

**New Date:
Oct 6, 2016**



The M Word:

Exploring Perspectives on the Legalization of Marijuana and Safe Schools

Speakers include:

Kim Derry, Director of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations.
Retired Deputy Chief, Toronto Police Services

Rebecca Jesseman, Senior Policy Advisor for the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

Marvin Zuker, Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice & Associate Professor at the University of Toronto **Craig**

Judith Renaud, Educators for Sensible Drug Policy.

Nazlee Maghsoudi, Knowledge Translation Manager for the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy

Eric Roher, Executive Director of the Education Focus Group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Scott Baptist, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Youth Committee Chair Superintendent **Brent**

Zettl, President and CEO of Prairie Plant Systems Inc. and CanniMed Ltd.

Jonathan Zaid, Founder & Executive Director, Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana

Nathalie & Augustin De Chabris, Youth Representative.

In a short time, big changes are coming to Canada! Join the Canadian Safe School Network for a full day educational event as we explore how the legalization of marijuana will affect educators, students, and safe schools. Hear from expert speakers in the field of law enforcement, government, medicine, education, mental health, and the cannabis industry as they approach the issue and answer questions pertaining to this timely and controversial topic. Don't miss being a part of this important conversation!

Save The Date: October 6, 2016

**Where: Parkview Manor - 55 Barber Greene Rd,
North York, ON**

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Event Schedule:

TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast	25 min.
8:55 AM	Welcome – Canadian Safe School Network	10 min.
9:05 AM	Opening Remarks ~ Bill Byrd ~ <i>Safe Schools Administrator, Toronto District Board</i>	25 min.
9:30 AM	Brent Zettl ~ <i>President & CEO, CanniMed</i>	40 min.
10:10 AM	Eric Roher ~ <i>National Leader of the Education Focus Group, Borden Ladne LLP</i>	40 min.
10:50 AM	Break	10 min.
11:00 AM	Judith Renaud ~ <i>Educators for Sensible Drug Policy Youth, Schools Families and Communities</i>	20 min.
11:20 AM	Nathalie & Augustin De Chabris ~ <i>Video by Youth Representative</i>	20 min.
11:40 AM	Lunch	50 min.
12:30 PM	Panel including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Jesseman~ <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Canadian Centre on Substance</i> • NazleeMaghsoudi~ <i>Knowledge Translation Manager, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy</i> • Jonathan Zaid~ <i>Executive Director, Canadian for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana</i> 	60 min.
1:30 PM	Break	10 min.
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2:30 PM	Closing Remarks	5 min.

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Emcee - Bill Byrd, Safe Schools Administrator, Toronto District School Board

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Registration: www.canadiansafeschools.com/events

Early bird: \$175 - Register before June 30th, 2016

General: \$200

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Speaker Bios & Presentation Summaries:

Bill Byrd

Safe Schools Administrator, Toronto District School Board

Bill Byrd currently works with the Toronto District School Board as the Coordinator of Safe Schools, a position he has held since the creation of the department in 1999. Bill is also the senior trainer for the Canadian Safe Schools Network. Previously, Bill held other positions within the TDSB including System Inclusion Administrator and Leadership and Staff Development Coordinator for the Safe Schools Department. He was the Social Skills Project Leader and Psychology Consultant with the former City of York Board of Education (Toronto), and is a former secondary and elementary school teacher. Before joining the school system Bill was Head of Treatment for 6 years at the EarlsCourt Child and Family Center (now the Child Development Institute) and was also was a member of the Society of Jesus. Bill has been a board member of Macaulay Child Development Centre for over 15 years and also sits as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Camp EKON, a Jesuit-run camp for disadvantaged children located in Northern Ontario. He is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Central Toronto Youth Services Mental Health Center, and he has also been a faculty member at the Osgoode Law Professional Development Group for a number of years. In 2005 Bill was awarded the Galen Weston Safe Schools Award in recognition of his outstanding service to at-risk youth and for the promotion of safe schools throughout Canada.

Nazlee Maghsoudi

Knowledge Translation Manager, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy

Nazlee Maghsoudi is the Knowledge Translation Manager at the ICSDP. Her enthusiasm for drug policy reform has led her to advocate at the grassroots, national, and international levels. Nazlee is also a Strategic Advisor for the Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy (CSSDP), and an Outreach Volunteer at TRIP! Project, a nightlife harm reduction program in Toronto. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Queen's University and a Master of Global Affairs from the University of Toronto.

