

**Community Protection Conference
Pacific Region NJC Conference Report
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***Community Protection is Paramount:
Coordinating the System's Response to
High Risk Offending***

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**Opening Ceremony
February 8, 2005**

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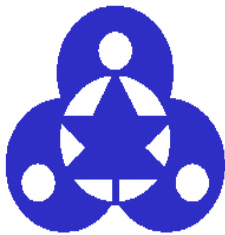
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(A) Introduction & Acknowledgements

This Conference Report is presented by the Pacific Region National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials (NJC) to provide a brief overview of the spring 2005 partnered conference held in Richmond, British Columbia on February 8th and 9th entitled:

**Community Protection is Paramount: Coordinating the System's
Response to High Risk Offending**

The conference was a partnered initiative involving the following three primary agencies:



**Pacific Region
National Joint Committee
of Senior Criminal Justice Officials
(NJC)**



**British Columbia
Association of Chiefs
of Police
(BCACP)**



**British Columbia
Crime Prevention Association
(BCCPA)**

On behalf of the Pacific Region NJC and the Conference Organizing Committee I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following groups and agencies for their cooperation and for the support they provided to this inaugural **Community Protection Conference**. This initiative was truly a collaborative effort, exemplifying system coordination and mutual respect.

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One again, our sincere thanks to the following agencies.

- British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police
- British Columbia Association of Police Boards
- British Columbia Corrections, Public Safety and the Solicitor General
- British Columbia Lottery Corporation
- Correctional Service of Canada, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- Corrections and Community Justice Division, Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Criminal Justice Branch, BC Attorney General and Treaty Negotiations
- Executive Network Incorporated
- National Crime Prevention Strategy, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- National Joint Committee, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- National Parole Board, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
- Police Academy, Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Police Services Division, BC Public Safety and the Solicitor General
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

On a more personal note, I considered it a true privilege to have been involved with an Organizing Committee that worked so tirelessly and unselfishly on an issue that is of such importance to our collective goal of community safety. The Pacific Region NJC Executive Committee endorsed the conference proposal in August 2004. I am confident that the Community Protection Conference that was held just over six months later in February 2005 significantly contributed to improving the cooperation amongst the components of the criminal justice system while at the same time enhancing our collective capabilities to meet the communities expectations. Critical to this success were the many individual and collective contributions that were made by the members of the Conference Organizing Committee. To each, my sincere thanks.

This Conference Report is respectfully submitted for review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

R. E. (Bob) Brown
Conference Organizing Committee Co Chair, &
Immediate Past Chair Pacific Region NJC

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Community Protection Conference Organizing Committee**



Back Row: Cpl. **Peter Thiessen**, Richmond RCMP, **Greg Fitch**, Criminal Justice Branch, **Tim Stiles**, Justice Institute of BC, **R.E. Bob Brown**, Correctional Service of Canada, **Doug LePard**, Deputy Chief, Vancouver Police, **Shannon Gander**, National Crime Prevention Centre, **Dave Wilmot**, BC Community Corrections, and Constable **Tim Fanning**, Vancouver Police. Seated: **Shelly Pylypiak**, Correctional Service of Canada, **Kim Capri**, BC Crime Prevention Association, **Evelyn Blair**, National Parole Board, and **Celine Lee**, BC Crime Prevention Association

(B) Background

The theme for the conference evolved around three primary criminal justice goals: community protection, crime prevention and safe offender reintegration. It was accepted that critical and fundamental to both community protection and crime prevention was system coordination. Upon review of the principles, mandates, etc. of the various partners involved with this project it was readily evident that the respective goals were consistent.

It was also accepted that the community not only expects the respective mandates of the criminal justice system components to be consistent and compatible but they also expect the respective agencies to “prevent crime” and/or to “protect the community” in a mutually supportive and coordinated fashion. These expectations are enhanced when considering ways of preventing high risk offending and/or protecting the community from the occurrence and reoccurrence of high risk and harmful behaviour. A critical objective of this conference was to ensure that the various components of the system were well represented both as delegates and presenters. Community participation at the conference was deemed to be critical.

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Prior to an overview of the Conference it would be appropriate at this point to highlight several key contributing milestones to this coordinated initiative. They will be followed by highlights of several significant post conference activities.

Pre Conference

- 2002 07 04** Pacific Region NJC Workshop Surrey District III RCMP entitled: **Enhancing Community Protection in the Release of the Warrant Expiry Date (WED) Offender.**

- 2002 09 30** NJC Report entitled: **Enhancing Community Protection in the Release of the Warrant Expiry Date (WED) Offender** submitted to the Correctional Service of Canada Regional Management Committee.

- 2002 11 21** At the National NJC meeting held in Ottawa the Pacific Region NJC made a presentation to the National Committee on **Enhancing the Release of the WED Offender.**

- 2004 01 29** NJC Report completed entitled: **Warrant Expiry Date (WED) File Review** - All WED Referrals from 03 01 01 to 03 12 23 referred by CSC to the High Risk Offenders Identification Program, Criminal Justice Branch, BC Ministry of the Attorney General.

