

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

What is it? What does it mean?

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Headline reads:



**“Crime prevention officers hope to shift policing away from mental health, addiction issues
Focus moves to partnerships with community groups”**





Metro Article:

Ottawa cops follow lead of Saskatchewan town that cut violent crime 31.9%



WHY ARE WE HERE?

Community Mobilization: teachers, addictions experts, social workers, health-care workers, police, mental health advocates, probation officers, First Nations and academic analysts all working together. Involving all of these people with various expertise gets closer to the root of the problems that create crime.

Police are only part of the equation.



This creates a “functioning community,” and helps in crime reduction because if the community helps a person to overcome their issues then that person will not be involved in crime.



Resource Funding – Who pays?

“We all want community safety. It’s not just the police who own it anymore,” said Kalinowski, adding the program comes at no cost to taxpayers.

It is about reallocating your time. Its three hours a week where, instead of sitting at your desk, you are sitting with 25 other people comparing notes.





PA MODEL OF COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION?

Community Mobilization, as in the Prince Albert Model, encompasses the entire spectrum of community safety and wellness. Housing, family, individual crisis, addictions, mental health, criminality, truancy, are but a few of the issues dealt with under the umbrella of community safety and wellness.





Shared Vision and Responsibility for Public Safety

Each partner shares a commitment to **collaboratively** delivering effective solutions to issues that secures the public safety and ensures well being of all citizens in the communities and neighbourhoods in Ottawa.

Crime Prevention Ottawa

Keeping Ottawa safe depends on more than sending police to arrest the “bad guys”. Community Mobilization is about support workers, nurses, social aid workers, addiction specialists, police, and teachers truly working together for the first time. Police are part of community safety, but it’s just one component





SILOS

Our communities need to take greater ownership of their problems and their solutions ... we have a role in supporting them and enabling them to do so, and we have a lot of resources right across the Government of Saskatchewan, but we operate in silos ... we need to break down those silos and do our business differently in the future.

*(Former) Sask. Minister D.F. (Yogi)
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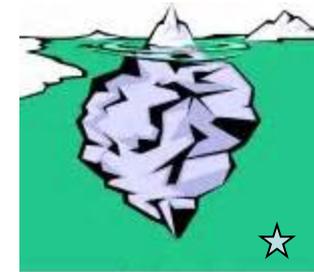


ROOT CAUSE

A lot of the issues police deal with are not police matters, they are social issues; ie addictions, mental health.

Most of these people need solutions that are community based. Community Mobilization brings together people who are able to provide a solution (the right people for the job) to the problem and not Band-Aid the issue, or worsen it by arresting them

