CPO Report on 2016 and Operational Plan 2017 Appendix A: CPO Outputs and Networks 2016

The following document reports on CPO's achievements in 2016 and lays out our commitments for 2017 relative to the CPO Strategic Plan 2013-2016.

The Strategic Plan is divided into three substantive pillars of CPOs activities:

- Reducing violence against women
- Reducing crime in high risk neighbourhoods
- Working with youth in high risk environments.

Our work is divided into four Strategic Directions:

- Leverage partnerships
- Build capacity
- Research and innovate
- Educate and inform

Please note that some of our work crosses over between two issues; for example, the Gang Strategy is reported on in the Youth section, but it also affects Neighbourhoods. In addition to the categories in the Strategic Plan two sections have been added: General or cross cutting issues and internal administration.

In order to fully demonstrate the work of CPO we have added appendices to this report which showcase the actual outputs of our work in 2016. That is:

- the events we organized
- our publications
- our policy initiatives
- the committees we manage
- the external committees we attend

Violence	Against	Women

	Report for 2016	Plan for 2017
Leverage partnerships	CPO is an active participant in the OPS Violence Against Women's Community Police Advisory Committee. The work of the prevention subcommittee has now wound up and much of that work is incorporated in ongoing activities.	Participate actively in the OPS VAW Strategy
	CPO staff worked closely with OCTEVAW to create partnerships with youth serving agencies in order to allow them to move the work of I Can MANifest Change beyond university campuses to the services which engage youth in neighbourhood programming and programming for marginalized young men.	Continue to assist the VAW community to build relationships with new networks. This will include outreach to individuals and agencies working on the topic of human trafficking
	CPO provides frequent and ongoing support for events in the VAW field through sponsoring events with access to space and so on.	Provide support for events in the VAW field through sponsoring events with access to space and so on.
Build capacity	CPO continues to manage CODA: Connecting on Disability and Abuse which entails meeting management and multiple projects (workshops, ambassadors, issue identification and so on.) CODA continues to identify issues of priority of particular note: home takeovers. CODA is exploring applying for federal funding to expand its work. CODA is also actively engaged in the issue of frauds affecting vulnerable people. Note that CODA is also, at times, stressed by challenges regarding mandate and expectations and personalities. CPO worked actively with the one English school board to solidify the adoption of The Fourth R. The reference group will now be closing out CPO's involvement the program.	Manage CODA and explore further projects including expanded research and communications opportunities. Develop a CODA code of conduct to ensure that participants are respectful to each other and understand the limitations and scope of the committee. CODA is currently planning a speaker series event for January 31 on frauds affecting vulnerable people.
	CPO funded and worked with the OCDSB on a projected called Man UP, which has now expanded to 16 schools.	Continue to identify and support grass roots initiatives such as Man Up. Continue to support the development of I Can MANifest Change as aimed at men and boys who are marginalized or living in poverty.

	Report for 2016	Plan for 2017
Research and innovate	Mass Gatherings and Sexual Violence: CPO funded year two of "Project Soundcheck" an innovative approach to the prevention of sexual assault associated with mass gatherings, especially summer music festivals.	Continue to expand Project Soundcheck and engage with more events and festivals. Assist with their transition to a long term self funded financial plan for the project, assist with their insertion into the Ottawa 2017 celebrations.
	CPO tries to monitor Federal and Provincial policy developments, but with changes to the Reference group membership this has been a challenge.	Monitor policy developments on the subject of violence against women.
	Prevention of alcohol related sexual assault: CPO continues to maintain a focus on this issue and seek out various opportunities. For example, the Province recently announce funding to train bar staff across the province, we believe our ongoing focus may have assisted in this.	Maintain a focus on sexual assault and alcohol and seek opportunities for prevention.
		Develop new projects with attention to social media.
Educate and inform	CPO organized one Speaker Series events for CODA:	Respond to information needs as identified in the community.
	 Abuse prevention for people with disabilities (80 participants) 	Host speaker series events including with the Public Health Agency of Canada.
	participanto)	Host a half day event to explore alternative approaches to addressing violence against women,

