

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE 2007 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS' ANNUAL MEETING

19 August, Calgary, Alberta

Ranking in order of importance to members:

- #1 - 07-02 Federal policy commitment to provide 2500 police officers
- #2 - 07-04 Federal policy support for capital costs of law enforcement
- #3 - 07-03 Federal policy for first response to terror events
- #4 - 07-07 Resolution on handguns
- #5 - 07-06 Environmental Policy

RESOLUTION #07- 01: Defeated

RESOLUTION #07- 02: FEDERAL POLICY COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE 2,500 POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS international studies rate the quality of life in Canadian communities as among the highest in the world.

WHEREAS crime is a key component of quality of life as assessed in those studies,

WHEREAS the complexity and level of crime are increasing in Canada,

WHEREAS during the 2005 election campaign the Conservative Party of Canada promised, if elected, to provide 2,500 additional officers for Canadian police forces,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Canadian Association of Police Boards call upon the Government of Canada, now over a year in office, to fulfill its promise to provide for the people of Canada continuous full funding for 2,500 additional municipal police officers.

RESOLUTION #07- 03: FEDERAL POLICY FIRST RESPONSE TO TERROR EVENTS

WHEREAS world events have created an environment in which terrorism has become a tool to attempt to accomplish objectives that have been unfulfilled through other means.

WHEREAS the perceived success of terrorism is predicated on the randomness of violent acts that do harm to many,

WHEREAS policies of the Government of Canada assign to local, first-responders the management of a terrorist event for its first 72 hours,

WHEREAS fulfilling this obligation requires ready access to expensive specialised, perishable, one-use equipment,

WHEREAS procuring, storing, and maintaining sufficient inventories of this equipment places a significant financial burden on municipal governments,

WHEREAS since 2003, on behalf of municipal governments, this association has unsuccessfully requested financial assistance from the Government of Canada to address the burden created by this policy of the Government of Canada,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Members of the Canadian Association of Police Boards requires the assistance of the Government of Canada in meeting the costs of acquiring, storing, maintaining, and emergency deployment of specialised equipment necessary to respond to and manage the first 72 hours of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incident stemming from a terrorist attack or other disaster.

RESOLUTION #07- 04: Federal Policy Support For Capital Costs of Law Enforcement

WHEREAS crime around the world is a constantly changing phenomenon.

WHEREAS keeping pace with crime and trends in crime often involves deployment of ever more expensive technology.

WHEREAS failure by a community to acquire for its police service best available technology and have it fully utilised leaves a community vulnerable to those who quickly learn of and will exploit any weakness in policing of a community.

WHEREAS acquisition, maintenance, and use of new technology often involves considerable costs which constitute a major burden for municipal governments.

WHEREAS the quality of life in Canadian communities depends on effective policing and law enforcement,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Canadian Association of Police Boards calls upon the Government of Canada establish a program to provide costs-sharing with municipal governments for acquisition of new equipment and/or technology that enhances and sustains community-based law enforcement initiatives.

RESOLUTION #07- 05: Referred

RESOLUTION #07- 06: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

WHEREAS climate change and environmental sustainability are of significant public concern; and

WHEREAS police services operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS considerable human, physical and financial resources are required to maintain police services and the use of these resources has a significant impact on the physical and natural environment; and

WHEREAS police services boards and police services have made efforts on an *ad hoc* basis to take into account the environmental impact of the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS police services boards, as public agencies representing the interest of their communities, should take whatever measures are possible to demonstrate their commitment and leadership with respect to environmentally responsible practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards develops, and communicates to its members, a model environmental policy which includes as its objectives: cleaner air, conservation of water, better use of energy, and reduction, re-use or recycling of waste.

RESOLUTION #07- 07: RESOLUTION ON HANDGUNS

WHEREAS, the issue of firearms being used in the commission of criminal acts in Canada is of paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, the use of guns by young people is of particular concern; and

WHEREAS, gang and gun violence continue to rise in major cities across Canada, with a growing number of gun-related homicides; and

WHEREAS, Statistics Canada reports that in 2004, 172 people in Canada were killed by firearms; and

WHEREAS, Statistics Canada reports that in 2004, 65% of firearm homicides involved handguns; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all partners in the criminal justice system continue to work together in a productive partnership to address the issue of gang and gun violence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards calls upon the federal and provincial governments to:

- take the necessary legislative action to ensure that those who possess and use guns illegally are subject to serious consequences;
- significantly increase enforcement measures and actively seek the cooperation of the US government to prevent international gun trafficking.

RESOLUTION #07- 08: Referred