



Paramedic Chiefs of Canada (PCC)

E-bulletin – November 2024

Violence against Paramedics – A National Study

The PCC, with funding from Defence Research Development Canada (DRDC), and led by Dr. Renée MacPhee (Wilfrid Laurier University), are preparing to launch the Canadian Study of Violence Against Paramedics (CSVAP). The breadth, depth, scope, and severity of the violence against paramedics in Canada on a national level remains relatively unknown to all levels of government, paramedic service organizations, professional paramedic associations, labour groups, industry stakeholders, paramedics, and the families of paramedics who are affected by violence.

The CSVAP study consists of three parts: (1) development and implementation of a robust survey tool to identify, quantify, and document the exposure of violent acts committed against paramedics by the public at large, and, by individuals within paramedic service organizations; (2) personal interviews with paramedics to explore live experience of violence; and, (3) personal interviews with family members of paramedics who have experienced violence. Given that the mental health and wellbeing of paramedics has been highlighted as an issue of importance by Public Safety Canada (PSC), this research has the potential to illustrate a significant source of stress for paramedics and better inform possible workforce health interventions. The survey is now complete and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of this with you. Please contact Dr. MacPhee (mrmacphee@wlu.ca) if you have any questions about the study.

PCC Research Committee

The PCC research committee is pleased to announce a series of webinars dedicated to engaging Paramedic leaders in research and translating findings in an informative and targeted manner. Commencing in December, these bi-monthly webinars will present on a body of work relevant to Paramedic leaders. The first webinar will take place **December 5th** and will feature Dr. Polly Ford-Jones presenting on ***Paramedicine, mental health, and crisis calls in the community: Highlights for leadership***. Please visit our website www.paramedicchiefs.ca for information on how to join the webinar.

Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT) – May 7th – 8th, 2025

CIPSRT is excited to announce their 2nd annual conference will take place in Regina. The theme of this year's conference is **Thriving in Public Safety: Research to Action** will focus on providing a safe environment for attendees to share and gather information, tools, and action items focused on mental health in the public safety sector.

The conference will feature two days of exciting keynotes and interactive presentations focused on frontline public safety personnel, leaders in public safety, and their family members. Attendees at the

conference's concurrent sessions will be equipped with the latest tools and information to support their mental health and wellbeing — to thrive within public safety.

Click here to register: <https://event.fourwaves.com/cipsrtconference2025/pages>

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Nash, Executive Director at kellynash@paramedicchiefs.com