



# Keeping Our Children Safe



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# Presentation Overview

- Mobilization and Engagement Model
- Internet Child Exploitation
- Educating Our Children
- Educating Parents and Caregivers
- Current and Future Trends



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# Ontario's Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing

## Investigations and arrests Identification of victims t & potential issues



## Education and awareness Partnerships & discussions

Toward Safer Communities



**COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION**  
Actions and initiatives that police officers take to motivate and support neighbours to deal more effectively with the root causes of crime and insecurity in their neighbourhoods.

**COMMUNITY**  
Community includes every person or organization that is affected by any real or anticipated threat to peace, safety, security and well-being.

**COMMUNITY POLICING**  
Community Policing is the process by which police and other community members partner to improve community wellbeing, safety and security through joint problem identification, analysis, response and evaluation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
Police actions that encourage participation of neighbours and citizens in increasing their own and others safety, security and well-being.





# Keeping Our Children Safe



- 95 per cent of teens are online
- 77 per cent of teens have a smartphone
- Teens spend an average of 7½ hours a day connected
- 7.5 million Facebook users are under 13 years old. \*This goes against Facebook's *Terms of Use*\*
- 32 per cent of kindergarten children are online daily



\*\*Pew Research Center



# Internet Child Exploitation Unit

What is ICE?

- Part of the Special Victims Unit that specializes in children and the Internet
- Member of the Provincial Strategy to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation







# Internet Child Exploitation Unit

What do investigators do?

- Child pornography - track possession, distribution, accessing of child pornography to eliminate sources
- Online luring - become undercover operators, do victim account takeover
- Peer to peer sharing
- Victim identification and investigation
- Categorization/cataloguing of seized images
- Assistance to victims of child pornography offences through Victim Services Unit, YRAP and boost.org



# Victims without Borders

The Internet is global



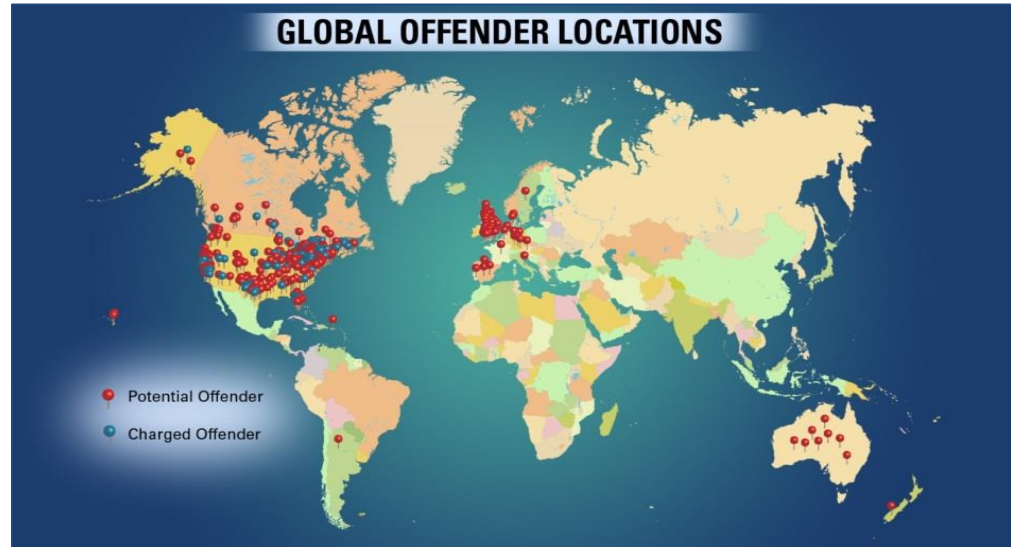
Online child exploitation is global

Victims and/or perpetrators may not live in York Region

- We collaborate with other police agencies worldwide
- Receive provincial grants for training and operations
- We participate in a worldwide database of seized images for court and identification purposes



# Project Hydra

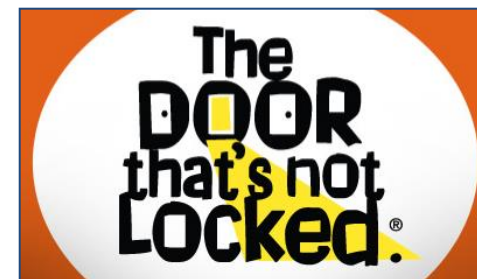


17 Countries  
19 Children Identified  
125 Search Warrants  
41 Arrests  
110 Charges





# Project Hydra



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### Bowling Green Man Arrested For Sexually Abusing Child

Posted: Fri 4:53 PM, Jun 05, 2015 By: WBKO Staff

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**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Dennis Prince was in court today, June 5, facing a child sex abuse charge.