- 2004 05 19** The initial meeting of the NJC Roundtable on Dangerous Offenders (DO) Long Term Supervision Orders (LTSO) & Recognizances 810 CCC took place in Vancouver. The series of NJC Roundtable Meetings of criminal justice agencies lead to a workshop on this issue at the Conference and the production of the document entitled ***Inter-agency Manual on the Prosecution and Correctional Management of Dangerous and Long-term Offenders.***

- 2004 08 04** NJC Executive Committee members participated in the workshop entitled ***Building Community Alliances in High-Risk Settings for Safety, Healing and Peacemaking*** at the **International Institute of Restorative Practices Conference** in Richmond, BC.

- 2004 09 15** NJC Executive Committee member presented at the BC Crime Prevention Association Public Forum entitled: **Released Sex Offenders in the Community - Involved Citizens Create Safer Communities Through Circles of Support & Accountability (CoSA)** held in Surrey, BC.

- 2004 10 02** NJC Executive Committee members presented at the BC Association of Police Boards Meeting held in Central Saanich, BC.

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2004 10 07 NJC Executive Committee members presented to the Crown Police Liaison Committee in Victoria – **Demystifying the WED Process.**

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2005 **Post Conference**

March A Conference article appeared in the BC Crime Prevention Association – **BCCPA News** Volume 21 No.1 Spring 2005.

March A Conference article appeared in the International Corrections and Prisons Association – **ICPA News** March 2005.

March An article written by NJC Executive Committee members entitled ***Crime Prevention, Offender Reintegration and Compatibility: Two Journeys – One Conclusion*** made a significant reference to the Conference. The article was published in the Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA) periodical **Justice Report** Volume 20 No. 2.

May The ***Two Journeys – One Conclusion*** article was posted to the Oak Bay Police Department Web Page on 05 05 10 and was also posted on the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Web Page to the **What's New** section on 05 05 16.

June ***Abbotsford Police Department Contributes to a Successful Partnered Community Protection Conference*** was posted to the APD Web Page on 05 06 20 under **Quick Links**.

June ***Oak Bay Police Department Contributes to a Successful Partnered Community Protection Conference*** was posted on main OBPD Web Page.

July ***Vancouver Police Department Contributes to a Successful Partnered Community Protection Conference*** was posted to the VPD Web Page on 05 07 26 under **Press Releases and Daily Briefings**.

July ***RCMP Richmond City Detachment Contributes to a Successful Partnered Community Protection Conference*** was posted to the City of Richmond Web Page on 05 07 21 under **News and Events RCMP News Releases**.

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August National distribution of the Pacific Region NJC document entitled: ***Community Protection and the Release of the Federally Incarcerated Detained Offender.***

November An article written by NJC Executive Committee members entitled; ***Protecting the community requires cooperation*** made a significant reference to the Conference and is scheduled to be published in **Canada's National Law Enforcement Magazine - Blue Line** in November.

A goal of the conference was to bring together 300 delegates to consider the role of the system and the community in public safety related to high risk harmful offending. In considering this issue the following "quoted" contributions were made primarily by key criminal justice partners in the Pacific Region. It would appear that the message is crystal clear, a message that is consistent with the NJC Mission, Values and Mandate.

**(C) The Conference - Key Criminal Justice Quotes
Presented in Alphabetical Order**

- **Kevin Begg, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services Division, Policing and Community Safety Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**

"A coordinated risk assessment and safety planning approach is considered to be the most effective way to address the communities' needs for safety and security. Such a collaborative approach involves all relevant criminal justice systems working together to ensure a communities' needs are met in the most effective and efficient way possible. In particular, high risk cases require that policies and communication strategies are in place for the sharing of offender information that will protect the community from high risk offending."

- **Malcolm D. Brodie, Mayor of Richmond, BC**

"Each of us recognizes the importance of public safety. Your Conference, with its theme of ***Community Protection is Paramount: Coordinating the System's Response to High Risk Offending***, is a critical initiative to making our communities better places to live, work, and play. Only by working together can we create the strong and united front against crime and other ills that threaten the safety of our communities. I commend and thank the BC Association of Chiefs of Police, the BC Crime Prevention Association, and the National Joint Committee Pacific Region, for their time and energy to present this worthwhile Conference."

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- **Beverly A. Busson, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer "E" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

"I am pleased to see this energy and effort to enhance coordination between agencies, organizations and government. I'm encouraged that this will lead to greater safety and security for all."

- **Kim Capri, Executive Director, BC Crime Prevention Association**

"The theme for this conference evolved from discussions related to community protection, crime prevention and safe offender reintegration. Events such as this collaborative conference allow personnel from across the criminal justice system and community representatives, who work closely with the criminal justice system, an opportunity to strengthen communication and understanding about topics that are paramount to creating safer communities."

- **R.T. (Rich) Coleman, Solicitor General, BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**

"Protecting our communities from high risk offenders requires a number of approaches including enforcement, prevention and effective re-integration. We can only accomplish this through collaboration and coordination between local communities and the justice system."