Brent Zettl

President & CEO, Prairie Plant Systems Inc. and CanniMed Ltd.

Brent Zettl co-founded Prairie Plant Systems Inc in 1988 and two years later received his Bachelor of

Science degree with distinction from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1991, Brent became President and CEO of the Company and the following year he spearheaded the development of the Biosecure Underground Growth Chamber I (BUGC1) in Flin Flon, Manitoba. This, of course, was only the beginning; the BUGC has been the driving force toward the awarding of the Health Canada Contract in December of 2000 for the production of Medical Marijuana, which continues today. In February 2003, he founded SubTerra (BUGC II) at White Pine, Michigan, and in 2004 negotiated the acquisition of the 35 square mile mine site for biopharmaceutical production. Under his stewardship, both Prairie Plant Systems Inc. and its subsidiary company CanniMed Ltd. were awarded the first two Licensed Producers licenses under the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR) in 2013. In 2016, Prairie Plant Systems/CanniMed were awarded one of the first licenses for the production and sale of medical cannabis oils. Brent contributes to his field through his involvement as Past-Chair of Ag-West Bio, Chair of Gravity Brain Learning, a Director of CETAC West, and a Director for Harvest Community Inc. In 2014 Brent was awarded the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Prairies Business-to-Consumer category.

Craig Jones

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Canada (NORML)

Craig Jones has been advocating for drug policy modernization for 25 years. He is the Executive Director of Canada's oldest drug policy reform NGO, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Canada. He holds a doctorate in political economy from Queen's University where he has lived since 1986. Before coming to NORML Canada, he was Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Canada which advocates for "effective, just and humane responses to the causes and consequences of crime."

Craig's presentation will argue that the criminal justice system is — and has long been known to be — the wrong institution to influence the behaviour of people, particularly youth, where drugs are concerned: that cannabis prohibition was a costly error and that policy makers have known this, and ignored it, until very recently.

Eric Roher

Executive Director of the Education Focus Group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Eric Roher is National Leader of the Education Focus Group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. Eric practises in the areas of education law, labour relations and employment law. He advises a range of public and private sector employers, as well as school boards and independent schools. He also represents clients before administrative tribunals and labour relations boards, including the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, the Ontario Labour Relations Board and the Ontario College of Teachers.

Rebecca Jesseman

Senior Policy Advisor for the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Ms. Rebecca Jesseman is the Senior Policy Advisor at the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA). Rebecca has over 10 years of experience on the issue of cannabis policy, as well as expertise on the issues of harm reduction, treatment systems, and the relationship between drugs and criminal justice. Prior to joining CCSA in 2006, Rebecca worked for Public Safety Canada and Health Canada. She has a Master's degree in criminology from the University of Ottawa, where she has taught as a sessional professor.

What can Canada learn from other countries? There are many ways to approach the regulation of cannabis. Canada has a unique opportunity to learn from places like the Netherlands, Australia, Uruguay, Colorado, Denver, Alaska, and Oregon. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the range of regulatory options available, and some of the key lessons learned that can help Canada develop an evidence-informed approach to limit the harms associated with cannabis use.

Kim Derry***Director of the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR)******Retired Deputy Chief, Toronto Police Services***

President of DCR Global Consulting focused on safety and security consulting worldwide, Co-Chair the International Police Training Academy (IPTI), Budapest, Hungary, and Co-founder and president of G.R.E.A.T. the Global Resource Epi-center against human Trafficking plus Director of Security for a MMPR corporation and registered as a Responsible person in charge – THC Meds Ontario Inc.

Now retired Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Toronto, Kim's career in law enforcement spans 38 years during which he performed uniform, undercover, and investigative duties. He mastered the helm for policing operations in Toronto for 17 Divisions, managed 4221 uniformed and civilian personnel, and was responsible for divisional policing budgets of \$490 million dollars. He has overseen the planning of hundreds of special events for the TPS, was the Operational Commander of the NATO Conference, led an International training Mission to Lithuania, and was the Site Commander for both the Papal visit/World Youth Days celebration and the Finance Ministers conference held in Toronto. A highly respected community leader, Kim has served a number of local and national organizations. As past President of the National Board of the FBI National Academy Associates which represents 18,000 Law Enforcement Executives and senior representatives representing 165 countries and around the world. He currently chairs G.R.E.A.T. an anti-human trafficking initiative that engages the services of members from the FBI National Academy, UNODC, INTERPOL and many NGO's and government agencies globally.

