

TRANSITION GUIDE: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY POLICING

Subject	Community-Based Strategic Policing in Canada 4th Edition <i>Whitelaw & Parent</i>	Transforming Community Policing: Mobilization, Engagement, and Collaboration <i>Russell</i>	Comparison
Community	Ch 10: The Community and Community Policing	Ch 1: Communities, Crime, and Social Disorder	<i>Transforming Community Policing</i> is the first text that explains the purpose of “community” and what makes it so important to policing, namely, “social control.” Where social control is lacking, police are required to provide it. Thus, the challenge for police, through community policing, is to foster more social control—community—by the people who live there. This increases community control over their own and others’ behaviours, and ultimately reduces the demand for police assistance.
History	Ch 1: Evolution of Canadian Policing	Ch 2: Evolution of Community Policing	<i>Transforming Community Policing</i> relates historical context to the evolving tactics of community policing, including: public consultation, location policing, reassurance policing, community-based crime prevention, problem-oriented policing, police-community partnerships, community engagement, and community mobilization.
Police Capabilities	Ch 8: The Community Police Officer	Ch 3: What Police Do Well, and What Police Do Poorly	<i>Transforming Community Policing</i> draws on qualified research to show what police officers are uniquely qualified and capable of doing, such as targeted enforcement, active and visible presence, community engagement, and stimulating others to solve community problems. It explains the most prevalent police failures, including overreliance on enforcement, bad manners, insufficient procedural justice, oversimplified problem analysis, increasing fear of crime, decreasing police legitimacy, failure to prevent crime, and ineffectively partnering with others in community.
Police Roles	Ch 4: Responding To and Preventing Crime within a Community Policing Framework	Ch 4: Police Roles in Community Safety and Well-being	Other community policing texts devote the majority of their discussion to talking about programs and activities police services engage in, under the banner of “community policing,” such as public education, community policing committees, and crime prevention programs, among others. <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> builds on research about police capabilities and failures in order to re-direct attention from police to the role and responsibility of other members of a community to preserve its safety and wellbeing. This is one of the “transformations” in community policing that has recently been acknowledged at the national level in Canadian policing, and is informing provincial re-designs of policing authorities, mandates, and performance expectations.
	Ch 7: Implementing Community Policing		
	Ch 8: The Community Police Officer		
	Ch 9: Restorative Justice within a Community Policing Framework		
Problem-Solving	Ch 5: Problem-Oriented Policing	Ch 5: Problem-Solving and Problem-Oriented Policing	Many community policing texts discuss Herman Goldstein’s concept of problem-oriented policing and oversimplified problem-solving models. <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> is the first text to cite qualified research which shows that police are not particularly good at getting to the root of social disorder problems and crime, and that other members in a community should be doing this work. Hence, another “transformation” is the notion that police should not be expected to problem-solve; rather, they should be expected to get problem-solving done by mobilizing and engaging others in community to do this work.
Community Policing Practices	Ch 7: Implementing Community Policing	Ch 6: Transformative Community-Building Practices	Other community policing texts describe a wide range of community-based activities and programs in which police engage in order to fulfill their expectations for community policing. This includes school liaison, picnics in the community, mentoring inner-city youth, and drug education. <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> focuses not on programs but on tools and techniques that all officers need in order to engage and mobilize other community members to take more responsibility in community problem-solving.
Collaboration	Ch 5: Problem-Oriented Policing	Ch 7: Collaborating with Other Agencies and Organizations	Many community policing texts talk about police “partnering” with other community agencies and organizations. They focus on police selecting partners, informing and educating them, organizing community meetings, specifying issues and problems to be solved, developing plans to solve them, and generally driving the “partnership.” <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> introduces the concept of “collaboration,” which goes well beyond the overused and undervalued idea of “partnerships.” It identifies common barriers to effective inter-agency collaboration, delineates the vital elements of effective collaboratives based on qualified research, and outlines steps in pulling a collaborative together.
	Ch 10: The Community and Community Policing		
Information	Ch 3: What Is Community Policing?	Ch 8: Collaboration, Information, Knowledge, and Risks	In their review of the history of policing, other texts touch on “intelligence-led policing;” the idea that intelligence and information can help predict where crime and disorder may happen, and where police should therefore focus their attention and resources. <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> emphasizes risk-focused identification and intervention on community problems by a wide range of other community members, as well as police. It highlights the very special roles police have in obtaining and sharing risk-focused information so that other agencies and organizations may be more effective in preventing and mitigating harmful incidents which result in demand for police assistance.
	Ch 6: The Community Policing Police Service		
	Ch 7: Implementing Community Policing		
Planning	Ch 5: Problem-Oriented Policing	Ch 9: Community Safety Planning	Community policing texts tend to focus on police planning to reduce crime and social disorder, and resolve community problems, in the context of problem-oriented policing. This is the first text which transforms the concept of independent police planning into a collaborative enterprise involving the entire community working together to make plans that will increase safety and well-being for everyone. It focuses particularly on the role of police in encouraging others to engage in community safety planning.
Risk Analysis	Ch 5: Problem-Oriented Policing	Ch 10: Applying Risk Analysis to Violent Extremism	In discussion of problem-oriented and intelligence-led policing, many community policing texts acknowledge that there is value in shifting the focus away from harmful incidents towards addressing the underlying conditions that increase the risk of fuelling a harmful incident. <i>Transforming Community Policing</i> centres the discussion on helping community members refocus their attention on anticipating and mitigating potential harmful incidents based on increased awareness of community risk factors. It highlights the role of police in helping a community make this transformation.