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Government and Partners launch the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance (CSKA)

The Government of Saskatchewan and its partners today introduced the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance (www.cskacanada.ca), an innovative new research and knowledge development centre, which will support the drive for improved community safety and wellbeing within Saskatchewan and Canada.

Established as a non-profit in 2015 and based in Saskatoon, CSKA will support the province's drive toward new and effective models of community safety by mobilizing and facilitating research and the development a knowledge base to inform how community safety-related work is organized and delivered.

"Saskatchewan has become widely recognized as a national leader in community safety innovation," said Dale McFee, CSKA President and Board Chair. "Building on this distinction will require new evidence-based knowledge that can be quickly translated into purposeful strategies and action that are focussed on desired outcomes. CSKA will help us ensure that research is real time, solutions are practical, and all of our resources are aligned toward outcomes."

The CSKA is informed by the Government of Saskatchewan's *Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime* (BPRC) approach and aims to create a national dialogue regarding how issues around community safety and wellbeing are viewed and addressed. This innovative dialogue will help community safety systems work more effectively and efficiently in assuring safe and healthy communities across the province and the country.

“We are excited about the launch of the CSKA and its new and innovative approach to knowledge sharing,” says Christine Tell, Minister responsible for Corrections & Policing. “CSKA is a unique and strategic opportunity to turn information into knowledge that will increase our ability to get smart on community safety.”

CSKA’s formula, “Research + Practice + Alignment = Outcomes” is the vehicle to link research and analysis with practice driving evidence-based outcomes in targeted areas, thus providing alignment and stability. Through leadership training, technical guidance, and knowledge exchanges, the CSKA possesses the ability to share its models not only in Saskatchewan, but also at the national and international levels.

CSKA’s immediate targeted efforts will range in focus from how to implement the Hub model in remote communities by employing new technologies, to looking into technology-enabled solutions to reduce impaired driving, to understanding the economic impact of new models of community safety.

“Community safety is a community issue,” said Regina United Way CEO, Joanne Grant, also a CSKA director. “CSKA can and will play a pivotal role in providing the evidence and research to inform, reform, and transform our work and our communities.”

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

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