



PROJECT OVERVIEW

“Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention” Project

PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Rural issues at the top of **public agenda**
- Increases in **police-reported** crime
- Feeling of **lack of safety** amongst rural communities
- Need for a **collaborative approach** to rural crime
- Lack of **knowledge** and **capacity**
- Lack of **research** focusing on rural crime

In 2018, CMNCP conducted a **Community Needs Assessment Survey**. Results showed that 75% of rural communities indicated to have **low or no capacity** for assessing community readiness, conducting a community needs assessment, creating multi-sectoral partnerships, conducting evaluations or cost-benefit analyses.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Two-year project**
- Funded by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta
 - Civil Forfeiture Grant.
- **Lead organizations for the project :**
 - The Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA)
 - REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities
 - Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch
 - Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP)



ACCPA
Alberta Community
Crime Prevention Association



CANADIAN MUNICIPAL
NETWORK ON CRIME
PREVENTION

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CANADIEN EN PRÉVENTION
DE LA CRIMINALITÉ

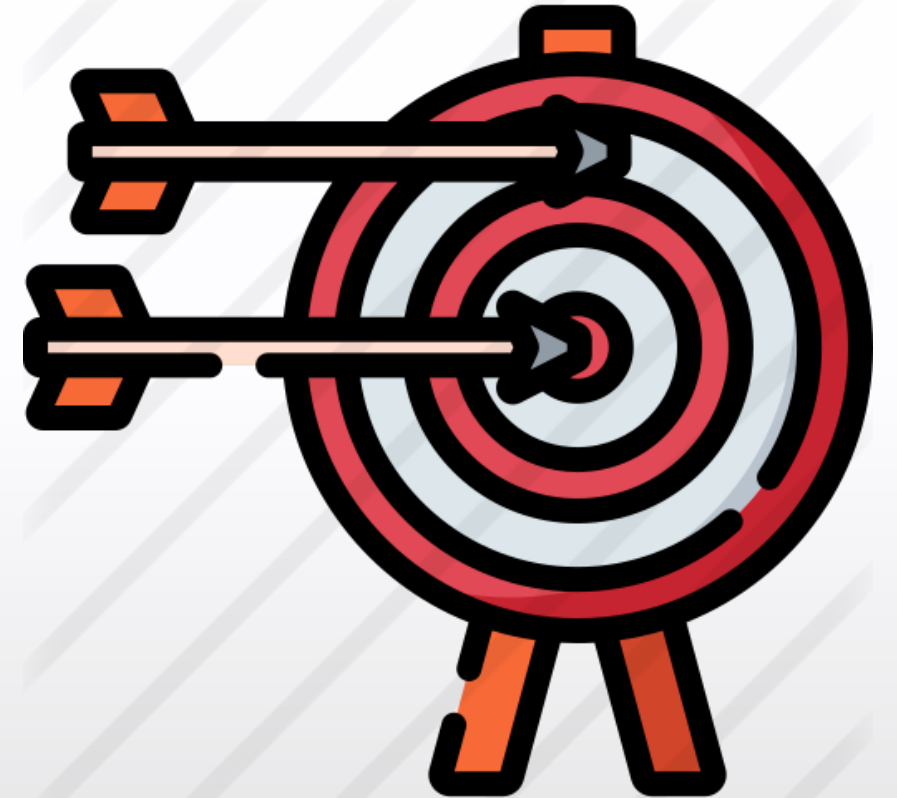
Ensemble pour des villes canadiennes plus sécuritaires

Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

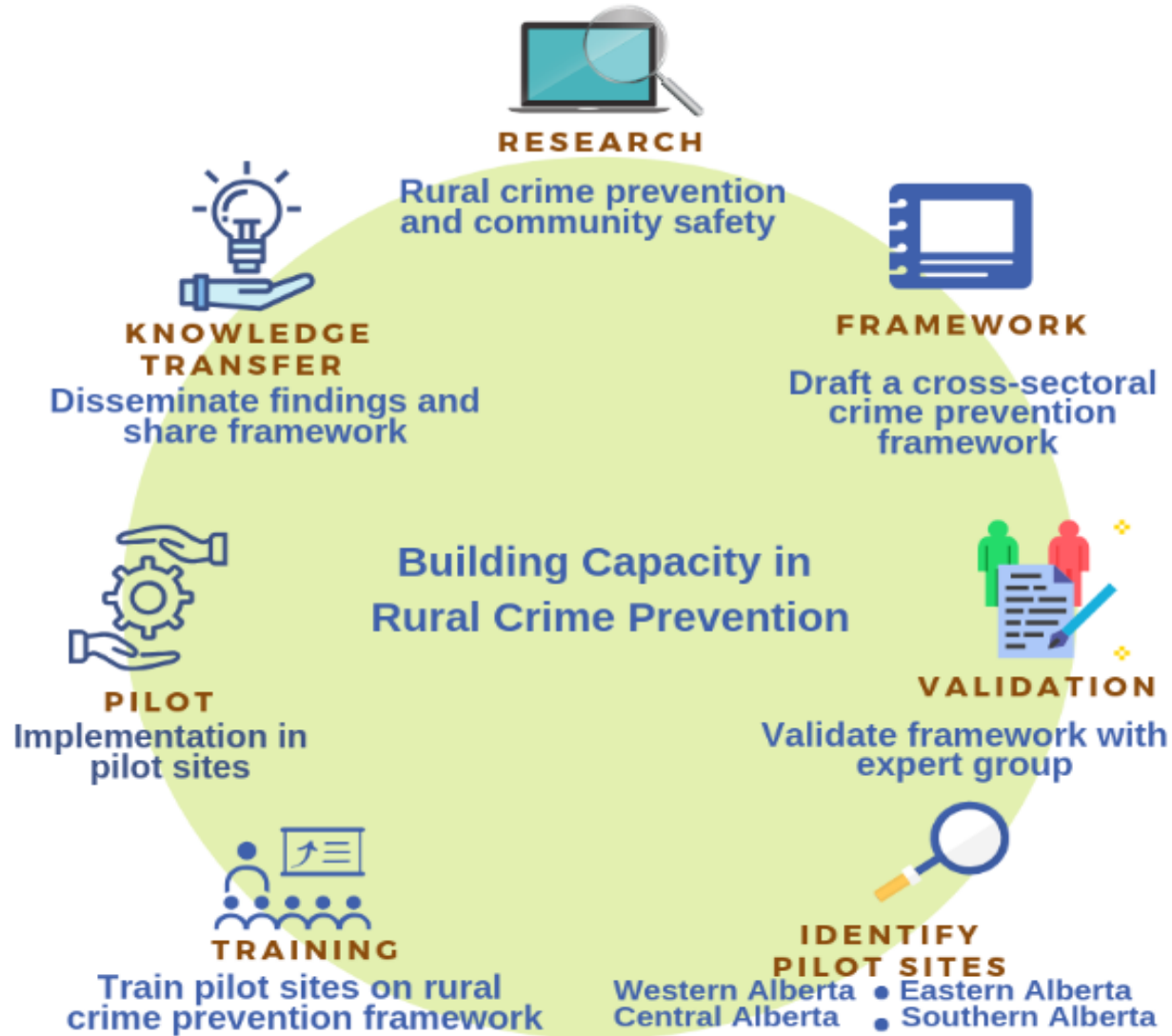
- 1) Have a comprehensive **understanding** of rural crime and rural issues.
- 2) Develop and implement a **model** to reduce crime and build capacity among service providers in rural communities.
- 3) Reduce **crime** (including youth crime) and **perceptions** of fear/insecurity, while improving **community safety** and **well-being**.
- 3) Build enduring **partnerships** between stakeholders to develop and sustain **collaborative** approaches.



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Steering Committee	Advisory Committee (TBC)
Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association	ACCPA Board
REACH Edmonton Council	Indigenous Representatives
Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention	Lethbridge College
Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch	Red Deer College
Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association	Crime Prevention Practitioners
RCMP “K” Division	Victim Services
Statistics Canada	Ministry of Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice
Indigenous Representative	Ministry of Education
	Statistics Canada
	Students
	Councillors

PROJECT ACTIVITIES



LIST OF PILOT SITES

Pilot Site 1

- Village of Beiseker

Pilot Site 2

- City of Wetaskiwin

Pilot Site 3

- Town of Athabasca
- Athabasca County

Pilot Site 4

- Lac La Biche County
- Kikino Métis Settlement
- Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement
- Beaver Lake Cree Nation

Pilot Site 5

- Northern Sunrise County
- Town of Peace River

PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN RURAL AREAS

Types of crime in rural areas
Theft and burglary
Vehicle theft
Farm crime
Drug use and production
Violence (VAW and Indigenous)

Priorities and issues in rural areas
Police response time
Drugs and/or alcohol use
Fear of crime
Youth-related problems
Rural context (less services, transportation barriers, etc.)

THE RURAL CRIME PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