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	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Leverage partnerships	By far the biggest piece of work for the youth priority was the Ottawa Gang Strategy. The full report on the third and final year of the strategy was presented to the Board and CPS in October 2016. We also presented projects of the OGS to the OPSB on two separate occasions in 2016 (Time for Change in March and Post Incident in June). Of note, a new project was launched with regards to positive police-youth relationships. The OGS has launched a process to "refresh" the approach.	Refresh the Ottawa Gang Strategy with the intent of exploring the changing realities of street violence. Aim to present a refreshed strategy to the Board by fall 2017. Continue to actively support and monitor all current projects.
	CPO participated in various meetings and committees with regards to racism and race data.	Explore the particular role of CPO with regards to issues of racism, race data, and marginalization with a special focus on crime and street crime issues.
	Participated in networks such as the Growing Up Great: Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative, the Ottawa Youth Justice Services Network and MERIT SMC	Ensure strategic participation in networks.
	CPO has worked strategically and with some real success to better connect the youth serving agencies with both immigrant service agencies and the violence against women's agencies. Two successes: the next OYJSN conference will focus on diversity and the ICMC training has very successfully been expanded to youth serving agencies.	Continue to nurture cross-network links in order to encourage both an anti-racist approach and a gender violence analysis in youth agencies.
Build capacity	CPO renewed funding for the training and evaluation component of the Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative's homework club community of practice.	Monitor and participate in the homework club project.
	CPO managed the Paint It Up youth engagement, graffiti prevention grants program.	Manage the Paint It Up youth engagement, graffiti prevention grants program. Consider opportunities for budget expansion
	CPO explored the emerging issue of CVE, staff compiled best practices literature on CVE and convened a meeting of stakeholders working on the issue in Ottawa in September. Working with community to develop an inventory of current initiatives.	Continue to monitor the issue and develop a response. Combine issues of countering violent extremism and hate crimes. Finalize inventory of current initiatives.

	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Research and innovate	To support the Ottawa's youth serving community, CPO published:	Respond to research and information needs as identified in the community with a particular focus on
	Ottawa Gang Strategy: Seeking Solutions to Street-Level Violence	supporting the gang strategy and vulnerable youth populations such as Aboriginal youth.
Educate and inform	CPO organized two youth related Speaker Series events:	Support the educational needs of the community with a particular focus on supporting the gang
	Why Faith Based Crime Prevention Matters (55 participants)	strategy and vulnerable youth populations.
	Addresssing Hate Crime: Creating a Safe City for All (105 participants)	
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Crime-affected Neighbourhoods

	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Leverage partnerships	CPO continues to provide technical support for Together for Vanier, Lowertown our Home and United Neighbours. CPO is also involved in the Overbrook CDF; and the Carlington CDF.	Support the crime prevention needs of existing neighbourhood partnerships with a special focus on helping Together for Vanier revitalize.
	CPO is also very involved, both with staff support and financial support, with the Cedarwood and the Jasmine Safety Committee (see board reports October 2016 and June 2016).	Continue to support the development of the Cedarwood and Jasmine initiatives.
	CPO reached out to the Cooperative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario and developed a cross listing of coop housing locations and CHRCs which was distributed to both networks with the intent of assisting in building relationships.	Continue to offer assistance to housing coops.
	CPO reached out the Planning department offering our assistance with regards to the Building Better Revitalized Neighbourhoods initiative.	Participate as needed in the BBRN initiatives.
Build capacity	CPO continues to manage the CDF Safety Committee. The Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses (MSAPA) was piloted in the west end. CPO hosted training on the MSAPA to CPC Officers and community agency staff in May 2016 but it is unclear if it is being utilized. CPO has, upon requests of CPC officers, obtained new signatories: Gloucester and Nepean Housing.	Manage the CDF Safety Committee. Key projects will include: - Continue to monitoring and assisting with the roll out and training for the MSAPA in the context of the implementation of the OPS Service Initiative. - Continue to monitor and assess "systems level" issues in neighbourhoods, including neighbourhood approaches to mental health and addictions and intimidation
	Within the context of the Ottawa Gang Strategy, the Post-Incident Neighbourhood Response Framework has been complete and launched and is being rolled out in the catchment areas of 7 CHRCs.	Monitor and expand the roll out of the Post Incident Neighbourhood Response Framework.