- **D. J. (Don) Demers, Deputy Commissioner, Correctional Service of Canada, Pacific Region**

"A coordinated approach between criminal justice system agencies is essential for community safety. It is recognized that criminal justice agencies function to their fullest potential when dovetailing services. In the pursuit for excellence, the Correctional Service of Canada seeks to develop new, innovative and integrative ways to enhance public safety."

**Gregory Fitch, Director, Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions
Criminal Justice Branch, BC
Ministry of the Attorney General &
NJC Vice Chair moderates the
workshop:**

**The Ties That Bind: The Systemic
Implications of Legislative
Reform Concerning
Dangerous/Long Term Offenders
and Judicial
Restraint Orders**



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- **Dan Denis, Regional Director, National Parole Board, Pacific Region, Abbotsford, BC**

"The paramount consideration of the National Parole Board in decision making is the protection of society, and that can best be accomplished through the Board having access to all relevant information in each case. We depend on our Criminal Justice Partners for that information: the Courts, the Crown, the Police, CSC, Provincial Corrections and Parole Boards, Victim and After-Care agencies and other Government departments and professional agencies. This inaugural conference is critical to our common understanding of each other's role in public safety and will hopefully lead to future collaborative conferences."

- **Robert W.G. Gillen, QC, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Ministry of the Attorney General**

"Criminal Justice system components must work together, recognizing the interdependence of the system without compromising the core principle of independence to ensure we achieve effective and strategic outcomes."

- **Chief Constable Jamie Graham, Vancouver Police Department**

"This conference is another example of how much more we can accomplish when we engage in true consultation and when we work together towards a common goal. We all recognize the need for independence, but we also know that we are interdependent as well. Each of our agencies – whether we're in law enforcement, corrections, the Crown, or even offender-supporting groups – serves the same customer: the public. While we approach public safety from different angles, our end goal is always the same: public safety for everyone. We can best achieve that objective by working well with each other and with the community."

- **Vera Lagasse, Director, BC Region, National Crime Prevention Centre, Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Canada, Vancouver, BC**

"By working with government, community groups, police, academics, the business community, and other key partners, we can develop initiatives that create and sustain safer communities. This endeavour demonstrates the power of collaboration in working together for a safe and healthy British Columbia."

- **Chief Constable Ian Mackenzie, Abbotsford Police Department, and President BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police**

"It is vitally important that all components of the criminal justice system work closely together to protect the public within the framework of our Constitution. Communication and coordination are two essential elements to ensuring an effective criminal justice system. Conferences such as this advance our coordination and enhance our communication, and thereby make all of our organizations more effective."

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- **Teal Maedel, Pacific Region Chair, National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials**

"We are proud to have played a coordination and support role for this conference. We firmly believe that this initiative has already been a catalyst for enhancing "system" cooperation and support in areas of mutual concern. Interagency cooperation and strong working relationships are fundamental to the effective management of high risk offenders. Such coordination is critical to ensure that community protection is paramount."

- **Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness**

"Organizations represented at the conference contribute significantly to the safety and well being of all Canadians and are especially active in protecting communities from crime and harmful behaviour of high risk and sex offenders. Your work in a variety of settings and with people of diverse backgrounds advances social justice, promotes human rights, and contributes to crime prevention and safer communities."

Workshop - The Release of the Detained Offender: A System and Community Response



Chief Constable & Moderator **Ian Mackenzie**, Abbotsford Police Department & President, BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police, **Shelly Pylypiak**, "E" Division, Behavioural Science Group & Correctional Service of Canada, **S/Sgt. Don Smith**, NCO i/c Operation Secretariat Section Criminal Operations Branch RCMP "E" Division, **Terry Schultes**, Regional Crown Counsel Fraser Valley, Criminal Justice Branch, **David Wilmot**, High Risk Offender Analyst, Community Corrections Division, B.C. Corrections Branch, **Andrew McWhinnie**, Regional Co-ordinator (Western Canada) Circles of Support and Accountability.

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- **RCMP Chief Superintendent Bud Mercer, President, BC Association of Chiefs of Police**

“Since the inception of the BCACP in 1974, one of the key objectives has been to encourage the development and implementation of integrated solutions to public safety. This forum allows for us to be collectively involved in keeping our communities safe. Through our collaborative efforts, community safety can be our legacy for the next generation.”

**Workshop - Risk Management for Sex Offenders:
Using Behavioural Progression
and Crime Cycle**



Dr. Arthur Gordon, Executive Director, Regional Treatment Centre, Correctional Service Canada, Abbotsford, BC Moderator **Dr. Lawrence Ellerby**, Forensic Psychological Services, Ellerby and Associates, Winnipeg, Manitoba **Dr. Lyne Piché**, Clinical Psychologist, Regional Treatment Centre, Correctional Service Canada, Abbotsford, BC, and **Allan Shoom**, Regional Manager of Community Corrections, B.C. Corrections Branch, Vancouver, BC

- **A.O. (Bert) Phipps, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corrections, BC Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General**

“Public safety remains our #1 priority. Our goal is twofold, to protect communities and reduce reoffending. The BC Corrections Branch continues to enhance public safety through effective offender management and control. In cooperation with other Criminal Justice System partners, we can learn from each other and work towards achieving our common goals.”

