We would have been lost without her vision, tenacity and organizational skills.

We would also be remiss were we not to thank our plenary and workshop presenters. You made the conference a fabulous success.

As for the participants we are pleased to have had you attend the conference. We hope you were able to take program ideas back home and begin introducing them to your communities.

If this was your first ACC Crime Prevention Conference we hope that you made some new friends, learned more about the exciting work taking place in Atlantic Canada, and will come back another year. We were pleased to have you with us for what was an incredible two days of knowledge sharing with a focus on mental illness, addictions, and community safety. It was also a pleasure to see familiar faces and renew acquaintances.

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful Memramcook Institute - what a wonderful setting for a conference.

Linda Patterson, President of the ACC and CPANB

Cst. Krystal Daley, Rothesay Regional Police Force

Message from Conference Coordinator

I was pleased to be contracted as the Conference Coordinator for the 24th Annual Atlantic Conference on Crime Prevention held on June 2nd to 4th, 2010 at the Memramcook Institute in New Brunswick. This was the first time that I had the opportunity to work with the Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention and Community Safety (ACC), as well as my first time attending the Annual Conference. My role in organizing the conference was made much easier by the enthusiasm and guidance of both the members of the ACC and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). The opportunity to work with so many diverse committee members and presenters to create the final product was an exceptional learning experience.

I want to thank all those who contributed to our conference, as well as those who attended and made our conference a success. I wish continued success to next year's organizers in Nova Scotia. I would also like to acknowledge and encourage everyone's hard work as we collaborate to create safer communities all across the Atlantic Region.

Sincerely,

Tara Carlisle
ACC Conference Coordinator
Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick Inc. Project Coordinator

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Introduction

The Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention and Community Safety (ACC) is a unique group of people committed to leading Atlantic Canadians in building safer communities. Each Atlantic province is represented by people from justice organizations, provincial governments, crime prevention and public legal information associations, as well as the National Crime Prevention Centre, Correctional Services of Canada, and police. The ACC has worked without core funding for over twenty years. The conferences are organized through volunteer commitment, in-kind support and project funding. Prince Edward Island hosted the annual conferences from 1988 until 1995. In 1996, the ACC began to rotate the conference among the four Atlantic Provinces. This is the fourth time that New Brunswick has hosted this event.

It is a tremendous task to put on a successful event the magnitude of the annual Atlantic conference. The organizers of these conferences are to be commended for their outstanding efforts. The conference historically attracts participants from many sectors of the crime prevention and policing communities. This year the goal was to attract the attention of mental health professionals, as crime prevention is an element of their field as well.

“Great Job everyone! I had a fantastic time, met some fabulous people, and learned a lot.”

Acknowledgments

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

The members of the LOC are the reason that this conference was such a success! Every member contributed time, energy, ideas, contacts and in-kind resources that proved invaluable:

- Linda Patterson, President of ACC and CPANB
- Cst. Krystal Daley, Rothesay Regional Police Force
- Delthia Miller, Atlantic Coordinating Committee
- Tara Carlisle, Conference Coordinator
- Cst. Jan Smith, Fredericton Police Force
- Bob Stranach, National Crime Prevention Centre
- Insp. Rick Shaw, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, J Division
- Brian Saunders, Department of Public Safety New Brunswick
- Dr. Susan Reid, St. Thomas University
- Mark Henick, President of Canadian Mental Health Association, NB Division
- Janet Holt, Member of CPANB
- Steve Turgeon, National Crime Prevention Centre

“Great job. Congrats to organizers. Best ACC Conference I have had the pleasure of attending over the years. Thank you!”

Friends and Partners

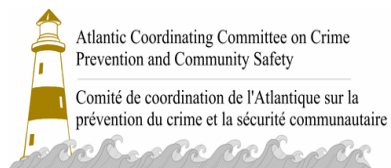
We would like to thank and acknowledge the following organizations, businesses and governmental departments for their ongoing support and promotion of crime prevention. They have all generously contributed either in-kind resources or financially. Without them we would not have had such a successful conference!

- The Cooperators
- Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick Inc.
- Fredericton Police Force
- Memramcook Institute
- National Crime Prevention Centre
- Province of New Brunswick
- Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Province of Nova Scotia
- Province of Prince Edward Island
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Co-op Atlantic
- The New Brunswick Chiefs of Police Association

Silent Auction

The following donors all generously contributed items to the Silent Auction. The silent auction had over thirty items, and was a great success!

