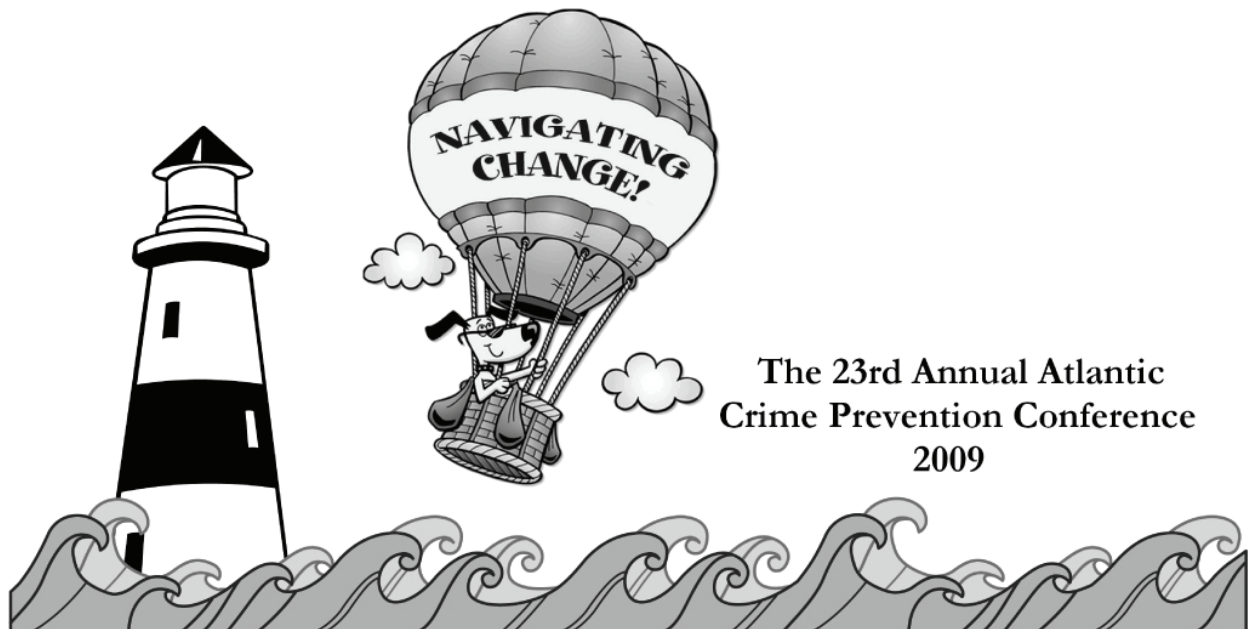


Conference Information



**Atlantic Coordinating Committee on
Crime Prevention and Community Safety**
June 3 to 5, 2009 ~ Slemon Park, Prince Edward Island

Please note this booklet includes conference information that is currently confirmed. Check our website for updates and news! <http://acc-cca.org/>

Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 2

Pre-conference training:

- Leadership (ACC, Atlantic Police Academy, Slemon Park)
- Foundations Workshop (ASI, UPEI)

Wednesday, June 3

Pre-conference training:

- Leadership (ACC, Atlantic Police Academy, Slemon Park)
- Foundations Workshop (ASI, UPEI)

- 4:00 - 7:00 Registration (Harvard Room)
 Informal Networking
- 7:00 – 9:00 Reception (Lancaster)
- 9:00 – 12:00 Kitchen Party (Lounge & Neptune)

Thursday, June 4

- 7:30 – 8:45 Registration (Harvard Room)
- 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast (Lounge & Ansons)
- 9:00 – 10:15 Opening Plenary (Lancaster)
- 10:15 – 10:45 Break (Lancaster)
- 10:45 – 12:30 Workshop Choices – A (A.P.A, 10 rooms)
- 12:30 – 1:45 Lunch (Lancaster)
- 1:45 – 4:00 Joint ACC/ASI Think Tank: Building Resilient Communities
 in the 21st Century (A.P.A. Gym)