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- **Geoff Plant, BC Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations**

“It is vitally important that organizations responsible for policing, prosecution and correctional management of high-risk offenders collaborate to the end of ensuring implementation of initiatives which advance the protection of the public.”

- **Kelly-Ann Speck, Regional Vice Chair, National Parole Board Pacific**

“The quality of the decisions made by the National Parole Board is directly influenced by the quality of information we receive from all the partners in the criminal justice system. Joint training initiatives contribute significantly to improved understanding and coordination, helping all of us meet our shared goal of improved public safety.”

- **Tracey Thompson, Chair, BC Board of Parole**

“A divided system, subject to organizational bias, is more easily manipulated by high risk offenders. If we are to be more successful in the management of high risk offenders, each component of the Criminal Justice System must see its role and individual mandate as part of a broader reality.”



**Conference Organizing
Committee Member & Piper
Constable Tim Fanning
Vancouver Police Department
with the
Honour Guard from the
Correctional Service of Canada
and the RCMP**

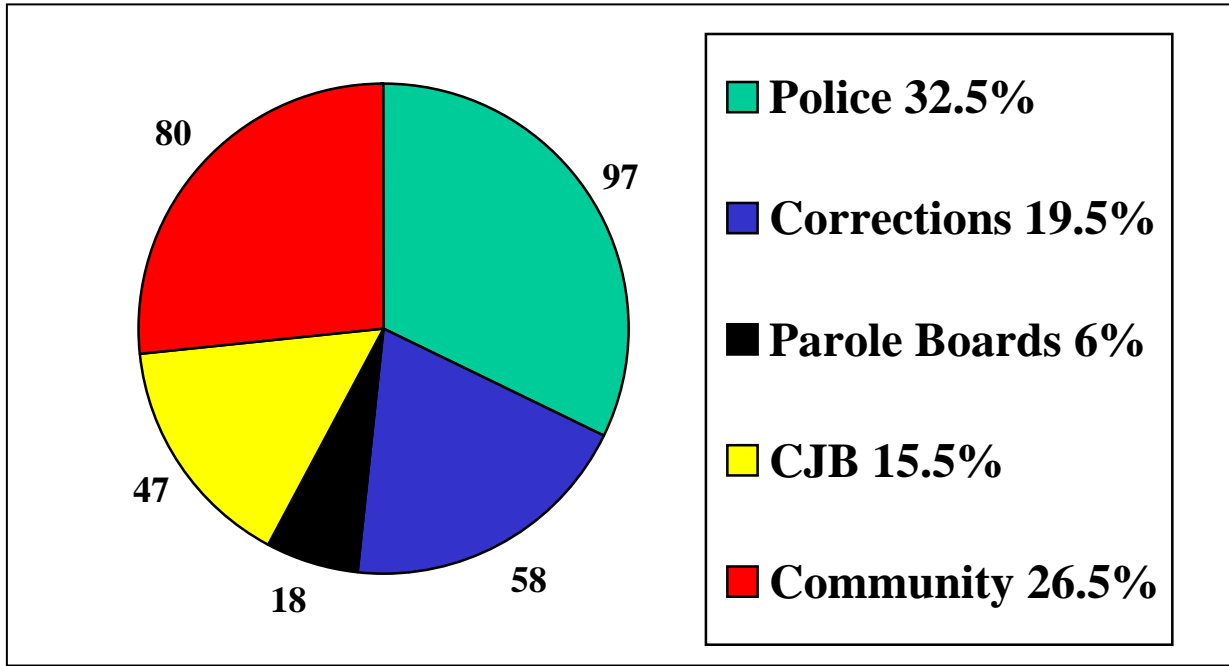
(D) Registration Overview

The initial target for this conference was set at 210. As the project evolved it became readily apparent during discussions with the various components of the “system” that the interest was far greater than our original target. With the support of the agencies highlighted above the Organizing Committee eventually capped the conference registration at 300. At the time of the conference there was a significant waiting list. **Graph A** highlighted below represents the breakdown of the registered delegates on the eve of the conference. **Graph B** provides a further breakdown of the 300 delegates based on a minimum