- Moosehead Brewery
- Ducks Unlimited
- Neighborhood Police Council
- Saint John Police Force
- Irving Equipment
- Westfield Golf Course
- Janet Holt
- Aboriginal Justice Program
- Winners
- Charlie A'Court
- Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia
- Bird Stairs
- Linda Patterson



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Conference Program

The 24th annual Crime Prevention Conference kicked off Wednesday, June 2nd with an Acadian themed evening featuring authentic Acadian foods. We were also lucky enough to have entertainment from Charlie A'Court, Nova Scotia's top entertainer at the 2009 Music Nova Scotia Awards and winner of the East Coast Music Awards 2007 Pop Recording of the Year, 2007 Music Nova Scotia Blues Recording of the Year, and 2003 Best Blues Artist.

Thursday morning began with welcomes from our Co-Chairs, Linda Patterson President of the ACC and CPANB, and Cst. Krystal Daley Rothesay Regional Police Force, Chief Steven McIntyre of the Rothesay Regional Police on behalf of the NB Chiefs of Police Association, and Superintendent Wayne Gallant on behalf of the "J" Division RCMP. After a full day of workshops and plenary presentations the participants met again for the banquet and were welcomed by the Minister of Public Safety New Brunswick, the Honorable John Foran.

After the banquet, motivational entertainment was provided by drummer Mitch Dorge from the Crash Test Dummies. Mitch provided us with the presentation that he gives to schools all across North America encouraging teens not to use drugs or alcohol.

The conference wrapped up on Friday with Brian Saunders, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Public Safety, New Brunswick, highlighting the key points of the conference and the implications that it had for community safety.

See Appendix A for the conference program booklet.

Plenary Speakers:

Claudette Bradshaw, Moncton Site Coordinator, Mental Health Commission of Canada's national "At Home / Chez Soi" Project: *Reaching Out to Complex Needs Youth and Young Adults*. (Bilingual)

Dr. Bianca Lauria-Horner, Dalhousie University, Department of Psychiatry: *Street-Level Intervention with Emotionally Disturbed Persons: Guidelines for Police and Other First Responders*. (Bilingual)

Manar Idriss, Researcher, International Centre for the Prevention of Crime: *Drugs, Alcohol and Community Safety; ICPC's Annual Report*. (Bilingual)

Dr. Susan Reid, Director, Centre for Research on Youth at Risk St. Thomas University: *Youth Criminal Justice Act Overview – Implications and Opportunities*.

A panel of representatives from Atlantic Provincial Government **Offices of Child and Youth Advocates**. The panel highlighted the complex needs of youth and how systems and services might more effectively respond to them. The presenters included **Christian Whalen** (New Brunswick), **Christine Brennan** (Nova Scotia), Jennifer Cairns-Burke (Prince Edward Island) and **Roxanne Pottle** (Newfoundland and Labrador). (Bilingual)

"Claudette Bradshaw's opening plenary remarks were an inspiring way to start the event!"

Breakout Sessions:

Kristen O'Keefe and **Robin Singleton**, Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland & Labrador: *Youth Justice Camps*.

RCMP Inspector Roch Fortin / Principal Philip Chiasson, Caraquet Polyvalente Louis-Mailloux: *Zone Sans Drouge – Police / School Partnership* (Bilingual).

Debbie Barriault and **Dave Hardy**, Bridges of Canada: *The Victory Centre*.

Todd Chadwick, Miramichi Police Force and **Debby McGregor**, Director, Autism Resources Miramichi: *Miramichi Autism Registry*.

Heather McNeil and **Kris Doucette**, Northside Youth Inclusion Program “*It Takes a Community*”.

Kyle MacNevin and **Jordan MacNevin**, Youth Crime Watch: *Youth Life Skills - A School-Based Peer Education Model*.

Melanie Doucet, Province of New Brunswick, Department of Education: *Integrated Service Delivery: A child and youth centered framework for New Brunswick* (Bilingual).

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, UNBSJ: *Navigating the Intersection between Effective Correctional Management and Mental Illness in Community-Supervised Offenders: Recommendations for Practice Parameters*.

Jennifer Cairns-Burke, Province of PEI Department of Health and Wellness: *PEI Youth Addictions Strategy*.