4:00	Snack Bags (A.P.A. Tact Room by Gym for pick up)
4:00 – 6:00	Field trips: Lennox Island; Evangeline; Summerside; Youth Centre
6:00 – 7:00	On your own
7:00 – 7:30	Reception (Lounge)
7:30 – 12:00	Banquet and Dance (Lancaster)

Friday, June 5

7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast (Lounge & Ansons)
9:00 – 10:15	Opening Plenary (Lancaster)
10:15 – 10:45	Break (Lancaster)
10:45 – 12:00	Workshop Choices – B (A.P.A, 10 rooms)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (Lancaster)
1:00 – 2:15	Workshop Choices – C (A.P.A, 10 rooms)
2:15 – 2:30	Move to next workshop
2:30 - 3:45	Workshop Choices – D (A.P.A, 10 rooms)
3:45 – 4:00	Break Closing Plenary Door Prizes (A.P.A. Gym)
4:00—6:00	Most departures

Navigating Change

Conference Objectives

- Exchange knowledge, giving participants skills and tools to take back to their communities
- Showcase promising practices across Atlantic Canada and beyond
- Increase understanding of Aboriginal culture

Program

- Practical information and tangible products
- Latest research and emerging trends
- Interactive with a variety of activities
- Inspirational, motivating and innovative
- Tools and skills to work with in our communities



Keynote Speaker



Judge Graydon Nicholas

We are very pleased to announce that Judge Graydon Nicholas will be our keynote speaker at the opening of the conference. Judge Nicholas is one of Canada's foremost leaders in Native and Aboriginal issues. In many ways, he personifies our theme of Navigating Change. Through his work and leadership, Judge Nicholas not only navigated change, but initiated enormous change within our judicial system.

He is the first Aboriginal person to be called to the bar east of Toronto, and he is also the first Aboriginal person in Atlantic Canada to become a Provincial Court Judge. He has chaired the Native Studies program at St. Thomas University and was Counsel and President of the Union of New Brunswick Indians.

Recently, Judge Nicholas has been recommended as the next Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick by Premier Shawn Graham. If he is appointed to this position, he will be the first Aboriginal person in New Brunswick to become Lieutenant Governor.

Judge Nicholas is an inspirational speaker, and we are thrilled that he has agreed to deliver our keynote address.

Program Highlights

Pre-conference training

It's All About People: Skills and Tools for Community Safety Leadership June 2 & 3, Atlantic Police Academy

Who is it for? Anyone who works with people from communities, non-profits, and governments to address short and long term crime prevention.

You will learn and practice skills of leading community problem-solving for safer communities:

- Solve today's problems while thinking about future generations
- Communicate to build cooperation
- Support community participation
- Manage differences that block progress
- Facilitate meetings of people with diverse backgrounds and needs

You will get:

- Three resource booklets (A Story of Crime and Hope, Community Leadership Tool Box and Facilitator's Guide).
- Certificate of participation
- Refreshment breaks and lunches

ASI: Foundations Workshop June 2, ASI at UPEI

The workshop will show the links between health, crime, injury and victimization. Economic factors, physical and social environments, education and early childhood development will be considered.

On a journey to creating safe and healthy communities, this workshop will help participants to:

- Learn from each other and share resources

- Meet other travelers with the same destination
- Return home with new knowledge, skills, tools and processes
- Share knowledge with others
- Partner to create healthy and safer communities

The Circle of Health and Aboriginal Medicine Wheel will be used to guide discussion and discovery. Research, policy and practice will be used to better understand concepts and strategies. This will help in partnering on complex issues, and valuing diversity.

Why attend?

- If you want to know more about ASI
- If you want to learn new skills with diverse groups of people
- If you want a certificate of participation!

Think Tank

Building Resilient Communities for the 21st Century

This think tank will be an interactive session to engage people in a dialogue about building our communities to be resilient and sustainable in the 21st century. Four knowledgeable people will open the session with brief remarks on one of these questions:

- How do people and communities survive and thrive in times of change or in spite of difficult circumstances?
- What makes communities resilient?
- What policies are needed to support communities to cope with economic and social change?

Participants will then be asked to engage in discussion around their tables on the question:

- What are some of the characteristics of your community that make it resilient?

