



# JUSTICE UNIT

## GUIDING PRINCIPAL

Justice as Healing “to enhance and support the provision of justice services and develop new initiatives in a culturally sensitive manner, recognizing the importance of utilizing First Nations methods to heal both the individuals and communities within the Prince Albert Grand Council region and surrounding areas, while adhering to the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties”.

The Rural Community Justice Program and The Prince Albert Urban Alternative Measures Program are Justice Programs developed by the Ministries of Saskatchewan, Justice and Attorney General, Ministry of Corrections and Public Safety and the Aboriginal Justice Directorate Canada. The Prince Albert Grand Council and the Salvation Army work in partnership with youth and adult offenders that are in conflict with the law.

Charges that are referred to both Programs include but are not limited to; Theft over / Theft under \$5 000, Assaults, Mischief, Shoplifting, Break and Enter, Solicitation and some drug charges, however drug charges (CDSA) are referred from the Federal Crown Prosecutor.



Charges that are excluded from being referred are Sexual Assaults, Perjury, Family Violence and Driving Offences.

## RURAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM

The Rural Community Justice Program is a community based program that diverts youth and adult offenders away from the formal court system. The Program receives Pre and Post-charge referrals from RCMP, Crown Prosecutors schools and a marked increase of referrals presiding Judges.

Community Justice Committees (CJC) is an important aspect for each community as the committee will work with police and other justice professionals. Further creation and maintenance of CJs was a priority this year and will continue to be a priority.

The Rural Justice Program continues to make positive advancements in its administration and delivery of the program which prompted Saskatchewan Justice to request PAGC Justice to absorb the Sandy Bay Program. The Justice Worker for that point was doing excellent work and it was requested that she become a PAGC employee to continue this work. This extended contract was brought before the Justice Commission, the Chiefs and Treasury and approved for a 3 year contract.

Saskatchewan Justice also renewed all other contracts for Rural Justice Workers in our PAGC communities for another 3 years.

The Rural Justice Program is also expanding our services to the communities to additional programming such as, but not limited to:

- Understanding & Working to enhance CTA's (Community Tripartite Agreements)
- Crime Prevention Programming
- Aboriginal Shield Program (Alcohol & Drug Prevention)
- Partnerships with SGI for safety programs
- Combatting Bootlegging

- Anger Management Facilitation Training and classes
- Gang Prevention

## THE PRINCE ALBERT URBAN ALTERNATIVE MEASURES PROGRAM

The Prince Albert Urban Alternative Measures Program (PAUAMP) is under the umbrella of the Prince Albert Grand Council since launch in 1996-1997. PAUAMP is a status blind program which receives post charge referrals from the Crown Prosecutors office.

Pre-Charges are received from the Prince Albert City Police and RCMP; however the decision to refer a pre-charge is at the discretion of the Crown Prosecutors.

- Program Options Include:
  - Mediation
  - Family Group Conferencing
  - Community Justice Forums
  - Court Appointed Case Conferences
  - Healing Circles; and more
  - Anger Management Classes
  - Stop Lift Program (Deterring further offences of shop lifting)
  - Gang Prevention
  - Respectful Relationships (Spousal Support Programming)

Currently the Urban Alternative Measures Program is working in partnership with the Prince Albert Police Service, Loss Prevention officers and the Salvation Army Stop-Lift Program to continue the shop-lifter release program. The objective of this initiative is to increase the referrals of pre-charges from the Prince Albert Police Station. The Prince Albert Police Service will utilize the Loss Prevention officers to refer shop-lifters who meet the requirements of being eligible to be referred to the Alternative Measures Program.

Saskatchewan Justice also renewed contract for Urban Justice Program for an additional 3 years.

## SASKATCHEWAN ABORIGINAL COURT WORKER PROGRAM

The Court Worker Program operates in conjunction with the Rural Community Justice Program as many of the Justice Workers divide their duties between both programs.

The role of the court worker is to support clients that are in the judicial system by attending court with the client, answering any questions the client may have, advising the client of their rights, and referring the client to specific services such as Legal Aid.

The programs success and improvements have not gone unnoticed by the Court Workers Program funding partners and we have been awarded another 3 year contract to provide court services in our communities.

