



From Simulation to Street:

Technology that Connects Training to Performance

Conference Program

September 22 - 24, 2026 | Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Hosted by the Canadian Police Knowledge Network (CPKN)

Tuesday, September 22 | Pre-conference

1 – 4 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Pre-Conference Workshop (Optional)

Building Learning That Lasts: Applying Adult Learning and Memory Science — A Practical Workshop for Course Developers

Most training is designed to deliver content, but less attention is often given to how well that information is remembered and applied. This **interactive workshop** focuses on designing learning that sticks and supports real-world decision-making in policing contexts. Participants will apply adult learning principles and insights from memory science to **transform passive content into interactive, scenario-based learning**, and will leave with a practical activity they can use in their own courses.

The session is **hands-on and application-focused**, with participants actively redesigning course elements throughout. In the week leading up to the workshop, participants will receive a few brief (two to three minute) pre-work emails to introduce key concepts and maximize time for practical work during the session, with optional follow-up refreshers to support continued application.

Please note that this is an **optional pre-conference workshop** on Tuesday, September 22. **Registration is required.**

Workshop Learning Outcomes:

- Apply adult learning principles to design relevant, problem-centred training for policing professionals
- Design learning experiences that support memory and retention, including the use of retrieval practice, spacing, and cognitive load management
- Transform content into interactive, scenario-based learning that supports decision-making and real-world application
- Incorporate microlearning strategies to reinforce learning over time
- Develop and refine a practical learning activity that can be used in their own courses

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Concourse

Registration Desk Open

Wednesday, September 23 | Day One

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Concourse

Breakfast and Registration Desk Open

Registration desk will be available in the concourse outside Memorial Hall.

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Official Welcome

Join us for the 2026 CPKN Conference opening ceremonies in Memorial Hall of the Confederation Centre of the Arts. The event will feature an official welcome from various speakers and include a Colour Guard from the Charlottetown Police Service.

Day One Theme: Technology Integration

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Speaker Session

Speaker TBD

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Train How You Fight: Using Adversary Simulation to Validate Real-World Performance

Jessica Lewis, Deputy Chief, Parliamentary Protective Service

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Group Photo

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Concourse

Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Leveraging Virtual Reality Scenario-Based Training to Enhance De-escalation Skill Development in Mental Health Crisis Situations

Jennifer Lavoie, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University
Pete Wiesner, Canadian Development/Ret. Sgt, Street Smarts VR/Hamilton Police Service
Scott Woods, A/Sgt Training Branch, MHCR and CIT Coordinator, Hamilton Police Service

Wednesday, September 23 | Day One

1:45 – 1:55 p.m.

Break

1:55 – 2:55 p.m.

Memorial Hall

From Technique to Decision-Making: Integrating Shooting Simulators to Improve the Development and Maintenance of Shooting Skills

Roman Barba, Educational Technology Consultant, École nationale de police du Québec

2:55 – 3:05 p.m.

Break

3:05 – 4:05 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Human and Technology Integration in Support of Experiential Learning for Cybercrime Investigation

Randy Purse, Senior Advisor, Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst at Toronto Metropolitan University

4:05 – 4:15 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Day One Wrap-Up and Adjournment

4:15 p.m.

Studio One

Tech and Connect Networking Reception

Thursday, September 24 | Day Two

7:30 – 8:20 a.m.

Concourse

Breakfast

8:20 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Announcements

Day Two Theme: Artificial Intelligence

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Inside VPD's GovAI Virtual Duty Bag: Transforming Learning for Modern Policing

Betty Froese, Director of Learning and Development, Vancouver Police Department

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.

Break

9:40 – 10:40 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Speaker Session

Speaker TBD

10:40 – 11 a.m.

Networking Break

11 – 11:40 a.m.

Memorial Hall

Low Stakes Practice for High Stakes Communication: Using AI Speech Coaching to Strengthen Police Training

**Brenda Bryson, Faculty Instructor and Researcher, Lethbridge Polytechnic
Connie Lyon, Faculty Instructor and Researcher, Lethbridge Polytechnic**

11:40 – noon

Memorial Hall

Awards

Presentation of the **F. Darren Smith Award of Excellence** and the **CPKN Compass Award**

Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Concourse

Lunch

12:45 – 1:25 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Trauma-Informed Interviewing in the Age of AI: From Training to the Street

**Jen Magnus, Assistant Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University
Oliver Stoetzer, Assistant Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University**

Thursday, September 24 | Day Two

1:25 – 1:35 p.m.

Break

1:35 – 2:15 p.m.

Memorial Hall

The Innocent and the Algorithm: AI in Policing and Preventing Wrongful Detention & Conviction

Abigail Miller, Manager of Education, Innocence Canada

Bhavan Sodhi, Wrongful Conviction Specialist and Barrister/Solicitor

2:15 – 2:35 p.m.

Networking Break

2:35 – 3:35 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Lights and Sirens: Insights in Action

Krystine Richards, Vice President of Operations, CPKN

As the CPKN Conference winds down, it's time to light up for one last big conversation. Lights and Sirens is a fast-paced, interactive wrap-up where we'll shine a spotlight on the key takeaways from the past few days, share sparks of innovation from services and organizations across the country, and sound the alarm on pressing challenges we're facing. Come ready to swap ideas, highlight wins, and surface real-world issues in a lively group discussion that ensures you leave energized, connected, and inspired.

3:35 – 3:50 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

6:30 p.m.

Lobster on the Wharf

East Coast Lobster Dinner