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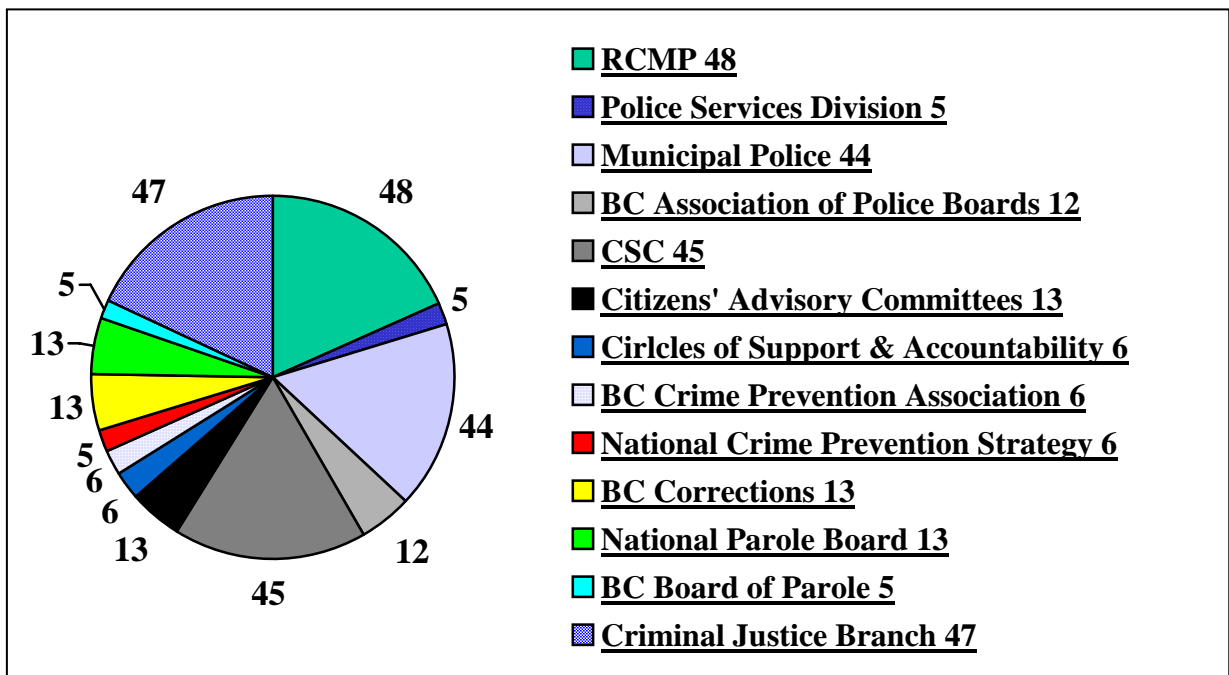
“agency” representation of five delegates. As noted the delegate targets were achieved as highlighted below in **Graphs A & B**. Unfortunately although invited the judiciary was unable to attend.

Graph A - Representation of the 300 Delegates



Police includes RCMP, Municipal, & Police Services Division. Criminal Justice Branch (CJB)

Graph B - Agency, Department, Association Representation



Includes Agencies, Departments, Associations with a Minimum of 5 Delegates

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Media Conference



Moderator, Cpl. **Peter Thiessen**, Richmond RCMP, **Teal Maedel**, Pacific Region Chair NJC, Chief Superintendent **Bud Mercer**, President BC Association of Chiefs of Police, **Kim Capri**, Executive Director BC Crime Prevention Association, and Chief Constable **Ben Andersen**, Oak Bay Police Department and Co Chair, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Crime Prevention Committee.

The above captioned Media Conference was held on site during the Conference. On 2005 02 07 the day preceding the start of the Conference, NJC Executive Committee members Teal Maedel and Deputy Chief Doug LePard were joined on the **Vancouver Bill Good Morning Radio Talk Show** by Kim Capri, the Executive Director of the BC Crime Prevention Association. NJC & the Community Protection Conference were addressed and discussed with the host and with the listening audience.



During the address to the delegates by Allan Seckel the British Columbia Deputy Attorney General, he acknowledged the independence of the various components of the criminal justice system while at the same time strongly encouraging enhanced interdependence and coordination.

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Workshop - Community Notification Then and Now



Conference Master of Ceremonies, Deputy Chief **Doug LePard**, Vancouver Police Department, **Roxanne Lieb**, Director, Washington State Institute of Public Policy, Olympia, Washington **Dr. Stephen J. Hucker**, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto & McMaster University, **Laura Huey**, Member of the Board of Directors, BC Civil Liberties Association, **Derek Tangedal**, Freedom of Information and High Risk Offender Notification Analyst, B.C. Corrections Branch

Key to the success of the two day conference was not only the impressive cross section delegate representation but also the cross section “resource” representation as evidenced by the workshop resource persons. Several of the resource folk are highlighted in the numerous conference photographs included in this report. Highlighted on the following page is the Conference Program at a Glance along with the workshop moderators.



D.J. (Don) Demers, Pacific Region Deputy Commissioner, Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) reads a CSC Teamwork Award which he presented to the BC Crime Prevention Association for the critical administrative and coordination role they played in support of the Conference.

