

Program Chair, George V. Wright



CACOLE is dedicated to advancing the concept, principles and application of civilian oversight of law enforcement throughout Canada and abroad. CACOLE's goals are accomplished in many ways but one that has traditionally brought all stakeholders together is our annual educational conference. We are delighted to announce that CACOLE's 2010 Conference will be in Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 7, 8, 9, 2010.

The 2010 Program Members have worked tirelessly to create an exceptional program centered on the theme "Civilian Oversight – Strengthening Public Confidence in Police".

Our host agency, the New Brunswick Police Commission, has spent the past year helping in the planning of the conference to ensure that delegates are afforded every opportunity to share and learn from one another in an atmosphere that promotes the best that New Brunswick has to offer! We are most grateful to Peter Seheult, Chair, New Brunswick Police Commission, and his dedicated staff for their efforts on CACOLE's behalf.

We have arranged to have presentation tables in prime areas of the conference for those delegates who choose to share brochures; printed materials; and pins from their agencies.

We strongly urge you to register early and look forward to seeing you in Fredericton!

Networking Opportunities

CACOLE Board of Directors' Reception: Join the Board of Directors for cocktails and appetizers against the backdrop of New Brunswick's historic scenery!

Delegate Dinner: The Province of New Brunswick and our host agency, the New Brunswick Police Commission, invite you to gather along the banks of the scenic St. John River for a traditional New Brunswick Kitchen Party! Dress casually and get ready for some old-time fiddling while feasting on New Brunswick's world famous lobster!

Delegates may obtain their delegate packages early on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or before the conference begins Monday morning, June 7, 2010.

WHO Should Attend this Conference?

- Organizations that have the mandate, by or under a law, to provide civilian oversight in Canada and around the world
- Members of police boards and commissions
- Members of police services
- Commission's counsel
- Members of other criminal justice system agencies;
- Members of institutes, research bureaus, law enforcement associations, criminal justice planning councils;
- Members of the Bench or Bar representing Commissions or Respondents
- Professors of accredited colleges and universities who teach or conduct research in the field of criminology or criminal justice;
- Persons who are interested in or have contributed to the civilian oversight of law enforcement.

Session Topics Will Include:

How do Members of the Public View Civilian Oversight in Canada?



Frank Graves, President of EKOS, presents the results of a survey conducted on behalf of CACOLE. EKOS is a Canadian research company that specializes in public opinion research, program evaluation and performance measurement. Over the past several years EKOS has been the number one supplier of public opinion research to the Government of Canada.

Media's Perspective on Police and Public Confidence

How does the media view its role? Does the media mirror or shape the public opinion of police?

Police Perspective on Civilian Oversight

What positives and negatives do those subject to civilian oversight see? How do they think it can be changed for the better?

The Changing Landscape of Civilian Oversight of Police

This panel will examine aspects of police oversight in transition in Canada and internationally as they relate to the nature of review, the tools available for oversight, discipline and the avenues of adjudicative review. This panel will also examine the changing nature of civilian oversight of police from the perspective of true independence and "civilian" composition.

The Impact of the McNeil Decision

In *R v McNeil* [2009] S.C.R.66, the Supreme Court of Canada clarified the disclosure obligations of prosecuting Crown Counsel and investigating agencies to the defence in criminal cases. Materials previously thought to be available to the defence only on application to the court may now fall within the ambit of the Crowns, "first party disclosure package". The decision has obvious and widespread ramifications for police services, but what are the implications for police oversight agencies?

Issues in Criminal Investigations in an Oversight Role

Public concern over allegations of serious police misconduct was the catalyst for some jurisdictions to create agencies whose mandate it is to investigate incidents or complaints involving serious injury or death of any person, and matters of a serious or sensitive nature, that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer. These civilian agencies, conduct criminal investigations into the conduct of police officers to ensure accountability, thereby engendering increased public confidence. Some recurring themes for these agencies are: what is the appropriate mix of police officers/civilian investigators? Should police association lawyers be advising officers before they write up their notes? This panel of international experts will address these issues and others they have encountered, in their attempt to meet the challenge of effective oversight.

"Mr. Big" – Judicially Authorized but Ethical?

The police in Canada have frequently used the undercover technique whereby a fictitious criminal organization is created with the aim of inducing a confession from a suspect. Since the introduction of this technique, a variety of legal challenges have been mounted to the admissibility of confessions so obtained but virtually all have not been successful. What is the appropriateness and legality of the Mr. Big technique from the views of Crown, defence and civilian oversight?