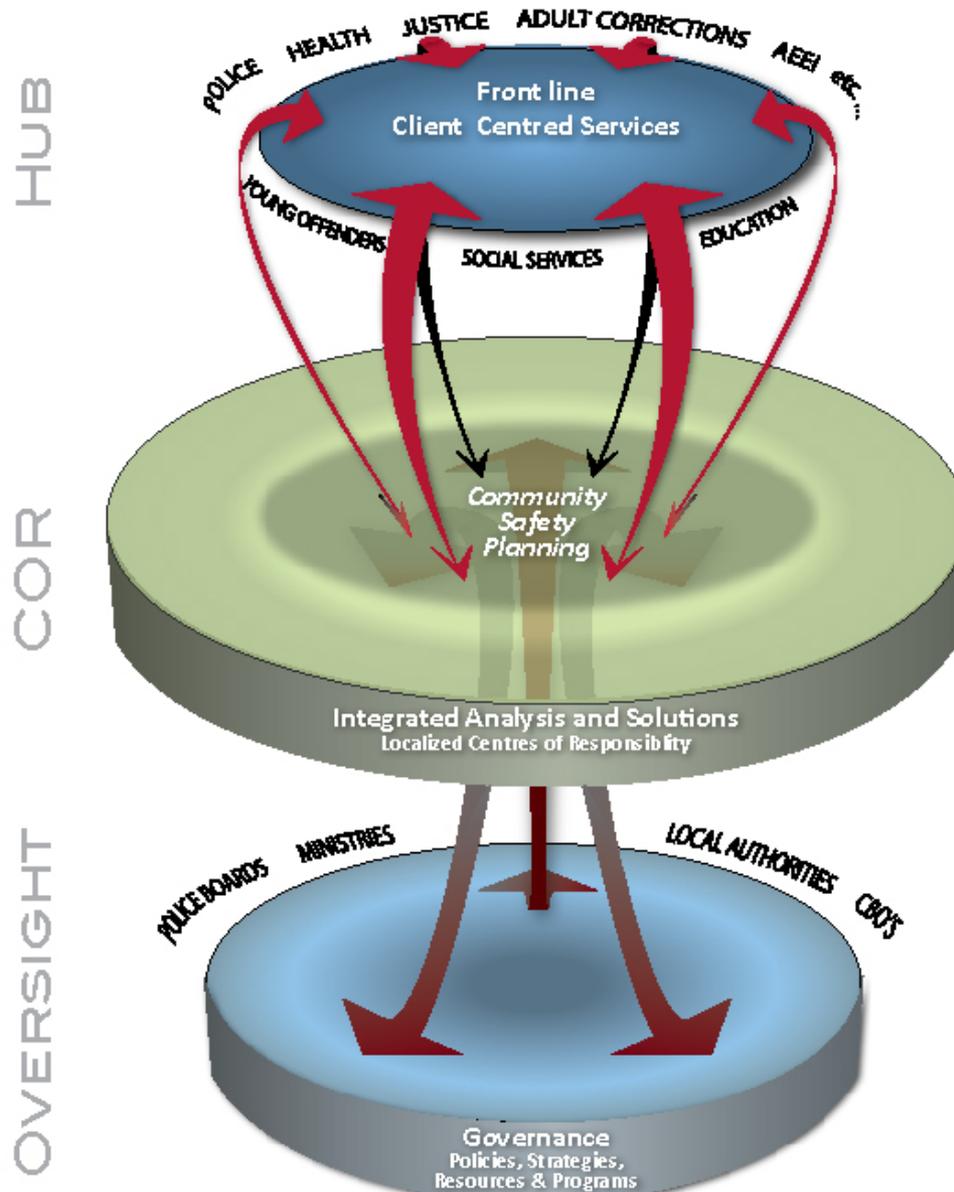
It is all about finding the ROOT CAUSE★



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CMPA MODEL STRUCTURE





THE HUB – Layman's terms

The hub works by:

- bringing together this wide array of professionals once a week,
- focusing on youths and repeat offenders,
- getting to the **root cause** of their problem, and
- sending in a crisis management team to act before it escalates.





There's no added cost to the organizations since the manpower is simply more focused.

Professionals who are already doing their jobs come together to deal with issues together, instead of in their silos.



THE HUB - Structure

The HUB is one of 2 key components within the Community Mobilization Prince Albert model.

It is the component that provides:

- **immediate, coordinated and integrated responses**
- **through the mobilization of resources**
- **to address situations facing individuals and/or families**
- **with acutely elevated risk factors,**
- **as recognized across a range of service providers.**



HOW THE HUB FUNCTIONS:

The Hub is the arena where individuals representing the Ministries (Health, Addictions, Homelessness, Education) and Police members involved:

- meet to discuss those cases in specific detail,
- within the limits of relevant information sharing rules and regulations,
- in order to determine solutions through coordinated efforts.

Currently, in Prince Albert the Hub meets twice a week for two hours per session and approximately 20 individuals participate in each meeting, representing the full cross-section of the CMPA partners





The Centre of Responsibility (COR)

The COR's focus is on the broader notion of community safety and wellness with an eye towards longer-term community goals and initiatives, and possible systemic recommendations, formed through experience, research and analysis. Made up of representatives from the participating ministries and the policing partners, the COR works to:





- Gather research, both from the HUB and from other primary and/or secondary resources
- Provide liaising support among agencies
- Provide incubation and mentorship of community and practitioner solutions and innovations
- Mobilize community amenity action solutions
- Provide reports regarding recurrent patterns and lessons learned as well as promising practices and possible system gaps
- Develop and maintain a social wellness and community safety research agenda
- Compile and create metrics to support a growing basket of measures, working in cooperation with the Province to ensure consistency in those metrics
- Provide ongoing economic analysis in terms of Business and Social return on investment (BROI, SROI)





- Be a central source for research data, information, referrals and consultation
- And more ...

Many communities who implement the Hub model **may not** ever require a COR and in fact one COR may serve many communities as its function is quite broad. Currently, there is only one COR model and that is in Prince Albert. Sudbury and North Bay are both implementing COR models this Fall.