The Award, on behalf of BCCPA was accepted by the Executive Director & Conference Co Chair, Kim Capri

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**(E) Conference
Program at a Glance**

Workshop	Moderator
1) The Ties That Bind: The Systemic Implications of Legislative Reform Concerning Dangerous/Long Term Offenders and Judicial Restraint Orders	Gregory Fitch , Director, Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions Criminal Justice Branch, BC Ministry of the Attorney General & NJC Vice Chair, Vancouver, BC
2) Assessing and Treating the High Risk Offender: Clinical Perspectives on Predicting and Managing Future Risk	Jennifer Power , Regional Crown Counsel, Vancouver Island, Criminal Justice Branch, BC Ministry of the Attorney General, Victoria, BC
3) Risk Management for Sex Offenders: Using Behavioural Progression and Crime Cycle	Dr. Lawrence Ellerby , Forensic Psychological Services, Ellerby and Associates. Winnipeg, Manitoba
4) Sex Offender Information Registration Act	John "Gus" Richardson , Parole Board Member, National Parole Board, Pacific Region, Abbotsford, BC
5) Integrated Sexual Predator Intelligence Network (ISPIN)	Dr. Robert Hare , Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
6) The Release of the Detained Offender: A System and Community Response	Chief Constable Ian Mackenzie , Abbotsford Police Department & President, BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police, Abbotsford, BC
7) Community Notification Then and Now	Dr. Stephen J. Hucker , Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto and at McMaster University. Hamilton, Ontario
8) National Parole Board Decision Making: You Make the Decision!	Dan Denis , Regional Director, National Parole Board, Pacific Region, Abbotsford, BC & Debra Kihara , A/Manager Community Relations & Training, NPB, Pacific Region, Abbotsford, BC
9) Community Protection, Crime Prevention & Offender Reintegration: Are They Compatible?	Willie Gibbs , President, Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA), Ottawa, Ontario

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Panel and Group Exercise - Community Protection, Crime Prevention &
Offender Reintegration: Are They Compatible?



Willie Gibbs, President, Canadian Criminal Justice Association, **Barbara Oleschuk**, Senior Program Officer, National Crime Prevention Centre, Pacific Region, Chief Constable **Ben Andersen**, Oak Bay Police Department, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Co Chair Crime Prevention Committee, Superintendent **Ward Clapham**, RCMP Richmond City Detachment, **Dorothy Franklin**, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Co Chair Crime Prevention Committee.

(F) Delegate Feedback

Top Four Rated Workshops

- Assessing and Treating the High Risk Offender: Clinical Perspectives on Predicting and Managing Future Risk
- Integrated Sexual Predator Intelligence Network (ISPIN)
- The Ties That Bind: The Systemic Implications of Legislative Reform Concerning Dangerous/Long Term Offenders and Judicial Restraint Orders
- The Release of the Detained Offender: A System and Community Response

General Comments

- I was most impressed by the quality of the speakers. It was obvious that a lot of thought was put into selecting the best people to speak about their segments.

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- No real expectations but thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many partners.
- Presenters were knowledgeable. I truly appreciated the timeliness of each session, i.e., Deputy Chief Doug LePard.
- I especially liked that the sessions were so relevant to the conference theme. Very well organized and run.
- Thanks very much for an interesting and informative conference. Very well organized.
- Very well organized and run on time. Good variety of topics and very useful information.
- In 20 years of service, this has been one of the best-organized and most informative conferences I've ever been to. Thank you.
- Well done!
- Thank you for putting on such a great, informative, educational conference. I learned a considerable amount through attending. The presentations and speakers were professional and excellent.
- An excellent conference. Congratulations to the organizers on a job well done.
- Resource document was excellent! Conference organizers are to be commended for their inclusivity and breadth of material!
- Excellent!
- Thank you for an organized opportunity to learn and network. The reference book will be useful. I appreciated Doug LePard's time-keeping abilities.
- Overall - this was valuable. Good effort and worth doing.
- Dr. Laugh was an excellent choice as a speaker after a long day.
- The presentation by Roxanne Lieb was extremely interesting and well done; not directly relevant to my job, but informative - helps you put things into perspective.
- The "international" perspective is interesting for comparison purposes.
- This room really was just way too cold. I was freezing all day Tuesday and wore a long wool coat on Wednesday (in the room!). Very distracting.
- I hope that the Judges get all the information, about crime cycles, etc.
- I think the moderators did a very good job of keeping speakers to their time limits and the speakers seemed to be respectful of each other and the time limits. I think one of the best parts of the conference is making contacts and learning who to contact in the various agencies so that we all know who to get in touch with when we need assistance or information.
- The catering (food) was wonderful and I appreciated having food and drink at all times (water at table, muffins, juice, etc.)
- Overall - excellent opportunity to understand the issues better, to see what is happening and how the various agencies are working together, which at the end of the day translates into safer communities.
- The overall conference was good as conferences go. I am not entirely certain of the overall goal of the event but, if it was to raise awareness, I think it did that. I do not feel, however, that it accomplished more than that.

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Suggestions for Improvement

- **More time**

- More time for discussion and questions.
- Give participants time to brainstorm (together) to come up with good, innovative ideas.
- Smaller groups to break out and discuss topics.
- More workshops so more exchange of ideas. Needed one more day or more time.
- A more in-depth discussion of topics instead of the superficial treatment most received.
- Future conferences might include more opportunity for different members of CJS to interact in groups to find specific solutions/recommendations for presenting issues.

