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- 1. What is the RNFJ**
- 2. Law enforcement – identified unmet need**
- 3. Relationship with CPKN**
- 4. PanCanadian study of French language College police training**
- 5. Discussion**

- **Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne (ACUFC) – 20 French and bilingual colleges and universities serving French-speaking populations in Canada, outside Québec**
- **Provides secretariat and coordination services for the Réseau national de formation en justice (RNFJ)**
- **Mandate : increase access to justice in both official languages through academic and linguistic training and development of tools to meet the needs of justice personnel – police, judges, prosecutors, court support staff, etc.**

- **Part XVII of the *Criminal Code* - Section 530 and 530.1 — creates an absolute right for the accused to equal access to designated courts in his own official language – *R. v. Beaulac* – 1999**
- **Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights – Statutory Review of Part XVII of the Criminal Code – April 2014**
 - **The Committee recommends that front-line police officers be educated and knowledgeable of an accused’s language rights and that the federal government reiterate this fact to the provinces, territories and policing institutions.**

- 1. Number of police officers in Canada in 2014 : 68,896**
- 2. Number of police officers in Canada less Québec: 52,695**
- 3. Question: How can RNFJ subject matter experts best reach front-line police officers concerning Part XVII of the *Criminal Code*?**
- 4. Our objective: Develop a partnership with CPKN to respond to the unmet need**

- 1. Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB) - lead agency for a pan-canadian study undertaken with RNFJ partners**
- 2. CCNB, Collège Boréal in Sudbury and Collège La Cité in Ottawa - approximately 80 graduates yearly in Collegiate Police Foundation programs**
- 3. Challenge 1: No French or bilingual Collegiate Police Foundation training West of Sudbury**
- 4. Challenge 2: To our knowledge, no municipal or provincial police academy in Canada outside Québec offers a Bilingual/French Police Constable basic training program**

September 2015 to March 2016

- 1. Starting this September: Evaluate the French college's existing Collegiate Police Foundations programs in order to eventually offer a program across Canada to reach more students outside New Brunswick and Ontario**
- 2. Meet with Canadian Police Academies to evaluate the possibility offering a Bilingual/French Police Constable training program**

April 2016 onwards: Follow-up on the environmental scan recommendations

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2. <http://www.acufc.ca/l-acufc-et-la-justice/le-reseau-national-de-formation-en-justice>: About the Réseau national de formation en justice (RNFJ) and its members: 3 colleges, 10 universities and 3 Jurilinguistics centres, some provinces, Linguistic Training Program for Provincial Court Judges, one national portal for linguistic tools, non-profit organisations of subject matter experts.