Local police, in cooperation with **York Regional Police** in Canada, caught Prince, 49, from Bowling Green, sharing sexual images of a 9-year-old boy via Skype, back in August of 2014.





# Tactics and Ploys



CANADIAN CENTRE for CHILD PROTECTION  
*Helping families. Protecting children.*

Growing up is stressful enough.

Life is full of choices, sometimes kids don't make the right ones.

Do you provide an environment where mistakes can be prevented?



## COMMON TACTICS Used by Adult Offenders with Teenagers:

### FLATTERY:

used particularly on girls in an effort to take advantage of the societal importance placed on female beauty

### PITY:

used to encourage a sympathetic response from a teen and coerce her/him into feeling as if s/he is in a friendship or sexual relationship

### SHARING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL:

used to normalize sexual activity and desensitize a teen to believe sexual activity with adults is okay

### PERSISTENCE:

used to wear down a teen's personal boundaries, often under the guise that the adult will stop after the teen gives her/him what s/he wants (which is never the case)

### UTTERING THREATS:

used to terrify a teen to comply with a request for sexual content





# Scope

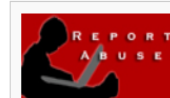
Internet use is growing.  
Even if we were able to keep  
the percentage the same,  
it will still increase.



## National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre

### Fighting Child Sexual Exploitation in Canada

The NCECC functions as the point of contact for investigations related to the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet in Canada.



Report Abuse at  
[Cybertip.ca](http://Cybertip.ca)





# Educating our Children

## School Resource Officers

- Elementary and Secondary School programs
- Teen Academy
- Empowered Student Partnerships (ESP)



## Community Safety Village

- K-5 class programs
- Summer camps
- Employment programs
- Youth programs

## Online Resources

- Internet safety
- Online gaming
- Social media
- Cyber bullying

### Tragedy as girl, 15, kills herself just one month after posting desperate YouTube plea begging bullies to stop tormenting her

By MEGHAN KENEALLY

PUBLISHED: 01:40, 12 October 2012 | UPDATED: 11:18, 12 October 2012

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A 15-year-old Canadian girl was found dead Wednesday night, just weeks after posting a video about her battle with cyber bullies.

The details surrounding Amanda Todd's death have not been released, but it is suspected to be suicide.

On September 7, Amanda posted a nearly nine-minute YouTube video where she tells the story of her repeated harassment by bullies on a







# Educating our Children

## Basic messaging

- Online activity is permanent
- Delete and deactivate can be misleading
- You never really know who you are talking to
- Consequences can last forever



**yorkregion.com**  
 Beware what you say online  
 Newmarket Era | Apr 23, 2008  
 Even with

**Tell your children: People lie in cyberspace. And predators are patient**

**In the chatroom**

**Kids easy Net prey**  
 Pedophiles use technology to lure young children away from home

**10 NEWS**  
 By TOM GODFREY  
 Toronto Sun  
 Canada Customs officials say they're intercepting young girls across the border by using instant messaging, officials said.

"We are always on the lookout for missing or abducted children," said Jean D'Amelio-Swyer, a Customs spokesman. "They are a priority for us."

"In April 2001, D'Amelio-Swyer said, a 15-year-old Tennessee runaway was stopped by Customs officials while trying to meet in Buffalo a 55-year-old Canadian man she met on the Net.

"The man had presented himself as a 20-year-old," she said, adding he was also charged in August of 2001 with luring a 14-year-old U.S. Amtrak

was travelling here. "Parents have to be aware of what their children are doing on the Internet," she said.

Customs officers said a single parent travelling with children has to present proper documentation to officials before being allowed to cross the border.

**Registry of missing**  
 Customs officers also check with an RCMP Missing Children Registry if children are reported missing or abducted.

Last year, Foreign Affairs officials returned to more than 40 children who were abducted by parents and sold to The Mounties said since National Missing Children's Centre has found and recovered 100 children who were reported missing to police.

"To mark the day, a number of activities are planned in Ottawa at some border crossings."

[www.border.gov/missing](http://www.border.gov/missing)

**CASES**  
 Cases in Canada where the most serious offence was child pornography possession or distribution under Criminal Code section 163.1.

**1997**  
 ■ 157 cases heard  
 ■ 41 convictions  
 ■ 8 sentenced to a total of 8.96 months jail  
 ■ 12 were ordered to pay a total of \$10,000 of an average of \$833

**1998**  
 ■ 247 cases heard  
 ■ 47 convictions  
 ■ 14 sentenced to a total of 14.5 months jail

**Cops**

**THE INTERNET DOES NOT FORGET**

**Y**ou think I'm concerned about popular kids?" asks Unholy\_Dork from somewhere in cyberspace, probably "That's not missed go... be there for each other." The Internet has pretty much replaced yakking on the phone for kids. The problem is that since it's cool to chat in instant messaging, the risks whom they've... "Predators are patient. They may with a child for months before they suggest a meeting," she says. "Parents have to make it clear to kids that they can't live in person with

Holly Jones... crack down on those exploit children.



# Educating Our Children

Personal information is not personal





# Educating Parents and Caregivers

## Citizens Academy

- Parents Academy
- Seniors Academy

## Parent Forums

- Schools
- Social service agencies

## Online Resources

- [yrp.ca](http://yrp.ca)



### PARENTS' GUIDE TO THE SECRET CODE

Online chatroom acronyms and codes

**A/S/L** = Age, sex, location

**BF/GF** = Boyfriend, Girlfriend

**BRB** = Be Right Back

**CD9** = Code 9, means parents are around

**GNOC** = Get Naked On Cam (webcam)

**G2G** = Got To Go

**IDK** = I Don't Know

**LMIRL** = Lets Meet In Real Life

**LOL** = Laugh Out Loud

**MorF** = Male or Female

**MOS** = Mum Over Shoulder

**NIFOC** = Naked In Front Of Computer

**Noob** = When someone can not use a computer very well

**NMU** = Not Much, You?

**P911** = Parents Emergency

**PAW** = Parents Are Watching

**PIR** = Parents In Room

**POS** = Parents Over Shoulder

**PRON** = Porn

**PRW** = Parents Are Watching

**S2R** = Send To Receive (this relates to pictures)

**TDTM** = Talk Dirty To Me

**TYK** = Take Your Knickers Off

**W/E** = Whatever

**Warez** = Pirated software



# Educating Parents and Caregivers

## Basic messaging

- Keep up with technology
- Keep up with your child
- Do not assume your children know more than you



### TALK TO YOUR TEEN and identify concerning behaviours that s/he should pay attention to such as:

- » Asking sexual or overly personal questions.
- » Sending or asking for sexual content (i.e. intimate pictures or videos).
- » Using pity/guilt to gain compliance.
- » Using information shared in confidence to try to embarrass or hurt someone.
- » Offering someone money or gifts to do something s/he is uncomfortable with.
- » Not taking no for an answer (persistence).
- » Threats and blackmail.





# Educating Parents and Caregivers

## Basic messaging

Things you can do:

- Filtering software
- Monitoring software

A Child's mindset:

“It won't happen to me.”





# Future Trends

## Hardware

- Portability of Internet access



## Software

- Tracking and collection of personal data
- GPS improvements



# Future Trends

## Decreasing age of use and Internet access

- Maintain age appropriate messaging/education

## Increase in personal disclosure

- Social media
- Self exploitation





# What can you do?

- Keep up with changes in technology
- Be aware of your child's Internet activity
- Report concerning or suspicious behaviour





# Resources

- York Regional Police

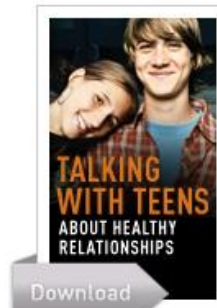
[yrp.ca](http://yrp.ca)

- Canadian Centre For Child Protection

[cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca)

- Public Safety Canada

[publicsafety.gc.ca](http://publicsafety.gc.ca)



## STEPS TO TAKE if Your Teen has had Concerning Contact with Someone Online:

- 1 Talk with your teen
- 2 Increase your involvement
- 3 Increase direct supervision and monitoring of online activities and phone calls
- 4 Enforce limits on Internet and smartphone use
- 5 Seek professional help for your teen

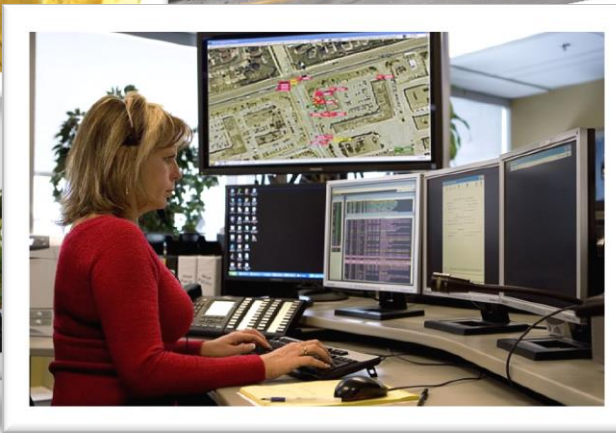
For more information on how to keep your teen safe on the internet visit [cybertip.ca/youthsafety](http://cybertip.ca/youthsafety).