Each table will have a facilitator to guide discussion, focus on the question(s) at hand, and ensure that all participate. Groups will be encouraged to identify an important point that they want others to hear or a question directed to one of the resource people.

Reconvening in the plenary session, the moderator will take key points or questions from various tables and ask resource people to comment/respond.

There will be a second round of table discussion on one or both of the following questions:

- How can we work together across sectors on community-wide efforts to make our communities more resilient?
- What kind of help do communities need from governments to increase their capacity for resilience?

Second plenary after this discussion will be a general discussion among participants and panelists about the answers to the questions and any other comments that may arise.

Closure: Highlights of some key themes from the moderator; taking it home from here; link with field trips to local, resilient communities.



Field Trips

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These two groups will bring their common vision of building and sustaining healthy and safe communities together through their combined annual programming taking place this June in Prince Edward Island.

One exciting opportunity is to participate in Resilient Communities Site Visits. This will also be an excellent opportunity to meet people from various sectors who care about safe and healthy communities. This is one of the innovative programming choices made possible through the collaboration between ACC and ASI at this year's Crime Prevention Conference.

1. Lennox Island

The Mi'kmaq have had a permanent settlement on Lennox Island since at least the early 19th century. Archaeological evidence and oral traditions indicate a native presence dating back 10,000 years. Also located "up west", on the north shores of Malpeque Bay, Lennox Island is itself a small island. Under the leadership of Chief Darlene Bernard, the community is establishing itself as an increasingly resilient economic and cultural survivor. The Lennox Island Development Corporation is playing a significant role in initiating aboriginal ecotourism to enhance traditional fishing activities. The "Path of our Forefathers" walking trail has been created along the beach and on the north side of the island, and includes boardwalks and interpretation. Traditional Mi'kmaq crafts and ash-splint baskets are produced in the community. Construction of a new Band Office and Canada Games wrestling facility is underway, and wind testing has been taking place on Lennox Island since 2004. The recent establishment of the first aboriginal women's shelter on PEI speaks to the reality of violence against women that exists in every society, while acknowledging that the skills and experience of resolving conflict are rooted within the aboriginal culture.

2. Evangeline Community

This francophone region in the western end of PEI has maintained its distinct culture as a minority in the province, partially because of its relative isolation for over 400 years. Those Acadians who survived the Deportation of 1758 were relegated to the swampy wetlands and rugged coastlands of the area, generating a cultural and linguistic hardiness, as well. The Évangéline Community Health Centre, the Acadian museum, and the Évangéline Tourism Association add structural support to the small rural communities, and of course, the maisons de bouteilles are a unique area attraction! The Évangéline region is the vibrant heart of traditional Acadian fiddles, step-dancing and kitchen parties, of r p re and galettes blanches, and of deep wells of strength and resiliency.

3. City of Summerside

Located in a sheltered harbour on the south shore, home to the second largest population on PEI (15,000), Summerside is known as the little city that could! The closing of CFB Summerside in 1991 was potentially devastating, but the population rallied its community spirit and has pursued other ventures. Created on the former CFB site, Slemmon Park Corporation is host to a mix of public and private sector operations, including Holland College, Atlantic Turbines and several other aerospace companies. Employment at Slemmon Park facilities now exceeds pre-1991 levels.

Summerside is also recognized as the recreational capital of the Island, and is well known throughout the region as a superb host to a variety of sporting events. The Wanda Wyatt Cultural Centre keeps the rich history and traditions alive with a variety of cultural activities. The recent creation of a boardwalk along the city's waterfront is a healthy and scenic addition to the community, and Credit Union Place provides a premier cultural, recreational and wellness venue. As well, the College of Piping and Performing Arts is a world-class facility that has proven a potent cultural draw.

4. PEI Youth Centre

The PEI Youth Centre is a dually designated facility providing two levels of custody. Secure Custody and Open Custody. The structure of the facility includes a residential building and an administration building situated around a large courtyard.

The tour will be given by a senior staff member who will give a brief introduction to the program delivery and history of the PEI Youth Centre. Beginning in the administration area, the tour guide will review the expectations of you as a participant, as well as highlight what you will be experiencing on the tour. The entire tour will be conducted as though you were a youth admitted into custody or held on remand awaiting court appearance.

