



# YORK REGIONAL POLICE CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY



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# Message from the Executive Leadership Team



Pictured (from left to right): Deputy Chief of Investigations Ryan Hogan, Deputy Chief of Support Kevin McCloskey, Chief Jim MacSween, Deputy Chief of Community Safety Paulo Da Silva, and Deputy Chief of People & Culture Cecile Hammond.

York Regional Police is proud to serve one of the country's most diverse, fastest growing, and safest communities.

At York Regional Police, we believe safety is a shared responsibility. That's why we work closely with our residents, local businesses, community organizations and municipal leaders to promote strong, safe and healthy communities.

Each of us have a role to play in keeping our community safe. Whether it's locking your doors and your vehicle, driving at safe speeds and obeying the rules of the road, reporting suspicious behaviour or impaired drivers, or looking out for your neighbours, everyone can make a difference.

Through proactive policing, community engagement, consultation and crime prevention initiatives, York Regional Police is steadfast in its commitment to creating safe and welcoming communities for all.

# The York Regional Police Crime Prevention Strategy

## At the root of safer communities

The crime prevention unit operates under the Community Services Bureau focusing on community safety, building and strengthening partnerships, delivering education and proactive strategies to reduce crime and support victims across York Region. The unit provides strategic support to all York Regional Police districts and specialized units to enhance coordinated crime prevention efforts.

This strategy aligns with supporting the Regional Crime Strategy and Ontario Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing (see below) while emphasizing community collaboration, engagement, and a shared responsibility in promoting safety and well-being.



**Ontario Mobilization and Engagement Model  
of Community Policing**  
via [yrp.ca/OMEMCP](http://yrp.ca/OMEMCP)



# The Crime Prevention Strategy

## The strategic objectives of the Crime Prevention Strategy:

- **Enhance community safety and well-being** through proactive education, design innovation, and engagement.
- **Foster sustainable partnerships** with residents, municipalities, and community organizations.
- **Leverage data-driven policing** to identify and mitigate emerging crime trends.
- **Strengthen organizational capacity** through training, modernization, collaboration with community stakeholders and cultural inclusivity.

## Key Strategic Pillars of Community Safety

Pillar 1	Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)
Pillar 2	Community partnerships and engagement
Pillar 3	Data driven policing and innovation
Pillar 4	Crime prevention through social development



# Pillar #1: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) represents a multidisciplinary strategy focused on crime prevention by leveraging urban planning, architectural design, and the management of both built and natural environments. The primary objectives are to minimize victimization, deter criminal activities, and cultivate a strong sense of community.

## Current Initiatives and Activities

- Crime Prevention Officers (Level 1 and 2 CPTED qualified) conduct CPTED audits across York Region, assessing businesses, residences, places of worship, and other facilities to identify environmental design improvements that reduce crime opportunities.
- Crime Prevention officers provide training for both York Regional Police members and community stakeholders and partners.
- York Regional Police is exploring new and innovative crime prevention concepts, including Designing Out Crime and Neighbourhood Policing initiatives.



## Pillar #2: Community Partnerships and Engagement

Community safety and well-being are shared responsibilities built on trust, collaboration, and empowerment. By fostering strong partnerships between the police and the community, we aim to create safer neighborhoods, enhance mutual understanding, and promote proactive community engagement.

### Current Initiatives and Activities

- Co-ordinate Neighbourhood Watch program and administer the Neighbourhood Watch Academy
- Promote the Community Safety Data Portal through continuous community education sessions
  - ▶ Crime prevention officers provide numerous presentations to community groups that may have been affected by crime
- Lead initiatives to engage with diverse communities and newcomers within York Region
- Work at arm's length with Crime Stoppers of York Region



# Pillar #3: Data-Driven Policing and Innovation

York Regional Police relies on data analysis to make informed decisions about community safety and better direct its crime prevention initiatives and resources.

The service also uses these analytics to design and adapt procedures and to find areas for innovation and improvement.

## Current Initiatives and Activities

- Support data-driven based prevention and enforcement initiatives, including Operation Auto Guard, Project Strike Plate, and Project Fort Knox
- Promotion of the York Regional Police Security Camera Registry
- Expansion and enhancement of the CCTV community camera program
- Expansion and promotion of the Community Data Safety Portal
- Use of business and criminal intelligence models by crime analysts
- Align Crime Prevention Unit initiatives with Regional Crime Strategy to effectively address crime trends
- Integration of Investigative and Community Services units within the Regional Crime Strategy committee
- Develop a centralized reporting dashboard for real-time tracking of prevention activities



## Resources



### Community Safety Data Portal

[yrp.ca/csdp](http://yrp.ca/csdp)



### Security Camera Registry

[yrp.ca/registermycam](http://yrp.ca/registermycam)

# Pillar #4: Crime Prevention Through Social Development

Crime Prevention Through Social Development (CPSD) is a strategy that addresses social issues, such as poverty, poor housing, lack of education, access to healthcare and adverse childhood experiences. By investing in positive social outcomes, CPSD provides a foundational framework to reduce crime by addressing root causes of crime through community partnerships and early intervention.

## Current Initiatives and Activities

- Ongoing collaboration with York Region community safety and well-being initiatives
- Partnering with four school boards to develop and implement a new safety program for schools, elementary and secondary
- Youth Crime Prevention Academy held twice yearly to raise awareness on mental health, cyber safety, relationship safety, human trafficking awareness and prevention among young people
- Participation in Child Youth and Family Tables, working in collaboration with community support agencies to identify at risk youth and their families and develop specific interventions to reduce the likelihood of harm
- Participation in Community Action tables, collaborating with York Region and community partners on solutions to community-level issues affecting safety and well-being
- Administration of the Youth in Policing Initiative, a summer employment program for youth interested in policing careers and seeking mentorship

- Connecting persons in crisis to appropriate resources via the Mental Health Support Unit and the Mental Health Engagement and Outreach Team, working with partner agencies to identify causes of social disorder and reduce the need for frontline response
- Investigation of hate crime and hate/bias incidents by a dedicated team of uniform officers and investigators in the Hate Crime Prevention Unit
- Preventing victimization, supporting seniors' well-being, and addressing missing vulnerable seniors through the work of officers and social workers on the Senior Safety Team and Public Safety Unit
- Expansion of Traumatic Incident Response Protocol (TIRP)
- Refresh of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for 2027

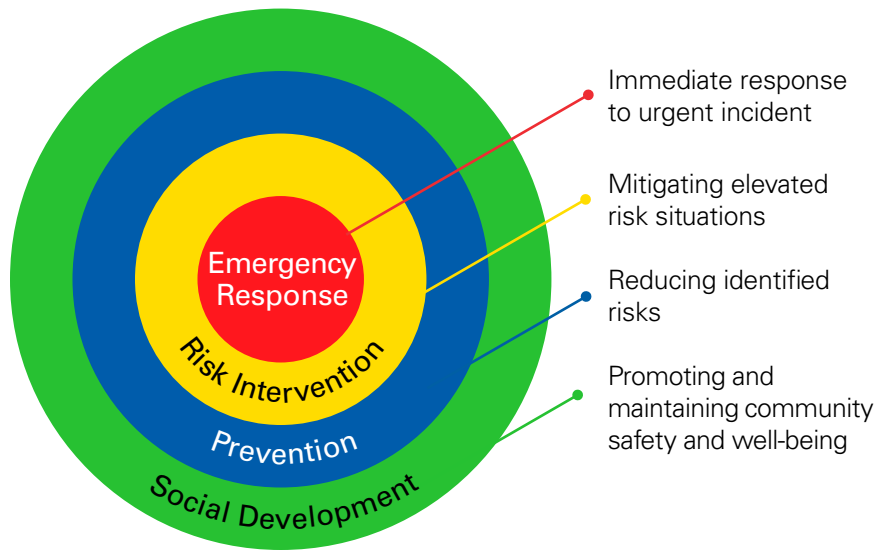


# Regional Priorities and the York Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan



York Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan  
via [york.ca](http://york.ca)

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region is a long-term tool with the goal of enhancing safety and well-being through proactive, targeted, and community-driven action. Its place-based approach puts communities that can benefit most at the heart of planning and builds their capacity to identify and respond locally to priority risks in their communities.



The plan was developed in consultation with residents, community organizations, local municipalities, York Regional Police and other stakeholders. Six strategic objectives form the framework for the plan, supporting key activities and local actions to achieve the goal of enhancing safety and well-being. Through Community Action Tables and other collaborative initiatives, the plan brings partners together, strengthens community capacity to lead, leverages data and existing community strengths, prioritizes preventative initiatives, and bridges gaps where they exist.

## Future proofing and expansion

- Implement culturally inclusive messaging by delivering crime prevention resources through ethnic media and providing translated materials
- Continue to seek out new collaborative partnerships which enhance community safety
- Growth and broadening of scope of the Auxiliary Unit
- Promote crime prevention initiatives and provide resources through a newly designed, more accessible website



# Conclusion

This strategy reflects York Regional Police's commitment to proactive, community-centred crime prevention. Together, with our community, we strive to prevent crime before it occurs.

The York Regional Police Crime Prevention Strategy has been developed through data-analysis, ensuring the initiatives outlined within best serve our community. The service has harnessed environmental design principles and has leveraged our partnerships to inform the strategy and to create safe and resilient neighbourhoods in York Region.

York Regional Police is committed to continuous innovation and improvement. Through modernization, technological advancements, continuous learning and new and enhanced partnerships, the police service plans to build upon this strategy to ensure it meets the evolving needs of our region.





