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### **Community Readiness and the Safety and Security of Rural Peoples and Communities**

The problems of safety and security of rural peoples and rural communities is a shared reality, from Northern Europe to South America. Given the pace of economic, social and cultural change in the world today, are rural communities ready to effectively address safety and security within their own localities? This presentation addresses safety and security of rural places from a community-level perspective. The presentation will describe and discuss the development of crime prevention programs and the strengthening of citizen-police partnerships from the perspective of community readiness. Community readiness is itself can be used as an assessment tool for determining levels of support for security initiatives at the local level by key community leaders and stakeholders.