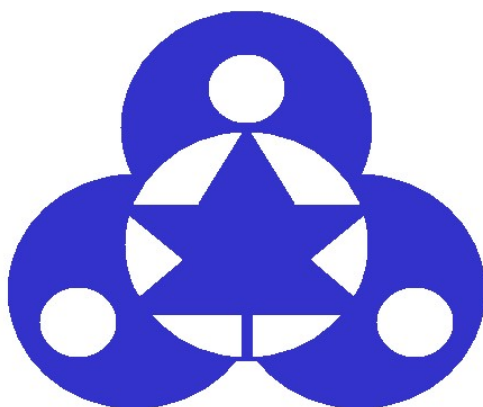


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Executive Committee 2004/2005



Greg Fitch, Criminal Justice Branch & Vice Chair, **R.E. Bob Brown**, Correctional Service of Canada & Immediate Past Chair, **Ian Mackenzie**, Abbotsford Police & BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police, **Doug LePard**, Vancouver Police Department & Vice Chair, **Ben Andersen**, Oak Bay Police & Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, **Teal Maedel**, Correctional Service of Canada & Regional Chair, **David Wilmot**, BC Corrections, **Matt Logan**, RCMP & Committee Executive Secretary, **Evelyn Blair**, National Parole Board

Criminal Justice Partners & National Joint Committee Supporters

Fiscal year 2004 2005 was an extremely active and productive year for the Pacific Region National Joint Committee. We have produced several documents and handbooks for the criminal justice community and partnered in a very successful community protection conference held in February 2005. The conference, which will be highlighted below, involved the active support and participation of the BC Association of Chiefs of Police and the BC Crime Prevention Association. Considerable energy went into a successful inter-agency collaboration on the issue of dangerous and long term offenders. Our activities remained true to the Mission, Values and Mandate of the National Joint Committee.

Mission

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

Values

- Co-operation, understanding and mutual respect.

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Mandate

- To establish and maintain efficient and effective mechanisms of communication and consultation between the Police, the Correctional Service of Canada, the National Parole Board, the Canadian Association of Crown Counsel and any other agency which is part of the Criminal Justice System.
- 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.

This year also saw a change in the membership of the Regional Executive Committee. We welcomed four new “players” and saw the departure of three significant contributors to the NJC Mission and Mandate. Joining the Executive Committee were:

- **Doug Lepard**, Deputy Chief Vancouver Police Department,
- Chief Constable **Ian Mackenzie**, Abbotsford Police Department and President of the BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police,
- **Evelyn Blair**, National Parole Board, Pacific Regional Manager Community Relations and Training, and
- **Steve Howell**, Deputy Provincial Director, Community Corrections Division, BC Corrections Branch.

In July, 2005 **Fraser Simmons**, past Regional Chair and now the retired Regional Director, Pacific Region National Parole Board, and Chief Constable **Jamie Graham**, Vancouver Police Department attended their last meeting. **R.E. Bob Brown**, Correctional Service of Canada left the Committee at the end of March, 2005 after twenty years of active involvement and his two year commitment as the Immediate Past Regional Chair. Their individual and collective contributions will be greatly missed.

We would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the significant contributions that were made by the following three “key players”. On behalf of the Pacific Region National Joint Committee I wish to acknowledge and thank them for their continued assistance and support throughout a very productive and successful 2004/2005.

- **Aimee Szymczak**, Vancouver Police Department
- **Debra Thomas**, Vancouver Parole, Correctional Service of Canada
- **Barbara Tierney**, Criminal Justice Branch, Vancouver

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Of further significance, the support of the Zone Chairs and the many criminal justice partners and representatives who have participated in our activities and contributed to our accomplishments may I also extend my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted.

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Part 2 - Overview of Activities 2004/2005

Upon review of **Grid 1** it is evident that 39 different sessions involving a total of 1215 participants occurred in 2004/2005. This almost doubled the 20 sessions from the previous fiscal year and increased the participant numbers by more than 2.5 times.