The tour will include the admissions and discharge area, safety rooms, kitchen and dining room, classroom settings, workshop and computer labs, fitness rooms, gymnasium, and the living units of residents. No youth will be visible to the participants. The tour guide will be open to your questions or observations and this will be a very interactive friendly tour.

Tour Requirements: In order to participate in the tour you are requested to submit your name, including your birth date for centre tour requirements.

5. Downtown Summerside Shopping Excursion

Interested in a couple of hours of shopping? We will be offering transportation to and from downtown Summerside. Downtown Summerside is one of the foremost dining and shopping areas in the Province of Prince Edward Island. With its unique blend of affordable yet diverse shops, fine eateries and personal and business-to-business services available at your fingertips, Downtown Summerside is the place to be, day or night, working, entertaining, shopping or relaxing. People enjoy our clean, safe streets and vibrant atmosphere.

Workshops

We are in the process of collecting workshop summaries. We will make these available as we receive them. Please note many of the workshop titles are not finalized yet.

Our presenters include:

Aboriginal Thread

Ed Buller, Public Safety Canada. “Developing & Maintaining Relationships with Aboriginal Communities”

Lori St. Onge, MCPEI. “PEI’s Aboriginal Justice Program”

Crime Prevention Thread

Roxanne Carter Thompson, Adventure Group. “Female Offenders”

Brian Saunders, Correction Services Canada. “Building A Crime Reduction Strategy in NB”

Mary Ann Kirvan, NCPC. “Safety Audit Tool “

Sister Norma Gallant. “Senior Safety Program & Elder Abuse”

Sgt. Tom Ripley, Assoc. for Safer Cape Breton Communities. “Safer Cape Breton Communities”

Frank Skidmore, RCMP NS . “Parent Alert”

Rev. Scott MacIssac. “Reducing Recidivism”

Crime / Community Policing Thread

Erin Mulvihill & Hannah McGechie. “Deal.org Talks About Internet Safety”

Louise Logue, Director of the Ottawa Police Service Youth Strategy. “Youth Intervention Screening Tool”

Violence Prevention Thread

Joey Jefferies, Association for Newcomers to Canada. “New Immigrants”

Julie Devon Dodd, Circles of Support. “Circles of Support for Women at Risk”

SAGE. “Beyond Silence! The Voice of Child Sexual Abuse”

Youth Thread

Heather MacLeod, Halifax Regional Municipal Community Arts. “Community Arts Program”

Maria Cain & Sabrina Poirier, Heartwood. “YouthScape”

Marie Keenan Doyle, John Howard Society. “HYPER”

Karen MacDonald, PEI Govt. Youth Justice. “PEI Youth Justice”

Richelle Hume-MacDonald. “Respect Ed Program”

Elizabeth Cooke-Sumbu, CANSA. “Rewarding our Diversity / Youth Empowerment Plus”

Jim Ellsworth, NCPC. “Youth Inclusion Project”

Ron Stanley. “Youth Addictions”

More to be confirmed!

Details on some of our Workshops

Brian Saunders—Reducing Crime in New Brunswick

This session will review the results to date of the efforts underway in New Brunswick to build a viable and sustainable Crime Reduction Strategy that actually reduces crime.

For several months, research and engagement around effective crime prevention/reduction in NB has been underway. Numerous meetings and conversations around the strategic issues and challenges associated with crime reduction have also been occurring. As well, we have recently hosted a large Crime Reduction Conference that has set the stage for us to move forward with building a new Crime Reduction Strategy for New Brunswick.

Today, we think we have a clearer view of some of what drives crime in NB, the effectiveness of our current responses, and our challenges in the future. In particular, we are told that: Crime in NB has been trending down significantly in the last few years.

- NB is the second safest province in Canada.
- Addictions, mental health issues, and poverty are keys in any effective crime prevention/reduction strategy.
- Not all areas or populations within NB are equally safe, as compared to our provincial standing. There are many successful crime reduction/prevention programs and initiatives operating today in NB, though often in isolation.
- Insufficient research has been done related to these successful crime reduction/prevention efforts in NB. We simply do not know all we need to know about how best to improve on our progress to date.
- New Brunswick is changing quickly demographically, economically, and socially.