Dr. Lori Cox, Elsipogtog First Nation: *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Effective Interventions with Youth and Adults*.

Mark Henick, President, Canadian Mental Health Association, New Brunswick Division: *A Certain Kind of Darkness*.

Robin Ward/Charline McLean, Regional Community Workers with the Canadian Mental Health Association, New Brunswick Division: *Changing Minds* (Bilingual).

Please see Appendix B for available workshop presentations.

“I learned about the importance of working with youth before they enter the justice system”

Conference Planning

The Local Organizing Committee for the 2010 Conference was established in January and the first official meeting took place in early February. The members of the LOC worked together very effectively to pull all aspects of this conference together in five months. Decisions regarding the conference presentations, format and theme were a group effort.

A special thanks to Janet Holt who took the sole responsibility of the Silent Auction; this was very helpful, and the auction proved to be extremely successful.

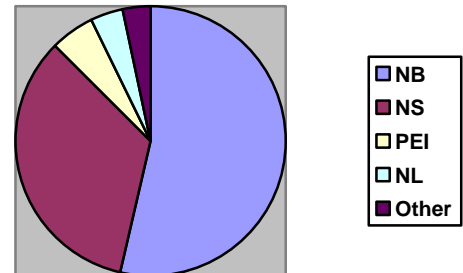
Conference templates can be found in Appendix C, and communication tools can be found in Appendix C. Conference photos are located in Appendix D.

“Thank you to all the committee members and the organization of this conference. Well done!”

Conference Delegates

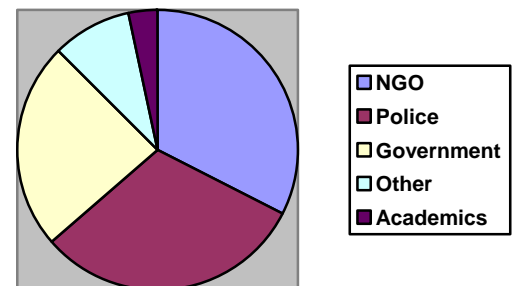
This year's conference attracted 151 participants from all across the Maritimes and beyond, including presenters and the LOC members. Most participants came from the host province of New Brunswick.

New Brunswick (81)
Nova Scotia (51)
Prince Edward Island (8)
Newfoundland & Labrador (6)
Ontario (2)
Quebec (1)
Manitoba (1)
Unspecified (1)



This conference was well attended by members of many different sectors including police, government and non-profit organizations.

Non-Profit Organizations (49)
Police Agencies (47)
Government (36)
Other (Security, Community College Instructors, Students, Conference Chairs, Etc.) (14)
Academics (5)



See Appendix E for participant contact information where it is available.

Conference Evaluation

The key objective of the conference was to provide an opportunity for conference participants to learn about the issues surrounding mental illness and community safety.

The pre-conference evaluation was completed by 112 registrants the majority of which worked with youth and represented community organizations/not-for-profits or the RCMP. Of note, over half of all survey respondents reported that this was their first time attending an ACC conference, indicating a successful reach to additional target audiences.

Of the 226 workshop session evaluations completed, over 98 percent of the attendees stated that they had learned something new, the knowledge they acquired would be used at home in their own work, and they would share what they learned with others.

The Immediate Post-Conference Evaluation was completed by 51 conference attendees. The majority of participants agreed that the conference left them feeling inspired and motivated, and allowed them to make some useful contacts through networking. All agreed they would attend the conference again.

Clearly, the 2010 conference proved to be a successful knowledge transfer event.

The full evaluation report can be found in Appendix F.

Conclusion

We hope that this report and appendices are a useful resource for your current and future community crime prevention initiatives. By focusing our conference theme we were able to bring together members of the crime prevention field and those involved in the mental health profession.

The ACC conference is a reflection of the current crime prevention trends and initiatives in the Atlantic region. Since these trends are constantly evolving, the conference is held in all four provinces to allow the most current crime prevention knowledge to be shared.

This report serves as a reference point for all the information that was made available at the conference. We hope that all the elements of the conference were coordinated in a fashion that made it informative and entertaining as well.

“Thank you for all your excellent work and thoughtful selection of speakers/presenters. Very well done.”

For additional information on the 2010 conference, please visit the ACC website at www.acc-cca.org or contact:

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