Grid 1 - Session Activities 2004/2005

Function	Date	Location	# s
Regional NJC Meeting	04 05 17	Vancouver Police Department	20
Interagency Roundtable Meeting	04 05 26	Vancouver Parole	14
National NJC Meeting	04 06 10	Barrington Hotel, Halifax	02
Interagency Roundtable Meeting	04 06 25	Vancouver Parole	16
Executive Committee Meeting	04 08 04	Vancouver Police Department	16
IIRP Conference Presentation	04 08 04	Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre	45
Luncheon Meeting with National Chair	04 08 24	Vancouver	04
Conference Organizing Committee	04 09 03	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	06
BCCPA Conference Presentation	04 09 15	Sheraton Guilford Hotel, Surrey	125
Conference Organizing Committee	04 09 22	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	06
BCAPB Presentation	04 10 02	Central Saanich Municipal Hall	14
CPLC Presentation	04 10 07	Sussex Building Boardroom, Victoria	24
Interagency Roundtable Meeting	04 10 08	Salvation Army Facility, Vancouver	12
Conference Organizing Committee	04 10 13	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	07
Executive Committee Meeting	04 10 28	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	15
Conference Organizing Committee	04 10 29	NCPC Boardroom, Vancouver	08
Meeting with CSC Deputy Commissioner	04 11 18	Abbotsford, British Columbia	02
Conference Organizing Committee	04 11 26	NCPC Boardroom, Vancouver	07
Conference Administration Meeting	04 11 30	BCCPA New Westminster	03
Nanaimo Workshop	04 12 02	RCMP Detachment	21
Chilliwack Workshop	04 12 06	RCMP Training Academy, Chilliwack	12
Regional NJC Meeting	04 12 15	Vancouver Police Department	12

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Conference Organizing Committee	05 01 05	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	16
Executive Committee Meeting	05 01 05	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	10
Conference Media Strategy Meeting	05 01 13	Vancouver Police Department	09
Conference Organizing Committee	05 01 17	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	12
ROPMC Presentation	05 01 19	Langley Fire Hall	25
Conference Protocol Meeting	05 01 25	Vancouver Police Department	05
Conference Organizing Committee	05 02 04	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	10
Media Talk Show Appearance	05 02 07	Bill Good Morning Show, Vancouver	03
Community Protection Conference	05 02 08	Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre	220
Community Protection Conference	05 02 09	Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre	300
Vancouver Workshop	05 02 10	Justice Institute of BC	100
Nanaimo Workshop	05 02 25	RCMP Detachment	22
FCM Presentation	05 03 02	Salvation Army Facility, Vancouver	20
Victoria Breakfast Meeting	05 03 03	Executive House Hotel	05
Regional NJC Meeting	05 04 04	Abbotsford Police Department	17
Conference Organizing Committee	05 03 07	CJB Boardroom, Vancouver	10
Kamloops Workshop	05 03 31	Best Western Town Lodge	40

Abbreviations and Acronyms

- **BCAMCP** BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police
- **BCAPB** BC Association of Police Boards
- **BCCPA** BC Crime Prevention Association
- **BSG** Behavioural Science Group
- **CJB** Criminal Justice Branch
- **CoSA** Circles of Support and Accountability
- **CPLC** Crown Police Liaison Committee
- **CSC** Correctional Service of Canada
- **FCM** Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- **IIRP** International Institute of Restorative Practices
- **NCPC** National Crime Prevention Centre
- **NJC** National Joint Committee
- **RCMP** Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- **ROPMC** Regional Operational Police Management Committee

