

News Release

CSKA welcomes 7 police chiefs to the Alliance

The Community Safety Knowledge Alliance is pleased to welcome seven police services from across Canada as full members in the alliance.

As members, the chiefs of the Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Peel Regional, Ottawa and Sudbury police services look to CSKA to provide independent hands-on advice, organizational development support and research on a variety of strategic and tactical issues as they continue to work with others in adapting and shaping the emerging practice of collaborative community safety and well-being.

“With the opportunities for meaningful change in the community safety and well-being realm, this is a significant step in leveraging economies of scale and combining research and subject matter expertise to focus on evidence-based outcomes that benefit policing and our communities,” said Chief Dale McFee, Edmonton Police Service and CSKA Board Chair. “CSKA will continue to partner with others in using data and innovation to help solve some of the long standing social issues in our communities.”

As Chief Nishan Duraiappah (Peel Regional Police Service) noted, “Approximately 70 to 80% of all calls for police service in our Region, and many jurisdictions like ours, are non-criminal in nature. These societal issues continue to expose the limitations of the traditional community policing model. It’s become clear that many of these complex social issues require integrated, multi-disciplinary responses to achieve positive, sustainable outcomes.” This was echoed by Calgary’s Chief Constable Mark Neufeld, who added that, “These are increasingly dynamic times for policing. Broad-based calls for social change, together with tight fiscal times mounting on the horizon place some urgency on these efforts.”

According to CEO Cal Corley, CSKA will assemble customized teams of leading academics, social scientists and other experts to undertake this work. He also noted the importance of new knowledge developed through this work being shared with the broader policing and community safety sectors. “We will use a variety of means – and collaborate with others as appropriate - to ensure new knowledge gets into the hands of others in a timely fashion. This will include continued use of our *Journal of Community Safety and Well-being* as well as through workshops, symposia etc.”

CSKA is a Saskatoon and Ottawa-based non-profit. Established in 2015, it supports governments, the police sector and others develop, implement and assess new approaches to community safety and well-being.