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## **The ICPC unveiled its report on the analysis of criminal incidents involving the use of a firearm in the Greater Montreal area**

**Montreal, Canada, August 3, 2023** - The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) is pleased to announce the publication of its report on the analysis of criminal incidents involving the use of a firearm in the Greater Montreal area. This report provides an analysis of all the data collected by the Quebec Ministry of Public Security on incidents involving firearms from 2015 to 2020, and highlights the context in which firearms are used in the Greater Montreal area, based on the criminal offence codes used.

Faced with growing concern among Montrealers regarding the increasing number of incidents involving firearms in the heart of the city, this report aims to contextualize some of the issues related to these types of incidents, with tools such as an in-depth analysis of general trends in the form of figures, the profiles of the alleged perpetrators and victims and the links between them, the locations and times of the incidents. Furthermore, this publication presents a discussion of the factors shaping the context of gun violence in Montreal, such as social networks having become a vector for armed violence, exacerbated by the pandemic. In recent years, the transmission and spread of armed violence has shifted from face-to-face to virtual interaction, amplified by the widespread use of social networks and the media.

"With this report, the ICPC is continuing its efforts to inform and help better understand the current context in Montreal for the various players implicated in some way in criminal cases involving the use of a firearm. The aim of this publication is to analyze recent data relating to this type of case in order to help municipal decision-makers implement preventive measures and best practices. We have made recommendations that are relevant and focused on the long term.", explains Ann Champoux, Director General of the ICPC.

For more information, please visit the [following web page](#)

### **About the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)**

The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime is an international non-governmental organization based in Montreal, founded in 1994. Its mission is to support the development and implementation of practical and effective policies, programmes and projects to reduce crime and delinquency in communities, cities and other geographical areas and to enhance the sense of safety.

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