- **Networking**

- There should be an emphasis on networking to obtain contacts in other agencies to work closer. Less politics, more operational avenues.
- Would be good to encourage some type of continued type of networking, as this was excellent cross-section of involved professionals in this area.

- **Other**

- Prefer earlier start/finish - SOIRA after 4:00 is pretty dry!
- Maybe a few smaller non-plenary sessions on specific topics.
- More comfortable seats if the plan is to have us sit and listen.
- Presenters need training re use of microphones!
- I would prefer actual case presentations by Parole Board. No need for breakout workshops. Where can improvements be made - examples of what went wrong & why. We can all learn.
- There was too much information crammed into the conference - information overload!

Delegates Would Like to Know More About

- **Case studies**

- The experiences of community management of LTSO offenders from a panel of speakers that includes parole officers, treatment providers, community housing and work resource persons who work with LTSO offenders.
- Real life community examples of support for offenders, crime prevention, community protection.

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- Actual case studies - from release at WED to either re-arrest or success stories of what works.
- Case studies are useful - what worked, what didn't. Solicit suggestions for improvements - let's make use of all the different areas of expertise brought to these conferences.

- **Community**
 - How could we educate people from the community about the reintegration of sexual offenders? In that regard, interesting programs were implemented in the USA. It should be worth considering them in Canada.
 - Community resources to support DOs, LTSO cases if there is a breach. Other than CoSA.
 - What are the community concerns? We didn't hear from anyone outside the system.
 - Community involvement with high-risk offenders.
 - A presentation that reviews key elements of community supervision including the use of conditions/restrictions and surveillance and speaks to how practically enforceable such conditions/restrictions with the high-risk offender population.

- **Jurisdictional Differences & Cooperation**
 - I would like to see inter-jurisdictional presentations where we have used criminal justice inter-jurisdictional partnerships to achieve results, which directly relate to public protection. e.g., ISPIN presentation & #6 Detained offender presentation.
 - A review of the management of 810 offenders in other provinces.
 - More info on how offenders are managed in other jurisdictions.

- **Leaders**
 - Have the judiciary participate and explain the policy on sentences.
 - Continue with ongoing efforts to have more senior government officials attend such conferences, i.e., ministers of Public Safety departments.
 - Education & training of judges.

- **Networking**
 - More focus/workshops on how to form partnerships would be helpful.
 - Generally, suggest more group discussion to take advantage of the breadth of expertise/experience in the room.

- **Perspectives**
 - Police/CSC/Criminal Justice milieu.
 - I would have liked to hear about police's perspective especially given lots of police in conference.

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• **Prevention**

- Much is being said about the tertiary prevention and the risk of recidivism of high-risk offenders. On the other hand, it could be interesting to talk about efforts put forward in terms of primary and secondary prevention of high-risk offenders.
- Prevention, prevention, prevention.
- More discussion time for crime prevention.

• **Program Efficacy**

- It would be interesting to discuss about the efficacy of various measures taken to ensure protection of the community - registration, notification, etc.
- More talk of analysis/testing and treatment provided. Details of different types of treatment and efficacy of different approaches.

• **Research**

- A critical review of the research literature on current sex offender treatment approaches and how it might be reasonably applied to expectations about the high-risk offender's treatability and potential for benefit.
- More details about CoSA including a review of research on effectiveness.
- More on the study and hallmarks of psychopathy.

• **Updates**

- Update on the ISPIN project.
- ISPIN - Where has the pilot taken this new tool?

• **Other**

- The real issues regarding resourcing and workload. To do a thorough job all need to be adequately staffed with reasonable workloads.
- NSOR - National Sex Offender Registry. "Operational process/Charter challenges".
- Organized crime, what police are doing and what CSC is doing. Risk Management & Assessments of organized crime.
- It would be interesting to know what Crown does and needs from police to do their jobs.
- Clinical perspectives on predicting and managing future risk.
- Psychiatry and what they can offer (meds, consent, etc.). Also continue to have sessions on psychological treatment and programs.
- A workshop on Restorative Justice would also be very powerful.

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- Youth programs or lack thereof. What measures are being taken at YOA level to stop recidivism?
- More about crime cycles please.
- Government policies.
- Best practices/Preferred Practices of successful programs/Interactions with offenders.
- Issues around victimization should be more prominent at next conference.
- Children and families of offenders an important part of the equation.
- The Law Reform process, which seems to be left to the thinkers rather than the doers.

(G) The Conference in Support of the NJC Mission, Values & Mandate

Thus far this report has concentrated on the Conference which took place in February 2005. At this point it would be appropriate to briefly address the relationship between the Conference and the Mission, Values and Mandate of the National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials.

Mission

- The promotion of effective partnerships to improve the administration of criminal justice in Canada.

Values

- Co-operation, understanding and mutual respect.

Mandate

- To work in partnership with Governments and all agencies and services in the provision of advice on any matter referred to it by any such governments, agencies and services. To develop an enlightened public opinion regarding the cooperation between the components of the Criminal Justice System. To develop and maintain regional committees with a similar mandate, to coordinate their activities and assist them where possible in carrying out their mandate.

