



## **In Search of Security:**

### **The Role of Public Police and Private Agencies - Discussion Paper 2002**

#### **PSC Executive Summary**

Like many other countries, Canada has experienced an exponential growth of private security firms. These private security companies are providing a variety of services some of which support public police forces and some of which replace the function of public police forces.

At issue is the division of labour. Namely who decides what services should be the domain of private security versus public security. Further, there is a question of the quality of the service delivery. If a service is to be provided by private security companies then how do we ensure that the service is adequately delivered, and safely delivered. The training and management of security personnel and their actions is essential to consider.

This report discusses the changes in the provision of security to Canadians. It reviews security arrangements, discusses the growth of networks of private and public policing, reviews the history of policing, examines governance issues, the legal environment, considers values and examines different ways of regulating policing in Canada.

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