

CAN SEBP Newsletter

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Can-SEBP Executive Team Updates

Hello Everyone,

The Canadian Society for Evidence-based Policing (CAN-SEBP) is excited to be moving forward with adopting a new **Strategic Plan** that will see it become a **not-for-profit organization** with a sustainable operational model and new constitution and by-laws framework. CAN-SEBP knows the key to building a modern policing model in Canada begins with expanding research and partnerships with academia, police practitioners, policy makers and the public. Canada has a deficit of Canadian-based research and it can have a significant impact on **policy decisions** at both the national and provincial levels.

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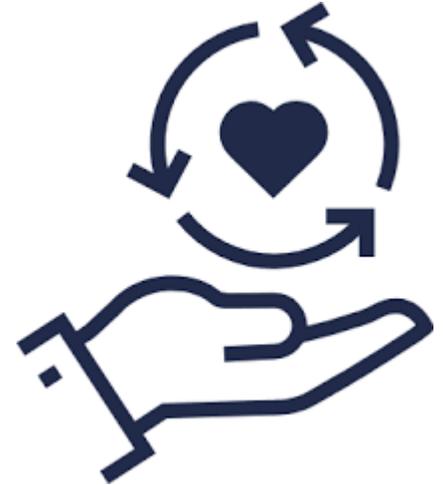
- **1411** Members
- **3,796** Twitter Followers

Here for the evolution, not the revolution.



Can-SEBP Executive Team Updates (Continued)

High quality **applied research** is a fundamental component towards successful decision-making in policing organizations. CAN-SEBP is committed to building upon its success with the Virtual Scholarship program, by expanding our network of partnerships with policing in all provinces and growing our **national and international presence**. Expanding Canadian-based policing research can also have relevance to those other Commonwealth countries that have a similar Peelian-based policing model, such as Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.



In its short time, CAN-SEBP has been actively **supporting many research areas** including, but not limited to, studying monitoring perpetrators of domestic violence, reducing traffic accidents, how weather affects auto theft, mobile crisis teams responding to mental health teams and more. Canadian policing is changing significantly. High-quality research is, and continues to be an important part of **policy formation and implementation** – and CAN-SEBP is committed to helping leaders make informed decisions.

Follow our **Twitter** and **LinkedIn** accounts for the latest updates!

Regards,
The Can-SEBP Executive Team

Call for Research Highlights

Can-SEBP has developed and shared infographics explaining the **fundamentals of evidence-based policing**, i.e. Crime-Harm Indexes, Routine Activity Theory, Problem-Oriented Policing, Focused Deterrence etc.



Having covered the basics, in an attempt to encourage and show off Canadian applied policing research, Can-SEBP's infographics will be shifting gears to now highlight **Canadian academic projects**.

If you have an **applied policing study** that you would like highlighted, send an email explaining your work to cansebp.ce@gmail.com

Recruiting Help for Up-and-Coming Researchers

Police officers can be a difficult population to recruit, especially for **up-and-coming** researchers with few contacts of their own.

In the past, Can-SEBP has assisted up-and-coming researchers with recruiting participants, particularly police officers, via social media and our newsletter. If you are an up-and-coming researcher, and would like **shout-out**, email cansebp.ce@gmail.com explaining your study.

Upcoming Conferences

CACP/MACP National Police Leadership Conference, April 24-26, Winnipeg MB

Canadian Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, May 7-10, Halifax NS

ASEBP Conference 2023, May 15-17, Las Vegas Nev

Canadian Society of Forensic Science, June 12-15, Oshawa ON

Virtual Scholar Updates

Constable Mohamad Haidar & Dr. Saulnier

Agency: Windsor Police Service

Updates: Mohamad's project focused on factors associated with police **social media posts** that affect public engagement. Data collection, data cleaning, and data analysis are now complete. We have identified a number of factors that **promote public engagement** with social media posts that will provide police services with insight on applied strategies they can use to foster public engagement. A particularly **noteworthy finding** is that posts containing words that foster **positive sentiments** significantly increase public engagement. We are in the process of preparing a report that summarizes the results that we expect to share with CAN-SEBP by the end of spring



Constable Crystal Myhr & Dr. Krysta Dawson

Agency: E Division RCMP, Kamloops Detachment

Updates: After our initial analysis with our chosen "seeds" (or targets) we were unable to confirm any links between them through a **primary social network analysis**. We're exploring the idea of analyzing further seeds in an effort to locate **links between individuals** and therefore hypothesize who a useful target for law enforcement may be.

Can-SEBP Classics

The Idea Box

Idea Box is a resource for identifying new and old areas for generating Canadian research on essential topics. Each box represents a general subject matter, where you will find unanswered research issues and/or topics that have very little research evidence. Find in the "[Members Only](#)" section.

"Hands-On, How-To" Research Tutorials

A video series that provides a walk-through of research software. Their purpose is to increase knowledge on how to conduct your own research. Find in the "[Members Only](#)" section.

Criminology Classics Library

We have curated a series of classic papers and books in criminology and policing, as well as a series on research methods. Find in the "[Members Only](#)" section.

Virtual Scholar Updates (Continued)

Detective Constable Melanie Beard & Dr. Vaughan



Agency: Barrie Police Service

Updates: Canadian police officers spend a considerable amount of their time working with **persons with mental illness** (PwMI) in their communities. Often referred to as heavy users, a significant portion of this area of police is likely to involve a small subset of the PwMI population. Unfortunately, the often homogenous concept of a heavy user is, for the most part, loosely based on some quantity of contacts and may or may not take into consideration other factors. The current **Can-SEBP collaboration** between the Detective Constable Melanie Beard of the Barrie Police Service (BPS) and Adam Vaughan from the University of Regina aims to disaggregate the **quality and quantity** of heavy user interactions with BPS through two-step cluster analysis.



Can-SEBP Classics

EBP Papers

Did you know that Can-SEBP has a library of various articles? Topics that you can read about include: Body Worn Cameras, EBP basics & principles, intelligence-led policing, Procedural Justice & Legitimacy among others! Find more [here!](#)

Square 1 Assessments

Provides a rapid assessment of the evidence base for popular policing programs in Canada. Programs that have been assessed include 'Lock It or Lose It,' 'Bait Vehicles,' 'Bicycle Registries,' 'Hubs/Situation Tables,' and Gun Buyback Programs'. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

Recommended Reads

Journal Articles

- **The management of police specialized tactical units (3rd ed)**
Tomas C. Mijares, Ronald M. McCarthy
- **Policing as Reflected in Disney's Film Zootopia: Research Meets Motion Picture**
Rylan Simpson
- **Hot spots policing and crime reduction: an update of an ongoing systematic review and meta-analysis**
Anthony A. Braga, Brandon S. Turchan, Andrew V. Papachristos, David M. Hureau
- **Gang intervention during COVID-19: A qualitative study of multidisciplinary teams and street outreach in Denver**
Jose Antonio Sanchez, David C. Pyrooz
- **Placing Perceptions of Unsafety: Examining Spatial Concentrations and Temporal Patterns of Unsafe Locations at Micro-Places**
Karl Kronkvist
- **"It's all about covering your . . .": The unintended consequences of police accountability measures**
Laura Huey, Lorna Ferguson
- **The spatial (in)stability of mental health calls for police service**
Jacek Koziarski
- **Police officer perspectives on the challenges of investigating sexual assault**
Jodie Murphy-Oikonen, Lori Chambers, Karen McQueen, Ainsley Miller
- **Going above and beyond: assessing the characteristics of officers who complete additional in-service training**
Logan J. Somers, Jacob T. Foster