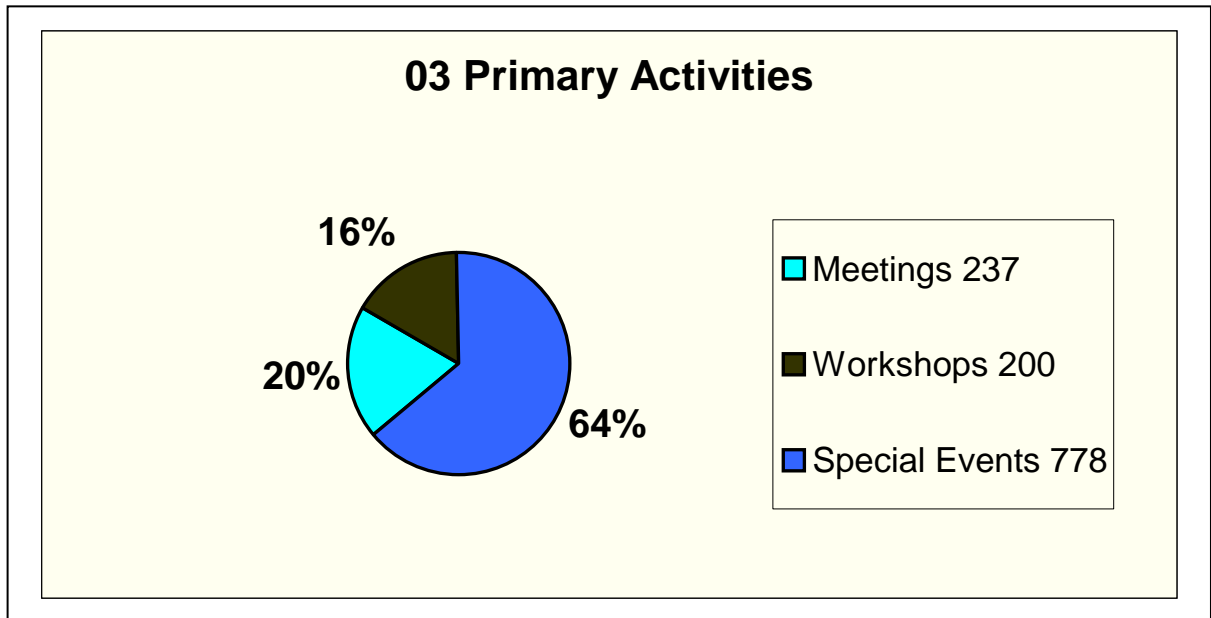
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Upon review of **Table 1** it is evident that the three primary activities that involved the interaction of the Pacific Region NJC with other criminal justice components and the community were 1) workshops 2) meetings and 3) special events.

Table 1- Session Participation 2004/2005

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

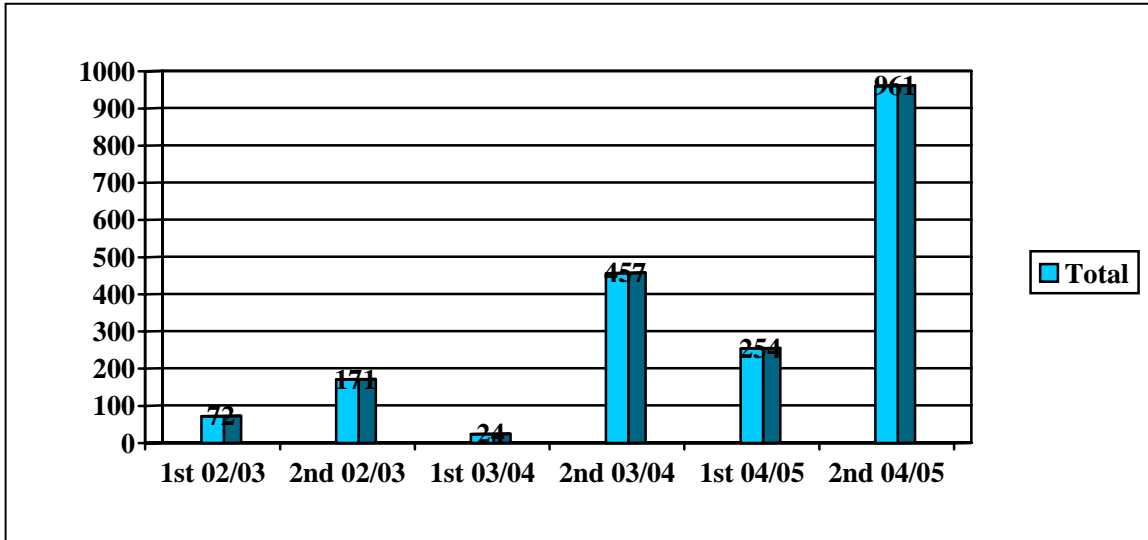
Graph A - Meetings, Workshops and Special Events



Upon review of **Graph B** on the following page it is evident that the second half of each fiscal year is the period of time that the majority of activity occurs. It is also significant to note that there was once again an impressive increase in activity for the fiscal year 2004/2005 in comparison to the two previous fiscal years. A reoccurring theme, consistent with previous Annual Reports remains evident. There is a critical need to confirm a sustainable budget at the beginning of each fiscal year ensuring activities are provided throughout the 12 month period.

