



**Community
Safety
Knowledge
Alliance**

Research to Practice to Alignment

Innovating Community Safety

Established in July 2015 and based in Saskatoon, CSKA is a government-supported non-profit corporation that mobilizes, integrates and facilitates research and new knowledge development to:

- inform and improve professional practices across the community safety system;
- inform alignment within the sector; and
- improve safety and well-being outcomes.

CSKA is agile and responsive in supporting government community safety, health and economic priorities. It brings together some of the brightest minds from academia, government, research and technology organizations, industry and community agencies to achieve its mission.

Why CSKA?

In 2010, the Government of Saskatchewan and its partners launched the *Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime*, thus establishing a comprehensive approach to crime reduction and safer communities. Central to its efforts are highly practical, multi-disciplinary approaches to reducing harm, thereby improving community and individual wellbeing.

Since then, Saskatchewan has become widely recognized as a leader in community safety innovation. But sustaining and improving upon these successes will require new evidence-based knowledge that is translated into purposeful strategies and actions. This is where CSKA comes in.

CSKA Lines of Business

Through its four business lines, CSKA employs innovative multi-disciplinary methods to deliver results and achieve targeted outcomes:

- Research: Effectively utilizing academia and practitioners to marry research and analysis with practice to drive results at a local level; exploring how data and technology can drive evidence-based outcomes in targeted areas.
- Leadership and professional development: Training first responders as well as policy makers on new approaches for tackling community safety and crime prevention.
- Training, technical guidance and knowledge exchange: Sharing information and fostering cross-sectorial models of partnership to drive better outcomes; grow the Alliance and practice of knowledge sharing beyond provincial borders.
- Independent evaluation: Evaluating and sharing what works to promote the use of evidence-based practices.

Through its e-journal and other fora, CSKA will provide real time distribution and dissemination of relevant new knowledge to its stakeholders.

Targeted Activities

The following are a few examples of activities that CSKA will undertake to fulfill its mandate:

- Implementing the Hub model in remote communities – employing new technologies;
- Transformational leadership: understanding the conditions necessary to successfully implement new models of community safety;
- Measuring the impact of the Hub/COR model on those at acutely-elevated risk;
- Economic impact analysis of new models of community safety;
- Innovative solutions to re-integrating high-risk violent offending youth to the community;
- Designing coordinated robust accountability mechanisms for the new partnership models;
- Remand programs: a study to examine alternative approaches, models;
- Building reform capacity across the community safety system.



CSKA Members

CSKA founding members are the Government of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Quality Council, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, and Motorola Solutions Canada.

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