This province has some assets and strengths that are important to our safety, including:

- specialized courts;
- new police approaches to prominent/prolific offenders;
- strong and vibrant nongovernmental organizations all around NB
- rapidly developing research capacity (Prov, Feds, private sector);
- positive relations between the federal and provincial governments on crime reduction;
- funding support from a variety of sources for crime reduction/prevention work in NB; and,
- good models for crime reduction in other provinces.

One of the key points in building an effective Crime Reduction Strategy will be translating what seems to be wide support for effective and cohesive approaches to crime reduction/prevention in NB into concrete and sustainable actions.

The strategic challenges in this province discussed in a variety of recent reports are very much in play from a crime reduction perspective. Our collective difficulty to reach across various mandates and “silos” in new and effective ways within government and between many other key partners to really help people is widely observed and commented upon. Making some progress in developing and fostering permanent strategic linkages and finding better ways to measure our progress will be critical to any viable strategy that actually reduces crime in a rapidly changing New Brunswick.

Julie Devon Dodd— Circles of Safety & Support – ‘Safety Circles’

Justice Options for Women, with financial support from Status of Women Canada, has developed a comprehensive safety planning process that involves a woman at risk, justice, government and community service providers, community and personal support people. The Safety Circle process is designed for women who are in need of a higher level of safety planning than would generally take place in situations of family violence.

Who is this workshop for: Anyone who is concerned about family violence as a service provider, volunteer, or community member.

What will you learn: You will learn about the development of an interest-based approach to comprehensive safety planning that directly involves a woman at risk, results of evaluation of Safety Circles, and plans for implementation.

Reflections of a woman who participated: *I am so grateful to have had the chance to participate in this. In the beginning it accented my fears and caused some additional worry as new situations were brought up and possibilities were examined that I hadn't thought of. However once we had discussed the different options for resolving or overcoming these issues I felt so much stronger, so much more in control of my life. I felt like we really touched on all the different aspects of my fears and found ways to alleviate them.*

Four Safety Circles have been held in PEI and additional Safety Circles will be held over the next 3 years. Training will be offered to prepare Circle facilitators to lead the process and to support community members' participation.

Some Benefits of Safety Circles

- Shines a light on a serious situation in such a way as to ensure that all of the key players in the safety process are on full alert
- Lets the core member know that she is not alone, that there are people in the community and those with mandated authority who are focused seriously on her safety
- Ensures that all avenues for safety planning are explored
- Provides an opportunity for support people in the core member's life to learn about family violence dynamics, which can help them to be even more effective in their support
- Ensures that all of the supporters are on the same page and working towards the same goal
- Means that the number of times a woman has to "tell her story" is reduced, since most or all of those who need to hear details and updates are together in one place hearing it at the same time
- Supports service providers who can feel isolated in their roles as supporters

Sister Norma Gallant— Empowering Seniors for a better quality of life

- a) Explore the realities facing Atlantic Provinces' Seniors today in the areas of RESPECT and ABUSE
- b) Explain possible strategies to deal with these realities and show the results witnessed in my work of addressing the root causes of crime through social development

Une vie de qualité pour les aînés

- a) Explorer les réalités que vivent les aînés de l'Atlantique dans les domaines du RESPECT et de l'ABUS
- b) Expliquer des pistes de solutions possibles et montrer les résultats que j' ai observés dans mon travail en Prévention de la criminalité par le développement social

Marie Keenan Doyle—HYPE (*Healthy Youth Potential Explored*)

HYPE is a voluntary program for youth aged 12 – 16 years who are at risk of entering or re-entering the justice system. HYPE offers youth ways to explore their strengths and develop new interests and skills. The program provides a safe and creative environment to help young people learn how to make better decisions, resolve conflict, improve communication, and deal with emotions in a more positive way. HYPE is funded by the National Crime Prevention Centre, Public Safety Canada, and John Howard Society of PEI is the sponsor organization.