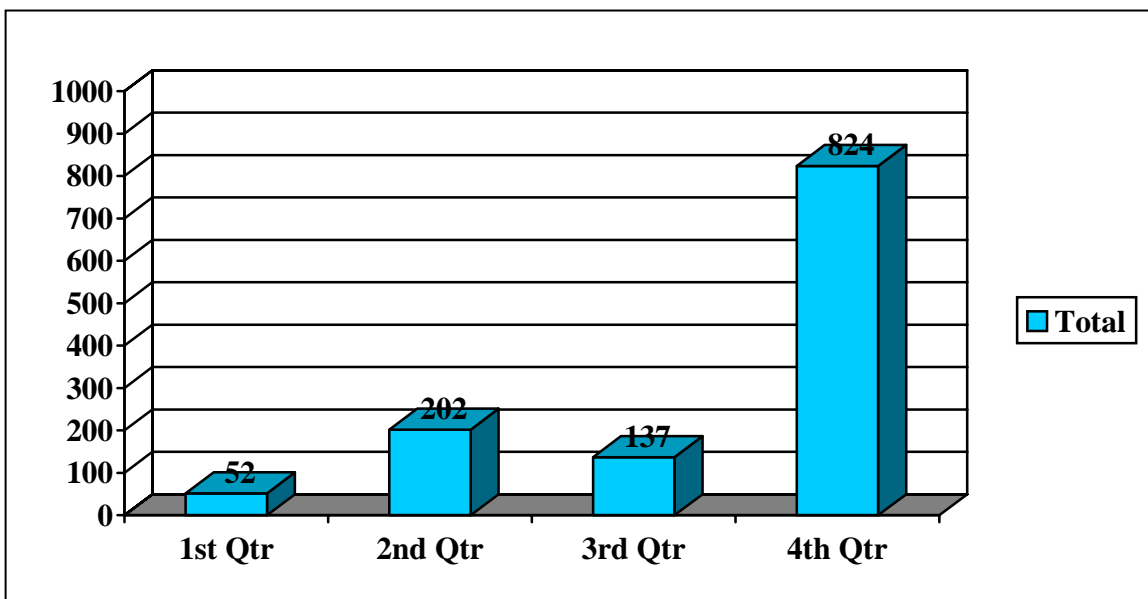
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**Graph B - Comparison of Participation by 06 Month Blocks for
Fiscal Years 2002/2003, 2003/2004 & 2004/2005**



The need to ensure the availability of a sustainable budget and resources that can be utilized throughout the entire fiscal year is further evidenced upon review of **Graph C** and a look back at the previous fiscal year. For FY 2003/2004 in excess of 95% of the participants in NJC activities participated in the last six months of the fiscal year. As noted, for the fiscal year under review a similar pattern is evident with in excess of 79% of the participants involved in activities in the final two quarters of the fiscal year. This issue will be highlighted again in **Part 6** of this report.

**Graph C - Comparison of Participant Activity
For the 04 Quarters of FY 2004/2005**



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Part 3 – Workshops, Meetings, & Special Event Highlights

3a – National Meetings

The Regional Chair and the Committee's CACP representative attended the NJC National Meeting held in Halifax in June, 2004. In August, 2004 Executive members, Teal Maedel, Greg Fitch and R.E. Bob Brown met with the National Chair, Pierre Sangollo during CACP's Conference in Vancouver.

3b – Regional Executive Meetings

NJC Regional Executive Committee Meetings were held on three occasions, all in Vancouver. The initial meeting was held at the Vancouver Police Department with the following two meetings held at the Criminal Justice Branch Office.

The initial Executive Meeting held at the beginning of August set the agenda for the remainder of the reporting period. The Committee's lead with the Interagency Roundtable on Dangerous Offenders, Long Term Supervision Orders & 810s was fully supported. The plan to initiate a collaborative venture in support of a high risk offender, community protection conference was fully endorsed.

The Executive Committee remained fully supportive of the "WED Document" initiative and the revision of the Pacific Region Police Parole Handbook. These issues, among other activities, were incorporated into an "Achievements and Activities" presentation made to senior managers from corrections, parole board, crown counsel and the police as part of the October 2004 Executive Committee Meeting.

Considerable energy was also devoted to an underutilized communication capacity, i.e. the lack of an accessible "website" for the posting of this regions' documents. This will also be addressed further in **Part 6** below.

3c – Regional Meetings

Three NJC Regional Meetings were held, hosted by the Vancouver Police Department in May and December 2004, and by the Abbotsford Police Department in March 2005. The meetings highlighted the activities of the Committee and the planned activities for the respective Zones.

3d – Zone Workshops

Six workshops were held during the reporting period with the Vancouver and Vancouver Island Zones being the most active.

