

Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence (C-CPE)

Frequently Asked Questions – General Overview

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What is C-CPE?

A **registered Canadian charity** focused on improving police education and professional standards across Canada. It brings together community representatives, police practitioners, academics, and government officials to advance evidence-informed reform.

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What is C-CPE's Main Goal?

To educate Canadians and build support for a **National Centre for Policing Excellence** that will develop national standards for police training and education – ensuring officers have a consistent, high-quality 21st-century curriculum from recruits to experienced members.

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Why Was C-CPE Created?

C-CPE emerged after a series of high-profile incidents involving police in Canada that raised concerns about public trust, accountability, and training. Founding members responded by writing op-eds and initiating a national conversation about shifting policing back toward community-centred "**peace keeping**."

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What Does "Peace Keepers, Not Peace Makers" Mean?

Peace keepers are police whose primary role is working with communities to prevent harm and support safety using measured responses. **Peace makers** describes a more interventionist, heavy-handed approach that C-CPE believes should be reserved only for situations where safety is clearly at risk.

Is C-CPE Anti-Police?

Emphatically NO!

C-CPE is **pro-professional policing** and works in partnership with police leaders, practitioners, and communities to improve standards and education. Its focus is on education, national standards, and evidence-based reforms that support both public safety and public trust in police officers.

What Kind of Reforms Does C-CPE Advocate?

C-CPE concentrates on reforms that professionalize policing through:

- National standards for education and a modern curriculum
- Continuous learning and professional development
- Stronger community engagement and accountability
- Alignment with human rights and democratic values

What Has C-CPE Done So Far?

- First Conference on Canadian Police Reform – **June 2022**
- Public webinar series on YouTube (@CoalitionCPR)
- Working Group on the National Centre for Policing Excellence – **May 2024**
- Developed the white paper entitled **Towards Trust and Transformation**
- Currently planning a project funded by the **Canadian Race Relations Foundation** to deliver three engagements between police, justice, corrections and others in First Nations Communities across Canada.
- The members of C-CPE have made multiple connections in the non-profit social services sector and the policing sector across Canada.

Who Leads C-CPE?

C-CPE was founded by community and policing leaders, including **David Cassels**, who serves as President. The organization is supported by a board and contributors from communities, academia, and policing. The current president is **Mike Federico**, a consultant and former Deputy Chief of the Toronto Police Service.


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How Is C-CPE Funded?

As a registered charity, C-CPE is funded through **donations, grants, and project support**. Resources are used to educate, convene dialogue, develop policy and curriculum proposals. We deliver educational events and build the case for a National Centre for Policing Excellence.

 C-CPE is committed to evidence-informed, community-centred policing reform – bringing together diverse voices to build a safer, more accountable Canada.