



Halton Regional Police Service Community Committees C.C.C.s / C.P.C.s



Community Policing is a collaborative effort between the Halton Regional Police Service and members of the community it serves. It identifies problems of crime and disorder, and involves all facets of the community in the search for solutions to these problems. It is founded on close, mutually beneficial ties between the police and local residents.

Community Policing is intended to create a sense of responsibility for personal safety and problem-solving among the citizens of Halton. As such, it shifts focus from a predominantly reactive response to service calls to a proactive creation of solutions that help solve community-wide problems.

Community Consultation Committees (C.C.C.s) and Community Policing Committees (C.P.C.s) have been established to help achieve this goal.

These Committees meet on a monthly basis to discuss upcoming events and current policing issues.



Rationale for Establishing Community Committees:

The police can't solve all community problems by themselves. Community Policing requires that the majority of community members accept personal responsibility for their safety and work to resolve issues in their neighbourhoods with the support of the HRPS and other government agencies. Community Committees are one way to accomplish this goal.

Typical Concerns, Problems and Issues Addressed:

Each Committee responds to issues that are relevant to the area they serve. These may include:

- Road maintenance
- Public park cleanliness
- Social and physical order
- Crime prevention programs and strategies



Activities:

Activities undertaken by the C.C.C.s / C.P.C.s throughout Halton are as broad and imaginative as their participants. They include:

- Special programs and projects
- Brochures on issues of interest such as home security and crime prevention
- Mall displays
- Public meetings on community and/or policing issues
- Media relations to communicate community and/or policing issues with the public
- Large-scale 'missing person' search assistance
- Radar message boards
- Road Watch
- Neighbourhood Watch / Rural Watch
- Operation Identification
- Violence prevention programs
- Safe driving initiatives (MADD Canada)
- Drug prevention / Education programs
- Seniors issues

Membership:

Each C.C.C. / C.P.C. formulates its own procedures regarding membership and privileges. Follows is a suggested format:

All C.C.C. / C.P.C. members, including those holding executive positions, have voting rights at meetings.

- Full membership on a C.C.C. / C.P.C. is attained following attendance at three consecutive Committee meetings
- Membership on the C.C.C. / C.P.C. may be forfeited by failure to attend one half of the meetings called in an operating year

Membership on C.C.C.s / C.P.C.s is encouraged from the broad segments of the community, including:

- Residents
- The business sector
- Community group representatives
- Clergy
- Staff from other Emergency Services branches
- Seniors
- Students and/or staff from local schools
- Municipal and/or regional councillors

While members of the Halton Regional Police Service do not vote on issues, they are encouraged to assist on a consultative basis.

Those wishing to attend meetings on an occasional basis are welcome. Input is valued from anyone and everyone in the community.

Non-members do not have voting privileges.

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