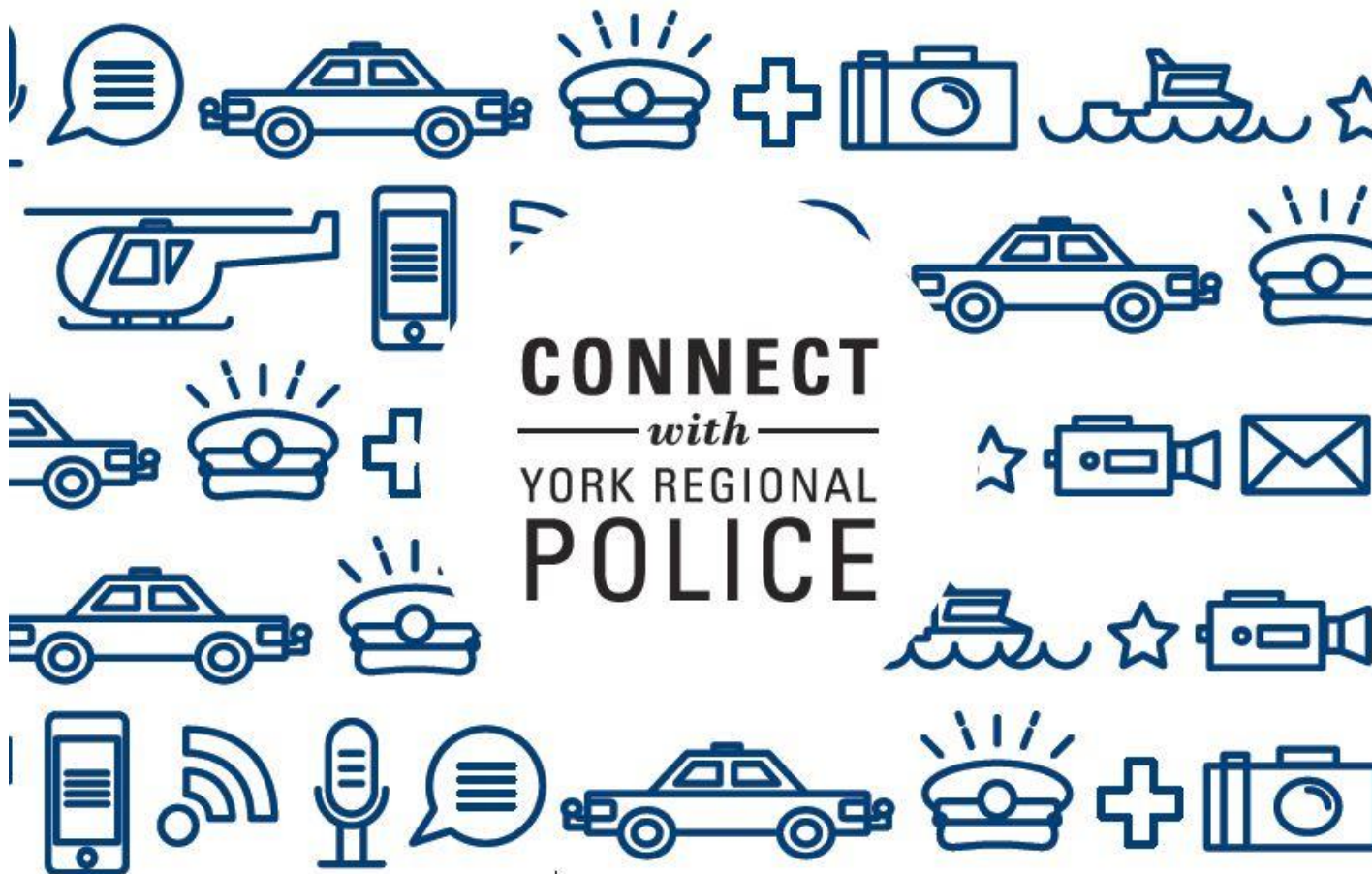


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## Questions?







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