Kim's broad security experience is an obvious asset to the MMPR experience. Kim is motivated by the opportunity to advance the research and development of Marihuana in the medical arena, to participate in the discussion and legislative changes surrounding the legalization of Marijuana in Canada, to reduce the influence of gangs and organized crime in the trafficking of marijuana, and to reduce the availability of illegal drugs to the youth of our nation through a sensible regulatory regime.

Kim will be speaking to the issues pertaining to Marijuana legalization by focusing on areas that impact law enforcement, communities, and youth and perspective of a licensed producer / operator.

Some of the areas he will discuss will be areas that require thoughtful consideration in the move forward that focuses on:

- a) The positive impact such action will have on the public safety including harm reduction strategies that reduce the use of drugs to our young people and adults in our communities
- b) Improvement to public health through quality control measures, quality production and manufacturing sites, testing practices, packaging and labelling, and marketing. These areas are some of the requirements that should be achieved through a well structured regulated regime.
- c) Identify new regulation and models for distribution that consider safety and security considerations
- d) Discuss future enforcement opportunities or alternative measures under new legislation
- e) Discuss Impaired driving impacts – but also set out an opportunity to eliminate mixed messages through new thinking
- f) Promote research and development for medical applications as well as long term research vs junk science
- g) Promote two streams for future use being Medical Cannabis use & Recreational Use

Johnathan Zaid***Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana***

Jonathan Zaid is a Knowledge Integration student at the University of Waterloo and Founder and Executive Director of Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana (CFAMM). Since 2007 he has been suffering from New Daily Persistent Headache, which causes constant chronic head pain and insomnia. After trying all available interventions to no avail, Jonathan finally gained some relief from medical cannabis.

In 2014, Zaid founded non-profit patients' rights group Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, which aims to help others navigate, and ultimately improve, the issues and challenges associated with medical cannabis. Zaid is recognized as a leading industry expert on the cost-coverage of medical cannabis. He has advocated for patients' rights on industry panels and been featured in numerous television, radio, blog, and newspaper interviews.

Jonathan's presentation entitled, "Cannabis Legalization: Focusing on Patient Needs", will offer insight into the reasons for medical cannabis use and will be situated within the context of being a student and the role of schools.

Scott Baptist

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Youth Committee Chair Superintendent

Superintendent Baptist is in his 29th year with the Toronto Police Service. He is currently the unit commander of 13 Division in central Toronto where he oversees all facets of policing operations including primary and community response, criminal investigations, personnel and performance management, and unit administration. In a career which has spanned a broad range of diverse assignments including traffic, uniform, investigative, training, and risk management roles, Superintendent Baptist has consistently proven an unrivalled commitment to innovative and compelling new approaches in the delivery of professional, community-oriented policing. As a change agent in recent years, he has led the Toronto Police Service's traffic policing review process and championed the development of new frontline service delivery initiatives including the Service's Somali Liaison Unit and Street Referral Pilot Project.

Superintendent Baptist is currently the Chair of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Youth Committee and Chair of the Toronto Police Widows and Orphans Fund Audit and Risk Committees. He is a member of the Police Executive Research Forum and the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Justice Studies from the University of Guelph – Humber and is a Certified Municipal Manager – Level 3, Police Executive. Superintendent Baptist is also a peer support volunteer with Spinal Cord Injury – Ontario and a board Director with the Ontario Safety League.

Scott's presentation will focus on the issues surrounding regulation, youth access, proximity of dispensaries to schools, and other community concerns. He will also address the issue of zero BAC/Zero THC as a goal for driver education/awareness programs.

Marvin Zuker

Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice and Associate Professor, University of Toronto

Marvin Zuker is a Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, being appointed in 1978. He holds the rank of Associate Professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education where he has taught Education Law since 1982. Justice Zuker is the author and co-author of many publications including the Children's Law Handbook with Lynn Kirwin published by Carswell in 2015, Ontario Small Claims Court Practice (35th anniversary edition) published in 2015, An Educator's Guide to the Law and The Ontario College of Teachers (2013) and Canadian Women and the Law and The Law is Not for Women with June Callwood. Justice Zuker is Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Bloorview School Authority.