Tasers as a Policing Tool: Lightning Rods or Life Savers

The use of the conducted energy weapon (Taser) by the police continues to be an issue affecting the public's confidence in the police. The manner in which Taser usage is assessed will depend on the point of view of the various players involved. This panel will examine the current state of police policies and public confidence in this area from the perspectives of the police, civilian oversight, and human rights. The goal is to build an appreciation of the variety of issues raised by this weapon, including where opinions overlap or diverge, depending on the role and interests of the player.

Barriers of Aboriginal Communities to Civilian Police Oversight

Studies have shown that members of the Aboriginal Community have a higher representation concerning interaction with police. However, the Aboriginal Community has the lowest rate of complaints with oversight agencies. Does this mean that every interaction is a positive one or does it mean that oversight agencies are failing to create trusting relationships?

Outreach – Stakeholder Engagement

Who are our stakeholders and how best can we create relationships?

Location of Conference:
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Accommodation:



Delta Fredericton Hotel
225 Woodstock Road
Fredericton, New Brunswick
Phone: 506-457-7000
Toll-free: 1 888-890-3222

If registering at the Delta Fredericton Hotel by phone please inform them you are with the group CACOLE

If registering on-line go to:
<http://www.deltafredericton.com/cdna060410>
to receive the conference rate of \$149.00 - \$159.00 per night.

For More Information:

CACOLE
Box 48941
595 Burrard Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
V7X 1A8
Telephone: 604-660-2385
Fax: 604-660-1223
Email: conference@cacole.ca

Conference Registration Fee:

MEMBERS

CACOLE members registering before May 8, 2010 are entitled, as a **MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT**, to the all-inclusive Conference Rate of **\$575.00** (CAD).

NON-MEMBERS Early Registration

Delegates who are not members of CACOLE may register before May 8, 2010 at the **Preferred Rate** of **\$625.00**, all-inclusive. (CAD)

LATE REGISTRANTS

Late registrations received after May 8, 2010 will be invoiced at the late registrant conference rate of \$675.00, all-inclusive. (CAD)

Please Note:

Each delegate must complete and return a Registration Form to the address noted on the Form. Please email conference@cacole.ca if you require a receipt *in advance* of requisitioning payment for your registration.

Delegate Fees include admittance to the conference, the Board of Directors Reception, two lunches, all breaks, and the Delegate Dinner. Accompanying Persons may accompany the delegates to the Opening Night Reception, but are not entitled to attend any of the Plenary Sessions or Workshops, the Lunches, or Breaks. There will be an extra charge for Accompanying Persons wishing to attend the Delegate Dinner.

Should a delegate be unable to attend after registering, please notify CACOLE by post, fax or e-mail as soon as possible. Substitute delegates will be welcome.

CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT STRENGTHENING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLICE

June 7, 8, 9, 2010

Delta Fredericton Hotel
225 Woodstock Road
Fredericton, New Brunswick
Phone: 506-457-7000
Toll-free: 1 888-890-3222

Note: Delegates and speakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodations arrangements

If registering at the Delta Fredericton Hotel by phone please inform them you are with the group CACOLE or go on-line at <http://www.deltafredericton.com/cdna060410> to receive the conference rate of

\$149.00 - \$159.00 per night.

Hotel Registration deadline: May 08, 2010

CACOLE CONFERENCE 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one (1) Registration Form for each delegate.

Check one

CACOLE member: \$575.00

(Before May 08, 2010)

Non Member: \$625.00

(Before May 08, 2010)

Full registration: \$675.00

(After May 08, 2010)

Full-time Student registration: \$250.00

We regret that we do NOT accept credit cards.

Please send your payments in Canadian funds.

Cheque Money Order

Please send your registration form and payment to:

CACOLE CONFERENCE 2010
Box 48941
595 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V7X 1A8
Attn: Luauna Selman, CACOLE Conference Coordinator

Note: Please email conference@cacole.ca if you require a receipt *in advance* of requisitioning payment for your registration.

Title (Ms., S/Sgt., Dr.):

Name of delegate:

Position title:

Agency/Organization/Unit:

Full Mailing Address:
PO Box:

Postal Code:

Telephone number:

Fax number:

Email address:

Organization web site:

Administrative contact name, telephone number and email:

Invoice required in advance: Yes: No: