

2006-2007 ACTION REPORT



CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA

Partners for a safer community

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Vision... Mission... Objectives...

CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA (CPO) is a city-initiated, Community-safety partnership.

Our vision is a community where we feel safe... and are safe.

Our mission is to contribute to crime reduction and enhanced community safety in Ottawa through collaborative, evidence-based crime prevention. Our objectives are to develop a community-wide strategic plan while implementing and supporting crime prevention programs. We act as a leadership body, actively seeking funds, supporting community groups, creating partnerships, promoting policy solutions that work, while monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of our efforts.

Our organization is simple and effective; a high level, knowledgeable, committed and connected board, guiding and supporting a small experienced team of professionals that make decisions and implement plans.

One in four Canadians are the victims of a crime in one year and approximately 40% of these are victimized more than once.

*(Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, 2004;
Department of Justice Canada, 2004)*



Crime Prevention Ottawa Staff

*Nancy Worsfold, Executive Director (centre)
Francine Demers, Administrative Assistant (left)
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Who We Are

Crime Prevention Ottawa was founded in 2005 by City Council to bring together city government, police services, school boards, child protection services and the United Way. Together with community, business and academic partners our goal is to reduce crime and make safer communities for our city. CPO is jointly responsible to the City of Ottawa and to the greater community of Ottawa through this annual report to City Council and to the Community Forum.

Crime Prevention Ottawa: By the Numbers*

Major public events ... **4**

CPO Communiqués published ... **11**

Community Safety projects funded ... **17**

20 presentations to the community

Board and committee meetings ... **43**

Community meetings organized ... **47**

493 Outreach, collaboration, partnership and knowledge building meetings

**November 2005 – September 2007*

Strategic Planning

In January of 2007, Crime Prevention Ottawa completed an extensive consultative process which included a community conference, public meetings, focus groups and key informant interviews to create a strategic vision for the future with our first Strategic Plan. The plan lays out a vision for CPO as a leadership body that supports the community, builds partnerships and capacity and advocates for a safer Ottawa.

Three key areas of intervention are:

- at-risk neighbourhoods
- violence against women
- at-risk youth



Our Achievements: A few of this year's successes

With strong support from the community of Vanier we completed a community survey of 480 residents that identified their areas of concern. This was followed with a public forum on making a safer community. From that, working groups are now planning next steps for the future.

After extensive stakeholder consultation a report was presented to CPO's Board on preventing violence against women. Although there are many services in Ottawa for women who are victims of violence such as counseling and shelters – there is little prevention programming.

CPO is now working in partnership to support the implementation of three prevention programs: two in the schools, **The Fourth R** and **In Love and In Danger** and one general public education campaign, **Neighbours, Friends and Family** with the Eastern Ottawa Community Resource Centre. All three programs focus on positive, action oriented, prevention strategies.

CPO initiated the **Community Adult Justice Network of Ottawa (CAJN)**, a strategic leadership group dedicated to building and enhancing coordination, partnerships, education and advocacy regarding adult justice issues in the Ottawa area. CAJN is now in the process of identifying and prioritizing issues in services for adults involved in the criminal justice system.

The United Nations guidelines on crime prevention call for national and local responsibility centres, sustained problem solving strategies addressing the risk factors that cause crime, as well as training and technical assistance.

*United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC),
Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime, 2002*

Throughout 2006 and 2007 CPO participated in a number of projects to bring a crime prevention perspective to initiatives such as **Taking it to the Streets** in Centretown, **No Communities Left Behind** in southeast Ottawa, the **Ottawa Youth Justice Services Network** and the **Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women**.

A significant achievement was our speakers series. CPO hosted three major public information events with educational and advocacy components led by international experts in crime prevention: Sohail Husain on community safety planning, Dr. David Hawkins on the youth focused **Communities that Care** and Al Cameron on **Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods** legislation.

In helping communities undertake crime prevention projects, Crime Prevention Ottawa, in partnership with the City's community funding branch, managed a funding process. Many important projects were supported. (See *right*.)

Engaging in the public policy arena has proven to be a successful activity for Crime Prevention Ottawa. By advocating for our community with senior levels of government CPO has brought new funding to Ottawa through the province's Youth Opportunities program and we have stimulated debate about **Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods** legislation. We are starting a public policy dialogue about safety in Ottawa.

Throughout the year, CPO listened. From discussions with top government officials to community services agencies to taxpayers in their communities, the message is the same.

**Crime prevention is a priority...
let's find the best way to do it,
together.**

A few of the projects Crime Prevention Ottawa assisted with financial support during the past year.