On **04 12 02** the Vancouver Island Zone held a workshop at the Nanaimo RCMP Detachment. The topics included an overview of Vancouver Island Parole, a discussion of the offender population at Nanaimo Parole, an overview of UAL procedures and the safety of Parole Officers.

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On **04 12 06** the Fraser Valley Zone held a workshop at the RCMP training facility in Chilliwack. The topics included an overview of Fraser Valley Parole, the management of the aging offender, sharing of information, building liaisons, InfoPol and the distribution of a “small run” of the Pacific Region NJC Police Parole Handbook.

On **05 02 10** the Vancouver Zone held a workshop in New Westminster at the Justice Institute of BC. Topics included outlaw motorcycle gangs, Hell’s Angels, interagency information sharing, Crime Stoppers, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association and best practices in interagency cooperation. Vancouver Parole in conjunction with the Strike Force made a video for police training entitled: **What Do You Do When You Stop an Offender on Conditional Release**. The draft version of this video was shown at the workshop.

On **05 02 25** the Vancouver Island Zone held a workshop at the Nanaimo RCMP Detachment. The workshop focused on a risk assessment presentation by CSC Community psychologist Dr. David Fairweather.

On **05 03 03** the Vancouver Island Zone held a breakfast meeting in Victoria with police. Topics included an overview of Victoria Parole, statistics for UAL offenders, parole officer safety, InfoPol and suggestions for future workshops.

On **05 03 31** the Interior Zone held a workshop in Kamloops. CSC’s Deb Coradazzo made a presentation on InfoPol, RCMP Inspector Keith Davidson gave an overview of the RCMP Behavioural Sciences Group, spoke about child exploitation, geographic and criminal profiling, threat assessment, sexual predator observation teams and the integrated child exploitation and integrated sexual predator intelligence networks.

Part 3e – Special Events and Presentations

The following highlights a number of special events and presentations made by members of the Regional Executive Committee. All presentations made reference to the Mission and Mandate of the National Joint Committee and the critical need for agencies to find ways of working better together.

- **International Institute of Restorative Practices Conference, Richmond**

On **04 08 04** Executive Committee Members Chief Constable Andersen and R.E. Bob Brown contributed to the workshop entitled **Building Community Alliances in High-Risk Settings for Safety, Healing and Peacemaking**

- **BC Crime Prevention Association’s Public Forum, Surrey**

On **04 09 15** Executive Committee Member R.E. Bob Brown contributed to the BCCPA public forum entitled: **Released Sex Offenders in the Community - Involved Citizens Create Safer Communities Through Circles of Support & Accountability (CoSA)**

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- **BC Association of Police Boards, Central Saanich**

On **04 10 02** Chief Constable Andersen and R.E. Bob Brown made a presentation to Police Board members on both NJC and the February 2005 Community Protection Conference.

- **Crown Police Liaison Committee, Victoria**

On **04 10 07** Chief Constable Andersen and R.E. Bob Brown made a presentation to this committee Co Chaired by Robert Gillen, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, and fellow Executive Committee member and President of the BC Municipal Association of Chiefs of Police Chief Constable Ian Mackenzie. Support was received from this committee for the pre release centralization of both the crown and police role in relation to the eventual release of the WED detained offender. The NJC was a key contributor to this initiative.

- **Meeting with CSC Deputy Commissioner, Abbotsford**

On **04 11 18** Regional Chair, Teal Maedel met with the Pacific Region Deputy Commissioner Don Demers and apprised him of the Pacific Region NJC activities, including support for the February 2005 Community Protection Conference.

- **Regional Operational Police Management Committee, Langley**

On **05 01 19** Regional Chair, Teal Maedel attended this meeting held at the Fire Hall in Langley and listened to police and legal concerns regarding public disclosure. A presentation was made on the NJC mandate.

- **Bill Good Morning Radio Talk Show, Vancouver**

On **05 02 07** Executive Committee members Teal Maedel and Deputy Chief Doug LePard were joined on the “talk and call in” show by Kim Capri, the Executive Director of the BC Crime Prevention Association. NJC & the Community Protection Conference were addressed.

- **Community Protection Conference, Richmond**

This event which was held on **05 02 08** and **09** will be addressed in **Part 4** below.

- **Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Vancouver**

On **05 03 02** Executive Committee Members Teal Maedel, Greg Fitch and Deputy Chief Doug LePard attended and presented at the FCM/CSC/NPB Joint Committee on Community Corrections Meeting held at the Salvation Army Belkin House in Vancouver.