Crime-affected Neighbourhoods (cont'd)

	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Research and innovate	CPO participated in the research advisory committee on trauma in neighbourhoods and organized a large and successful launch of the research.	Continue to support the development of trauma informed practices in a neighbourhood context.
	 CPO published: Why Teens, Young Adults and Bush Parties Don't Mix (article for community newsletters, aimed at suburban communities) Don't Snitch: Responses to Neighbourhood Intimidation (January 2016) Reactions to Trauma at a Community Level (March 2016) 	Continue to explore crime prevention needs in suburban communities. Work with the Federation of Citizen's Associations
	Reactions to Trauma at a Community Level (March 2010)	Respond to identified community needs for research.
		Explore the issue of crime prevention in condominium buildings and develop tools as needs
Educate and inform	CPO did 24 presentations on neighbourhood based crime prevention.	Continue to engage the community.
	Home takeovers: the project continues and workshops are ongoing. A total of 60 workshops have now been delivered and the videos have over 2,000 "views"	Wind up the home takeovers advisory committee and explore promotion of the project outside of
	The Home Takeover committee continued to meet and worked on data collection and promotion of the project.	Ottawa.
	Distribution of resources Cards- 6348 En-2636 Fr- total= 8984 Posters-890 En-529-Fr –total=1419-Guide-290 EN-189 Fr-total=479	
	CPO public events included: - Trauma and Neighbourhoods: Harnessing Community Resiliency A half day conference with 180 participants and multiple workshops.	CPO will respond to identified community needs for information and support.
	CPO will renew a focus on the Neighbourhood Toolkit with information cards which can be distributed in community meetings and through the ambassadors.	

General or Cross Cutting Issues

	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Leverage partnerships	CPO followed up on the one of the key recommendations of the Safety and the Sex Trade conference by sitting on the research committee for the housing research with we funded. The research is nearing completion.	Continue to monitor the research and discuss release and distribution.
	The CPO Board itself is a major partnership. Considerable staff time was invested in preparing the meeting documents for 6 board meetings in 2016.	Staff will continue to prepare documents and host Board meetings.
	CPO participated on the OACP Crime Prevention and Community Mobilization Committee.	Continue OACP committee participation, but re-evaluate.
	CPO engaged City partners through meetings with key staff and by inviting City participation on CPO committees such as the gang strategy and meeting with housing staff regarding home takeovers and participating in discussions such as discussions with the Mayor's Meeting with the Somali community or the Dalhousie Street North merchants.	Continue to strengthen internal City relationships. Follow up on the Mayor's meeting with the Somali community to explore research questions.
Build capacity	Since the inception of the CPO volunteer "Ambassador" program in 2013 requests for CPO volunteers at community events have increased. As of December 2016 CPO and CODA Ambassadors have been requested at 25 events and have attended 17.	Manage and grow the Ambassador program. Host a training session for new volunteer Ambassadors. Board assistance in identifying suitable events appreciated.
Research and innovate	CPO constantly scans for new or emerging issues. In 2016 we worked on the emerging issues of countering violent extremism, hate crime and safety issues	In partnership with OPS explore the underpinnings of the recent spike in murders and weapons offenses.
	in condos and co-ops.	Scan for emerging issues. Board assistance appreciated.
		Develop materials for condo boards.
		Continue to nurture relationships with co-op housing
		Develop more relationships with non-profit housing
		Explore a project on hate and violent extremism

General or Cross Cutting Issues (cont'd)			
	Report 2016	Plan for 2017	
Educate and inform	In many different projects, the challenge of balancing integrated service delivery and confidentiality has been noted. We continue to explore CPO's role on this issue.	Explore CPO's role on this issue.	
	CPO has begun the process to renew our website, a draft was presented to the Board, but the project has been very challenging.	Complete the renewal of the CPO website.	
	CPO reported to the CPS committee with a focus on the three year evaluation of the Ottawa Gang Strategy.	Report to the CPS committee with a focus on a public presentation.	
	CPO hosted our 8 th annual Community Safety Awards. It continues to be a popular event.	Re-new and refresh the Community Safety Awards.	
	CPO's prime hand out/engagement piece continues to be our Toolbox Magnets. They remain popular. Over the years we have now distributed a total of over 65,000 magnets in 5 languages.	Consider new communications strategies such as podcasts and/or movie nights.	