Program Objectives

- To help young people learn how to make better decisions, problem solve, resolve conflict, improve communication, and deal with anger and other emotions in a more positive way
- To offer opportunities for young people to work on their strengths and overcome barriers they face
- To engage young people in recreational and leisure activities including sports, music, drama, art and culture
- To reduce high risk behavior including substance use and unsafe sexual behavior
- To help young people to stay in school
- To help youth develop positive adult and peer relationships

How will HYPE achieve these goals?

- One on one work with the young person
- Educational group sessions
- Offering a safe and creative environment
- Encouraging a positive and healthy sense of accomplishment
- Giving young people a chance to be involved in the community through volunteering and working with other community groups
- Giving young people a chance to explore their personal interests

Louise Logue, Director of the Ottawa Police Service Youth Strategy— Youth intervention Screening Tool

RCMP National Headquarters is rolling out a new Screening Version tool as part of the National Youth Intervention and Diversion Program. This very straightforward validation tool assists service providers in determining what risk and protective factors are present with a youth, therefore helping to ensure a young person is sent to the right services to reduce the risk of recidivism.

Erin Mulvihill and Hannah McGechie— Deal.org Talks About: Internet Safety

The goal of this presentation is to help ensure that using the internet is a positive experience. Key topics include cyberbullying, luring and the importance of protecting personal information. What to do if you are a victim of cyberbullying is taught, as well as how to help prevent cyberbullying in schools and communities. The importance of thinking critically while online is also discussed, especially in regards to talking to new people and protecting personal information. Overall, we encourage everyone to think about how your online behaviour can have offline consequences. Listeners are left with the message, “If you wouldn’t do it in real life, why do it online?”



Our Collaboration with ASI

Working Together to Build Stronger Communities

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Participants have two learning events to choose from.

The Atlantic Crime Prevention Conference has been held for 22 consecutive years throughout the four Atlantic Provinces. This conference has been successful in creating great opportunities for those in the crime prevention sector to connect, re-establish and strengthen relationships. Participants will learn about some of the latest research, emerging trends and hear about success stories. This conference will build on the traditions of previous years and also include some new elements.

The Atlantic Summer Institute has been held each year at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown since 2004 and brings together a diverse group of people. This Institute is structured around a curriculum; a pathway to learning where participants move through a series of workshops and receive a certificate of participation. The Summer Institute provides an opportunity to meet new people from different sectors with the intention to work together and plan for future collaboration.

“Often the root causes of crime and the social determinants of health are the same,” explains ASI Board President Barbara Clow. “When we come together we often realize that we are talking about the same issues yet using different language.”

A “Collective Think Tank” on June 4 in Summerside will provide an opportunity for ACC and ASI participants to come together and find a common language as they share this part of the program.

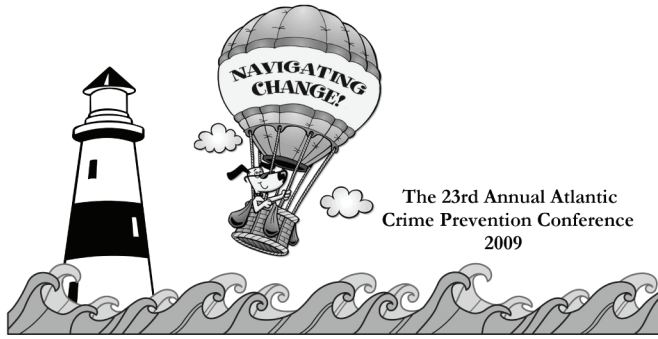
“Working in partnership and sharing knowledge and lessons learned will provide for a very enriching experience for both ACC and ASI participants,” says Sergeant Barry Arsenault, of the ACC and Summerside City Police Service.

The Institute’s theme for 2009 is *Innovation and Collaboration: Building Resilient Communities*. The Institute will run June 3-5 at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown. The theme for the ACC is *Navigating Change* and will be held from June 3-5 at Slemon Park in Summerside.

Clow says regardless which program participants choose, they will take home tools and skills to work with the community and a renewed sense of purpose for their work.

For more information on the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities, visit www.upei.ca/si or call 902-894-3399. For more information on the Atlantic Coordinating Committee, visit www.acc-cca.org or call 902-368-4583.





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We hope to see you there!