The feedback obtained from the delegates provided many positive comments concerning the conference. It is also acknowledged and accepted; however, that several areas were highlighted for further scrutiny and improvement. Such is the foundation of a consultative process. Upon review of **Table 1** highlighted on the next page it is apparent that the conference made a significant contribution to the Mission and the interactive nature of the Pacific Region NJC activities for fiscal year 2004/2005.

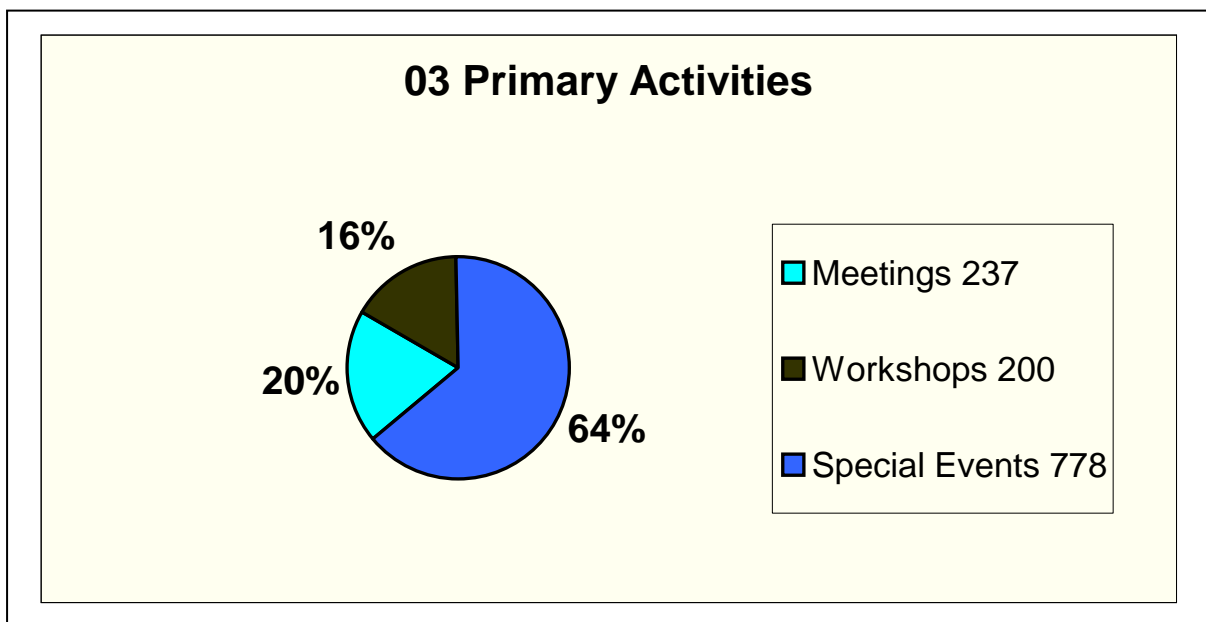
Table 1- Pacific Region NJC Session Participation 2004/2005

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Session	Total	Average
06 Workshops	200	33
03 Interagency Roundtable Meetings	42	14
12 Conference Meetings	99	8
10 Special Events & Presentations	778	78
03 Executive Meetings	41	17
03 Regional Meeting	49	16
02 National Meeting	06	03
39 Sessions	1215	31

The Conference was a key contributor to the Special Events portion of the 04/05 activity as further highlighted by **Graph C** below.

Graph C – Pacific Region NJC Meetings, Workshops and Special Events



As noted above in the Delegate Feedback Section “Dr. Laugh was an excellent choice as a speaker after a long day.”

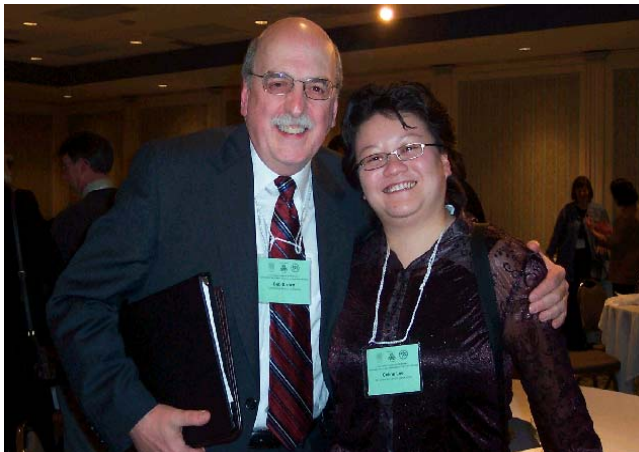
**We agree !
Thanks Chris Johnson
AKA Dr. Laugh !!**

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**Organizing Committee
Co Chair R.E. (Bob) Brown
with
Celine Lee, BC Crime
Prevention Association.**

Celine was responsible for the efficient registration process and the critical liaisons with the Conference printers and the host hotel.

Till the next time !!!!