Internal and Administrative Operations

	Report 2016	Plan for 2017
Planning	CPO operationalized the 2013-2016 Strategic Plan and the CPO Board decided to extend the Strategic Plan until 2017 awaiting provincial legislation on community safety planning	Operationalize the current Strategic plan.
		Monitor developments of provincial legislation and start the process of creating a new Strategic plan as relevant.
	Published "Evaluation of CPO's 2014 Community Investments"	Publish "Evaluation of CPO's 2015 Community Investments"
		Review and revise grant reporting mechanisms.
Governance	Staff assisted the nominations committee to issue a call for nominations, review applicants, scheduled interviews and ensured paperwork for board and Council to complete Board and Community Forum appointments	Ensure Board members' needs for information and orientation are met.
	A report was presented to the Board to assist in committee appointments, new appointments were made	
Human Resources	This was a stressful year for staff with leaves for both parental leave and bereavement leave affecting our small staff.	Develop a case for expanding the CPO staff. Board assistance appreciated.
Record Keeping	It has been mentioned in many previous operational plans, record keeping can be a struggle for the staff. We now have relatively good systems with regards to events, grants and committee meetings that we host.	Maintain the systems in place for keeping records for events and grants. Make other improvements including our use of the BIMs system for some records.
Finance and budget	CPO prepared budget documents as required.	Present budget as per City procedures.
	CPO reported regularly to the Board with regards to finances.	Report regularly to the Board.

CPO BOARD COMMITTEES 2016

Youth Reference Group

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Professor Robert Flynn, University of Ottawa
- Janet Crupi, Algonquin College
- Barbara MacKinnon, Children's Aid Society
- Ben Roebuck, Algonquin College

VAW Reference Group

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Lucya Spencer, Community Leader, Retired Executive Director Immigrant Women's Services Ottawa
- Professor Caroline Andrew, University of Ottawa
- Larissa Silver, Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa
- Michele Mann-Rempel, Aboriginal law and Aboriginal Criminal Justice-Carleton University

Neighbourhood Reference Group

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Shad Qadri, City of Ottawa Councillor
- Professor Fran Kladowsky, Carleton University
- Syd Gravel, Retired OPS, active rural volunteer
- Stéphane Giguère, Ottawa Community Housing

Community Forum 2016

- Victor Amisi Suluba
- Mohamed Baalbaki
- Andrian Benjamin
- Stuart Benson
- Charles Black
- Pierre-Luc Dawkins
- Amira Elghawabi
- Shawn Goudge
- Jonathan Hall

- Alistair Hensler
- Ye Huang
- Sarah Johnston-Way
- Mark Jowett
- Laura Kelly
- Jackie King
- Keith Lau
- Marc Leblanc
- Benjamin Leikin

- Nicole Li
- Awad Loubani
- Joanne Lowe
- Craig Mackie
- Pawel Mazurek
- Laura Pedneault Roussel
- Lisa Roots
- Carol Silcoff
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- Kyle Skinner
- Meghan Skinner
- Todd Sloan
- Asfia Sultan
- Bill Watson
- Patrick Wiseman
- Matthew Wu
- Remy Yamuremye

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES 2016 (chaired and managed by CPO)

CDF Safety Committee

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Jake Gravelle, City of Ottawa-By-Law
- Brian Gilligan, Ottawa Community Housing
- Nathan Hoedeman, Ottawa Community Housing
- Gillian Keefe, South East Ottawa Community Health Centre
- Ed Keeley, Ottawa Police Service
- Leslie McDiarmid, South East Ottawa Community Health Centre

- Gloria Garbuio, City of Ottawa
- Donna MacNeil-Charbot, Ottawa Police Service
- Ryan McEachran, Ottawa Police Service
- Dawn Lyons, Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre
- Tom Scholberg, Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa
- Sterling Hartley, Ottawa Police Service
- Alison Cookson, Ottawa Police Service

CODA

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Daniel Boyer, Comité des consomateurs-Parrainage Civique D'Ottawa
- Dan Oickle, Reach Canada-Education Committee
- Darlene Byers, Citizen
- Greg Bonnah, Citizen
- Veronica Anderson, Citizen Advocacy of Ottawa
- Guy Desroches, Accessibility Committee
- Erin Fitzpatrick, Connecting Ottawa
- Lois Mc Intyre, Canadian Hearing Society
- · Heather Imming, Office for Victims of crime
- Heather Hazlett, Interval House of Ottawa
- Trysh Smith, Harmony House Women's Shelter
- Eric Smith, Psychiatric Survivors of Ottawa
- Charles Black, Citizen
- Kristen Williams, Carleton University graduate
- Joanne Silkauska, Reach
- Emily Cross, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario

Home Takeovers Committee

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Étienne Grandmaître Saint-Pierre, Action Logement
- Teresa Meulensteen, Canadian Mental Health Association
- Ali Beshir, The Ottawa Mission
- Daniel Boyer, CODA
- Gino Vaillancourt, Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre
- Nancy Currie, Nepean, Osgoode, Rideau CRC
- Kim MacDonald, Options Bytown
- Sarah Overvelde, Options Bytown
- Alison Timmons, Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode CRC
- Nancy Currie, Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode CRC
- Brian Gilligan, Ottawa Community Housing
- Nathan Hoedeman, Ottawa Community Housing

- ndrea Andrecyck, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario
- Laurie Alphonse, Access Infinity Management
- Sankira, Citizen
- Terrie Meehan, Citizen
- Judy Bernstein, Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilites (OCAPDD)
- Michelle Boyer, Citizen
- Roy Haynes, Carleton University
- Adele Furrie, Consultant
- Christine Murphy, Activist
- Annie-Pier Miron, Service Coordination for people with Development al Disabilities
- Pat Smith, Citizen
- Nicole St-Jean, Ottawa Police Service
- Holly Watson, Ottawa Police Service
- Robert Hurd, Citizen
- Feven Kubrom, Ottawa Victim Services
- Nitsu Mekonnen, Planned Parenthood Ottawa
 - Raymond Tucker-Peel, Ottawa Community Housing
 - Kenneth Bryden, Ottawa Police Service
 - Dana Reynolds, Ottawa Police Service
 - Maria Keen, Ottawa Police Service
 - Susan Phypers, Ottawa Public Health
 - Judy Bernstein, Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilites (OCAPDD)
 - Lisa Finateri, Rooming House Services-City of Ottawa
 - Omer Gulder, Youth Services Bureau
 - Gerry Richard, Salus Ottawa
 - Nicole Li, Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilites (OCAPDD)
- Serge Gagnon, Salus Ottawa
- E Burns, Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode CRC

Ottawa Gang Strategy

- Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Mary Ellen Agnel, Ottawa Catholic School Board
- · Gord Boyd, Youth Services Bureau
- Andrew Buchan, Ottawa Police Service
- Lise Clement, Lansdowne Technologies Inc.
- Tammy Corner, Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre
- Marc Maracle, Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition
- Laura Dunbar, University of Ottawa
- Brian Gilligan, Ottawa Community Housing
- Giwa Sulaomon, OCISO
- Ikram Jama, OCISO
- Suzanne Leger, City of Ottawa
- Lauren Touchant, Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre
- Dawn Lyons, Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre
- Louise Marinier, Ministry of the Attorney General
- Christine MacIntosh, John Howard Society
- Kathy Neff, Eastern Ontario Youth Justice Agency

- Chris Renwick, Ottawa Police Service
- Jessica Ripley, Ottawa Police Service
- Jean-François Thibodeau, Conseil des Écoles Publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO)
- Mengistab Tsegaye, LASI World Skills Inc.
- Yacouba Traoré, Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre
- McKillop-Ostrom, Ottawa Carleton District School Board
- Tom Scholberg, Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa
- Abdourahamane Diallo, Economic and Social Council of Ottawa-Carleton
- Mylène Forest, Children's Aid Society
- Clara Freire, City of Ottawa, Client Srvc Strategies
- Ikram Ahmed, Somali Centre for Family Services
- Ian McDonell, Ottawa Police Service
- Sonya Parno, City of Ottawa
- Kevin Schleyer,OCDSB
- Aissatou, Soumare, Economic and Social Council of Ottawa-Carleton
- Sandra, Sparking, Ottawa Police Service
- John Watters, Ministry of Children's and Youth Services

CPO STAFF Commitments to External Committees 2016

Nancy Worsfold

- Council of Partners Growing up great
- OPS/VAW Community Police Advisory committee (CPAC)
- Community Development Framework (CDF) Steering table
- OPS Service Initiative Community Advisory Group
- OPS Traffic Stop Race Based Data Collection Project
- Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police committee on Crime Prevention and community mobilization

Sharmaarke Abdullahi

- Ottawa Youth Justice Services Network
- Community Adult Justice Network
- Byward Safety BIA
- Overbrook CDF
- Connecting Transition
- Ontario Justice Education Network project on Positive Youth-Police Relations
- Vanier BIA
- CHEO Critical hours
- United Neighbors Leaders Of Change (UNLOC)
- Lowertown Our home

- Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention
- Steering Committee Housing, Shelter and Safety: Needs of Sex Workers in Ottawa
- Graffiti Stakeholder Committee
- Jasmine Cresent Safety Committee
- Traffic Stop Race Based Data Collection Project
- MERIT-SMC
- Carlington CDF
- No Community Left Behind
- Together for Vanier Partners
- · Cedarwood project
- Trauma Research
- Ontario Neighbourhood Social Capital Forum (ONCSF) (added 2015)
- Ontario Mentoring Coalition
- Community Leadership Network for Families
- Jasmine Crescent Safety Committee



2016 Events

Speaker Series: Learn how to prevent abuse of people with disabilities, March 9, 2016, 80 participants

Paint it Up Information sessions, March 2 and 3, 2016, 18 participants

Trauma and Neighbourhoods: Harnessing Community Resiliency (1/2 day Conference), April 8, 2016, 180 participants

MSAPA training – May 12th, 2016, 70 participants

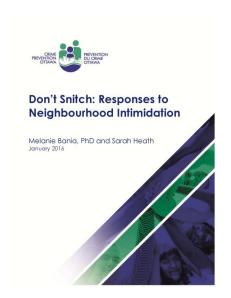
Speaker Series: Why Faith-Based Crime Prevention Matters, June 15, 2016, 55 participants

Countering Violent Extremism, September 27, 2016, 35 participants

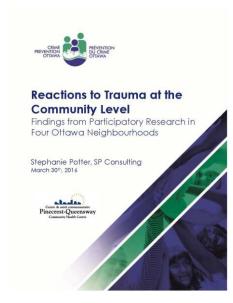
CPO Community Safety Awards, November 7, 2016, 200 participants

Speaker Series: Addressing Hate Crimes: Creating A Safe City for All, November 25, 2016, 105 participants

CPO 2016 Publications









ARTICLE Why Teens, Young Adults and Bush Parties Don't Mix

Every Friday afternoon when high schools let out in Ottawa's neighbourhoods, some teens head straight for a "Tequila Sunrise." It's slang for the bush parties teens attend to kick off the weekend. Many young adults attend these parties too. With warmer weather upon us, we're in prime season for these off-the-beates-track get togethers.

They take place in parks, trails, forests, private lands and green spaces throughout the city and our rural areas. What may seem like harmless 'teens being teens' to some parents comes with a range of risks. Here's what you should know:

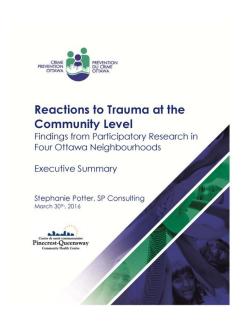
Alcohol and drug use
There's no question that alcohol, drugs and bush parties tend to go hand-in-hand.
Overcommupplish of alcohol or drugs can lead to serious consequences, such as overdoses, violence or sexual assout. Bush parties take place in remote areas, so finding someone in need of emergency help can be a problem.

"The difference between an emergency and a tragedy can be a matter of minutes," explains Stitsville Councilior and Chair of the Ottawa Board of Health, Shad Cadri. "Our emergency services have to get to the victim, but when a party is taking place in a secluded area, it can be very difficult to find it. How do you identify the location? A lag in reaction time can be very

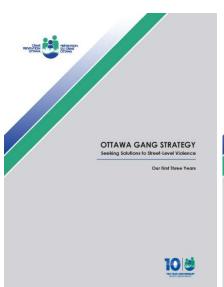
Underage drinking
While some young people bring their own liquor, others have parents who supply it. It is an
offense under the Liquor Licence Act for adults to supply alcohol to youth under age 19 for use
in public places.

As Staff Sergent Andrew Buchan of the Ottawa Police Service points out, parents also need to consider the worst-case scenario. "If the bush party gets out of hand to the point where someone is ericularly injured or dies, the adults supplying the liquor may find themselves the subjects of a criminal investigation."

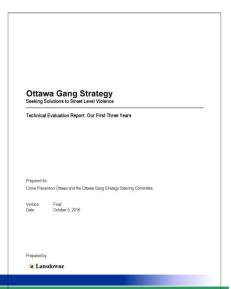
He warns that if a parent supplies liquor to a young person under age 16, and the police find out through a complaint or call for service, they will notify the Children's Aid Society.













Policy Development 2016