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3F International Flavour

Several of the activities during this reporting period were enhanced by the participation of international colleagues as highlighted below.

- **04 08 04 Regional Executive Committee Meeting**

David R Griffiths Director of Interventions, London Probation, London, England provided an overview of **MAPPA** (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements). Through **MAPPA** all those convicted of a sex offence are registered with the police. They must stay at their address and cannot move without police permission. Parole officers are in the same office as police to monitor the most dangerous offenders.

- **04 10 28 Regional Executive Committee Meeting**

Helen Fowler a Psychologist for the Crown in Perth, Australia provided an overview of her duties and responsibilities within the criminal justice reality in Australia.

- **05 02 09 Community Protection Conference**

Roxanne Lieb, Director, Washington State Institute of Public Policy, Olympia, Washington participated in the community notification panel at the February conference. She has researched sex offender policies for several years, including registration, community notification, and civil commitment of sexually violent offenders. During 2001, she was a fellow at the University of Cambridge's Institute of Criminology, where she studied UK crime policy.

Part 4 - Key Initiatives

4a Interagency Roundtable

In May, 2004 Pacific Region NJC initiated a series of inter-agency meetings to the end of supplementing and updating the May, 2001 Solicitor General of Canada reference manual entitled, ***High-Risk Offender: A Handbook for Criminal Justice Professionals***. Subsequent to the production of the manual developments in the jurisprudence including the Supreme Court of Canada's judgment in *Regina v. Johnson*, [2003] SCC 46 contributed significantly to the decision to "review and update."

This Manual has been completed and is the product of inter-agency dialogue and cooperation. A number of agencies participated in the development of the manual including the:

- Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Attorney General,

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- Corrections Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General,
- British Columbia Parole Board,
- BC Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission,
- Correctional Service of Canada,
- National Parole Board,
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and
- Municipal police forces, including representatives from the Abbotsford and Vancouver Police Departments.

The Manual contains chapters prepared by the;

- Criminal Justice Branch in relation to the 1997 amendments to the *Code* and legal developments respecting the interpretation and application of these amended provisions,
- police which updates the 2001 Handbook,
- Correctional Service of Canada,
- BC Corrections, and the
- National Parole Board.

In addition, the Manual contains, in Appendix "A" suggestions around standardizing the wording of release conditions for parole "orders", s.810 orders and long-term supervision orders.

As noted in the completed document "the individuals who contributed to this Manual are too numerous to mention. NJC subscribes, in any event, to the dictum attributed to Emerson that "There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit." Irrespective of this latter comment this initiative was lead by the Pacific Region NJC Vice Chair, Greg Fitch.

This inter-agency initiative was another example of how the system can work together toward a common goal.

4b Community Protection Conference

A successful two-day **Community Protection Conference** was held in Richmond, British Columbia in February 2005. The conference entitled: ***Community Protection is Paramount: Coordinating the System's Response to High Risk Offending*** was a partnered venture involving;

- BC Association of Chiefs of Police,
- Pacific Region National Joint Committee, and the
- British Columbia Crime Prevention Association.

As noted above this initiative was endorsed on 04 08 04. Critical to it's success were the numerous unselfish contributions made over the subsequent six months by many individuals and in particular by the Conference Organizing Committee.

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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

The 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 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.

Key Criminal Justice Quotes

- **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.”

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- **Malcolm D. Brodie, Mayor of Richmond, British Columbia**

“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.”

- **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 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.”

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

“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.”

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

“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.”

- **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.”

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Workshop - 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, **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.

- **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."

- **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."

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- **A.O. (Bert) Phipps, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corrections, 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.”

- **Geoff Plant, 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.”

