

UBCM MEMBER NOTICE

**TO: Mayor and Council
Chair and Regional District Board
Administrator
Director of Planning**

FROM: Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor

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**RE: BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY:
GANGS, DRUGS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES**

A local government conference is planned for **Thursday, February 28, 2008 and Friday, February 29, 2008** at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond.

A number of federal and provincial cabinet ministers have been invited to participate in the conference including: the Honourable Stockwell Day the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and the Honourable John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Attorney General Wally Oppal. A strong local government presence is important.

The conference will look at a number of important issues to enhance community safety:

- Crime prevention measures being undertaken by local communities;
- New strategies for dealing with youth gang violence;
- Strategies to address drug issues facing local communities;
- Community-based strategies to address domestic and sexual violence issues.

The provincial government is planning a new crime prevention initiative and is looking to obtain local government input into the new measures. It is very important that elected officials and senior staff attend to provide direction on these measures and advice on what local government needs to develop effective crime prevention plans at the local level.

The conference is a joint partnership and the funding partners are the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry of Community Services and the RCMP. Assistance in planning the conference was also provided by the Criminal Justice Reform Secretariat.

Attached is a registration form and a draft agenda for the conference. If you have any questions please contact Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor (Ph: 604-270-8226 Ex. 114; E-mail: kvance@civicnet.bc.ca).

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
REGISTER TODAY FOR THE CONFERENCE**