Keeping it Cool – an intensive, anger management program for youth in conflict with the law. (*Carlington Community and Health Services*)

In Love and In Danger – supporting a long standing high school dating violence prevention program. (*Family Services à la famille Ottawa*)

Be a Buddy, Not a Bully – a bullying prevention program for K to 6 Vanier Francophone elementary students, staff and parents.

Hintonberg Youth Outreach – a respect and teamwork hip-hop dance program for neighbourhood youth.

Street Smarts – is former street people assisting the homeless in our downtown core. (*Jewish Family Services of Ottawa*)

Productivity Prevents Crime – shifts disadvantaged, new immigrant and visible minority youth away from crime and toward employment. (*LASI – WorldSkills*)

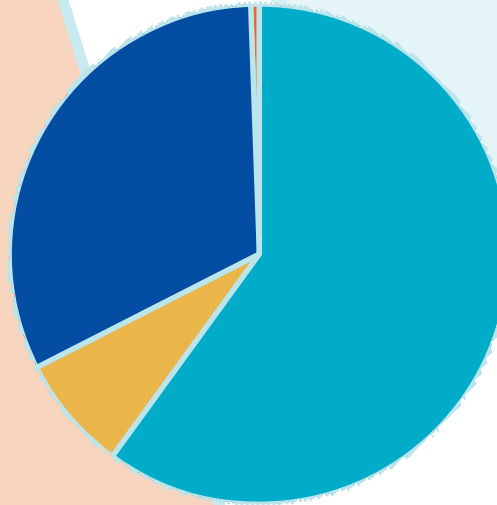
Financial Report

CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA
Financial Report as of December 31, 2006
for the year 2006

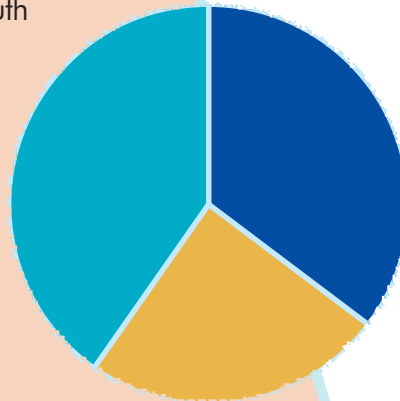
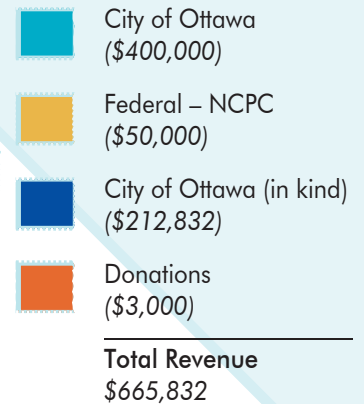
Operation Go Home – is a partnership with the Ottawa Police to help street youth find alternatives to aggressive panhandling and loitering on Ottawa’s streets.

No Communities Left Behind – a multi-stakeholder partnership supporting homework clubs and youth drop-in activities in low income, multi-cultural Ottawa community housing communities. (*South-East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community*)

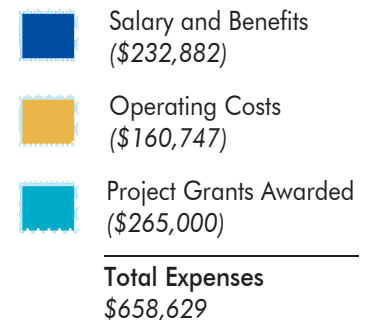
Peace Across All Boundaries – provides youth leadership by working together with Boys and Girls Clubs to provide conflict resolution training to at-risk youth and youth living in low-income neighbourhoods. (*YOU CAN*)



Revenue



Expenses



Future and Summary

Crime Prevention Ottawa will continue to develop as the leadership body for crime prevention, building an effective and comprehensive network of community safety interventions.

We will continue to identify evidence-based initiatives and provide support. We will continue to focus on at-risk neighbourhoods, violence against women and youth.

By 2009, CPO plans to influence spending by the federal and provincial government as well as the City so that taxes are used to invest in community safety. We will use community planning as well as neighbourhood-based data and knowledge to actively advocate for services to address gaps that will reduce crime and improve community safety. Crime Prevention Ottawa will work with our partners and networks to bring a strong voice to other levels of government.

During the next period, CPO will evaluate the results from the 2007 initiatives with a view to strengthening plans to reduce crime and improve community safety for future years.

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