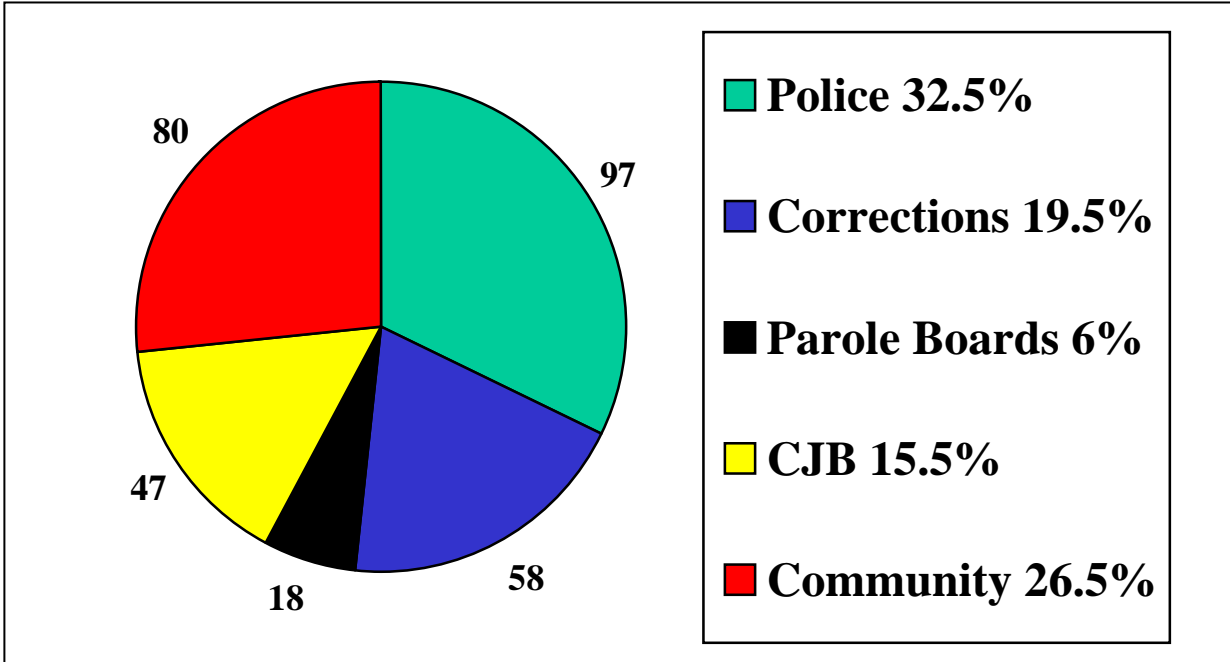


**Conference
Organizing
Committee Member &
Piper Constable Tim
Fanning with the
Honour Guard from
the Correctional
Service of Canada
and the RCMP**

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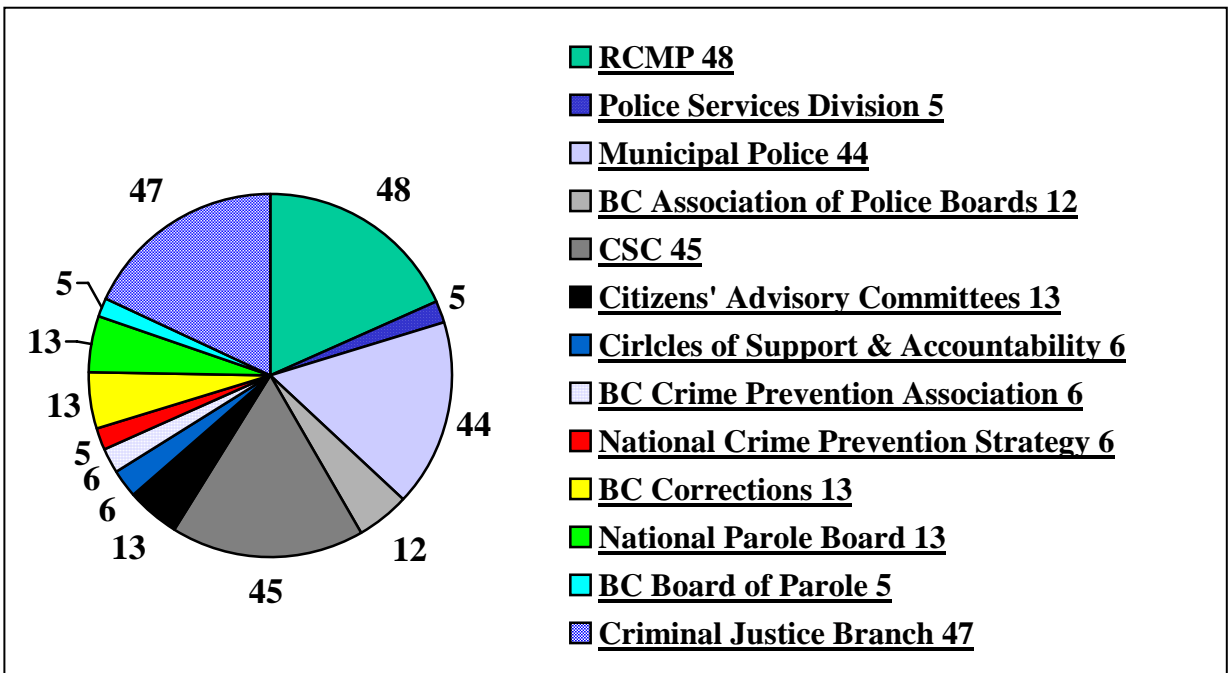
The delegate targets for the Conference were achieved as highlighted below in **Graphs D & E**. Unfortunately although invited the judiciary were unable to attend.

