

# News Release

## **CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT IN OTTAWA SOUTH CELEBRATES FUNDING UNDER THE *NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY***

**OTTAWA** [ October 28, 2005]—Today, David McGuinty, MP of Ottawa South recognized the good work of South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community for its project *No Community Left Behind* which received support under the Government of Canada's *National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS)*. This project was part of the Government of Canada's announcement on October 14, 2005, of over 4 million dollars for crime prevention projects in the province of Ontario.

"The level of commitment witnessed here today, inspires us to continue our efforts to build strong and vibrant communities for ourselves and for our children," said David McGuinty. "I am proud to say that Ottawa South is showing great commitment and is leading the way for other communities."

"The key to the National Strategy is people working together to do something about community safety and crime in the places they live, work and play," noted David McGuinty. "This initiative takes strength from the community, and from the determination of those who live here to address the underlying factors that lead to crime in an innovative and collaborative way."

This project develops and implements a coordinated community initiative to increase safety among the residents of the Banff/Ledbury neighbourhood. This project will assist the community members within Ottawa South, in implementing a community based solution to problems that contribute to crime and victimization.

"The real experts on crime prevention in any community are the people who are part of that community. The project introduced today is about community members developing crime prevention solutions that meet their unique needs," concluded David McGuinty.

As part of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, the National Crime Prevention Centre administers the NCPS, which helps governments and communities demonstrate the benefits of enhanced personal and public safety. The Centre works in partnership with volunteers, academics, governments, foundations, community organizations and others to develop, implement and evaluate methods, which help to prevent crime from happening in the first place.

The NCPS helps enhance personal and public safety by investing in approaches that deal with the underlying causes of crime and victimization - factors such as family distress, bullying, or substance abuse. Launched in 1998, building on the strengths of partnerships to support over

5000 projects nationwide, the National Crime Prevention Strategy has made a real difference in the lives of Canadians.

In February 2005, the Government of Canada announced an additional \$90 million over three years to renew the NCPS as a key measure to protect Canadians from crime and victimization.

For more information, please visit the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada web site: [www.psepc.gc.ca](http://www.psepc.gc.ca).

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