School boards will soon be faced with a myriad of challenges regarding marijuana use. Not only will they be forced to address issues of special education and medical accommodation, but also employee protection and whole school safety. Marvin's presentation will ask us to consider the role of the government to offer an efficient regulatory system as well as the role of school boards to set forth reasonable and effective policies surrounding marijuana use and restriction on school campuses. He will outline issues such as the hazards of use and illegal distribution as well as the problems that arise from student searches and randomized drug testing. Marvin will offer insight into policies set forth within the United States as a frame for comparison.

Judith Renaud

Educators for Sensible Drug Policy Youth, Schools Families and Communities

Judith earned her Master's Degree in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University in 1998. Her research on drug issues began in 2003 when she was appointed Executive Director of Educators for Sensible Drug Policy. She is a former First Nation School Administrator and a teacher in B.C. for over 25 years. As the Director of EFSDP, an official non-profit international drug policy reform organization, her articles and publications include 'Youth At Risk' a look at the mental health issues of youth in our public schools published in the British Columbia Teachers Federation and B.C. Alternative Education 'Vital Link' publications. She has made numerous presentations on drug policy issues at conferences in Mexico, U.S. and Canada including 'From School to Prison Pipeline' in association with the Drug Policy Alliance organization in the U.S. She is a member of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, the Canadian Cannabis Coalition, Canadian Drug Policy Foundation and recently asked to be an advisor on the board of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries. Judith was invited to sit on the Legalization Marijuana Task Force Roundtable meeting in Vancouver Sept 2nd and in February of this year made a presentation to the Liberal Senate on the Legalization of Marijuana at the Parliament buildings in Ottawa.

EFSDP is an international non-profit organization representing teachers who want evidence based drug education for youth in public education using a health and wellness approach taught by qualified drug educators, health care professionals and mental health providers. EFSDP is presently working on a collaborative and cooperative model to transition law enforcement officers away from teaching drug education in public schools.

Teachers want to implement a drug use prevention strategy aimed at minors based on

a) harm reduction b) restorative practices c) positive youth development

EFSDP's affiliation with Drug Policy Alliance has reaffirmed that cannabis education be created by educator's trained in drug education, and should prioritize the development of cannabis literacy which includes non-judgmental, reality and evidence based drug education. As a leading organization EFSDP has seen the war on drugs do more harm than good. In our vision of the future individuals will not be punished simply for what they put into their bodies, only for harm done to others. EFSDP fights for drug policies based on science, compassion, health and human rights and seeks to promote dialogue on cutting edge education drug policy issues from coast to coast to coast. Our research works to ensure Canada's drug policies no longer arrest, incarcerate disenfranchise and otherwise harm millions of non-violent youth, especially people of colour. EFSDP goals promote alternatives to failed punitive drug policies.

"Teachers want to implement drug use prevention strategies aimed at minors using ideas over ideology, compassion over coercion and harm reduction over punishment."

Nathalie and Augustin Marks De Chabris

Youth representation .

Nathalie Marks de Chabris is a 15 years old student at LoEllen Park Secondary school in Sudbury, Ontario. She was motivated to do this presentation in an effort to inform students and young people about marijuana. Her father works in addiction medicine and pain medicine and she gets to hear a lot of stories about the dangers, and some of the benefits, of marijuana. New laws and legislations are about to be passed, but she is worried that students are not prepared for what's coming. Her goal is to inform students of the potential consequences of marijuana use to help them make informed decisions.

Augustin is Nathalie's twin brother and also attends Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School in Sudbury. He had read that marijuana is soon to be legalized in Canada, and he wants to help kids learn more about it.

He can understand the temptations of trying something new without considering the risks. His father has prescribed marijuana to patients to help alleviate pain, and for the right problem in the right person it seems to work well. But after reading about it, Augustin can see there is a downside if used in the wrong person and the consequences can be lifelong. He knows some of his schoolmates think marijuana is cool, but he wants them to be informed before they make bad choices.

The outline of their two-part video:

The first part would be an introduction. Augustin and Nathalie would introduce themselves, talk about how they got interested in the subject of marijuana, go over what their peers think of marijuana and explain why they think it is vitally important that kids understand the risks of marijuana use in this new era of legalization. They would go on to introduce their video-education package...

That leads into the second part of the video. This would be an example of what a peer-to-peer pre-packaged ~10 minute classroom video would look like. This video could be shown in classrooms to give kids background information on marijuana and educate them on the medical uses of marijuana, the legislation coming next year and the risks to marijuana use under the age of 21. It could be part of a health education program or a standalone that could be a springboard for a discussion in the classroom.