Graph D - Representation of the 300 Delegates



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

Graph E - Agency, Department, Association Representation



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

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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. Topics at the conference included dangerous offender and long term offender designation, the recently enacted Sex Offender Information Registration Act, and community notification. Group exercises addressed “Community Protection, Crime Prevention and Offender Reintegration: Are they Compatible?” and parole board decision making.



Media Conference

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

Key to the success of the two day conference was not only the impressive cross section delegate representation but also the truly collaborative supportive structure as evidenced by the following contributors.

- 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

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- Corrections and Community Justice Division, Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Criminal Justice Branch, Attorney General and Treaty Negotiations
- Executive Network Incorporated
- National Crime Prevention Centre, 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, Public Safety and the Solicitor General
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada



Workshop - Community Notification Then and Now

Conference Master of Ceremonies, Deputy Chief **Doug LePard**, **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

The Organizing Committee 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 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

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of high risk and harmful behaviour. The Pacific Region NJC are confident that the Community Protection Conference that was held in February 2005 contributed to enhancing the cooperation of the components and our collective capabilities to meet the communities expectations.



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.

4c Community Protection and the Release of the Federally Incarcerated Detained Offender

Key milestones to this NJC Pacific Region lead and coordinated initiative are highlighted below.

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 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

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- 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** Report completed entitled: **Warrant Expiry Date (WED) File Review** - All WED Referrals from 03 01 01 to 03 12 23 referred to the High Risk Offenders Identification Program by CSC
- 2004 10 07** Presentation to the Crown Police Liaison Committee in Victoria – **Demystifying the WED Process**
- 2005 02 09** **The Release of the Detained Offender: A System and Community Response** panel presentation made at the partnered Richmond conference entitled: **Community Protection is Paramount: Coordinating**
- 2005 03 31** Final draft document for consultation completed. ***Community Protection and the Release of the Federally Incarcerated Detained Offender***

Critical to the above was the support received from the Crown Police Liaison Committee for a centralized WED offender pre release crown and police process. The Branch Management Committee for the Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General and the Police Services Division, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General remain supportive. The RCMP are supportive in principle subject to the review of the business case which is currently being completed by the Behavioural Sciences Group, RCMP "E" Division.

Part 5 - Documents Produced

Considerable energy and commitment reached fruition during the current reporting period. Certain of the initiatives highlighted above are included in the following list of documents completed in fiscal year 2004/2005.

- **Community Protection is Paramount: Coordinating the System's Response to High Risk Offending – Conference Reference Book – February 2005**
- **Inter-agency Manual on the Prosecution and Correctional Management of Dangerous and Long-term Offenders – February 2005**
- **Community Protection and the Release of the Federally Incarcerated Detained Offender – March 2005**
- **Pacific Region Police Parole Handbook – March 2005**

The Police Parole handbook was a key initiative of the Vancouver Zone.

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The Pacific Region NJC contribution to the successful February 2005 Community Protection Conference was referenced in the:

- BC Crime Prevention Association – **BCCPA News** Volume 21 No. 1 Spring 2005
- International Corrections and Prisons Association – **ICPA News** March 2005

A submission which referenced both the Pacific Region NJC and the February Community Protection Conference was submitted in March 2005 to the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, for their **Justice Report** Volume 20 No. 2.

Part 6 - Key NJC “Pressures” - Pacific Region Perspective

The pressures, frustrations and concerns of the Pacific Region NJC are not new issues to Pacific Region Annual Reports. They do not need any further explanation nor further narrative. The concerns have been distilled down to two primary issues that require action and resolution.

- A sustainable and decentralized operational budget available at the outset of the fiscal year.
- An accessible “website” for the posting of key documents & national support for maintenance of the site.

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