

Resolution 2017-1 Mental Health

Sponsor: Saskatoon Board Of Police Commissioners

WHEREAS the protection of mental health for police personnel is of vital importance;
WHEREAS coordinated efforts are occurring amongst researchers, public safety executives and associations to identify the tools needed to recognize prevention and intervention of treatment of mental health concerns facing Canadian First Responders and other safety personnel;
WHEREAS the Federal Government has signalled its clear commitment towards supporting initiatives that promote a unified national approach on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other Occupational Stress Injuries that disproportionately affect public safety officers;
BE IT RESOLVED THEN that the Canadian Association of Police Governance support the development of an appropriately resourced national action plan on the protection of mental health of police personnel, which includes actionable items for all entities responsible for ensuring the well-being of police personnel, including governance bodies.

Resolution 2017-2 Legalization of Cannabis & Drug Education Programs for Youth

Sponsor: Vancouver Police Board

WHEREAS as set out in the 2015 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada made a commitment to “legalize, regulate, and restrict access” to cannabis.

WHEREAS it is projected that legislation introducing cannabis legalization will be introduced in the spring of 2017.

WHEREAS it is expected that the Government of Canada will determine excise tax regimes from the sale of cannabis.

WHEREAS research has found that individuals are particularly at risk from cannabis during adolescence and early adulthood (e.g., under 25 years of age) as these are periods of neurodevelopment.

WHEREAS despite restrictions to access for youth that may be put in place upon legalization, education regarding cannabis use and its effects on youth is important, and it is also equally important to extend educational programs to other potentially harmful drugs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Governance recommends to the Government of Canada that a portion of the revenue from cannabis regulation be formally dedicated towards funding for youth and others educational programs on cannabis and other potentially harmful drugs.

Resolution 2017-3 Standardized National Training Curriculum

Sponsor: Edmonton Police Commission

WHEREAS the CAPG promotes excellence in police governance and works to promote efficient and effective citizen-centric policing in Canada and;

WHEREAS the CAPG plays an important role in elevating policing as a career;

WHEREAS many professional bodies including medical, dental, and accounting organizations have national standardized training and assessment processes, even though education is a provincial responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Governance advocate to the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), Canadian Association of Police Educators (CAPE), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Public Safety Canada, provincial governance agencies, and any other appropriate agencies, that a discussion be convened toward achieving a standardized national curriculum and assessment process for new recruits studying policing in Canada.

**Resolution 2017-4 Effective Policing of the Cannabis Act
(EMERGENCY RESOLUTION)**

Sponsor: York Regional Police Services Board

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has promised to legalize recreational cannabis in prescribed circumstances and create a new criminal and regulatory framework for recreational cannabis by July of 2018;

AND WHEREAS the *Cannabis Act* will authorize the Government of Canada to licence the production and distribution of recreational cannabis while recognizing the authority of the provinces and territories to regulate the sale of cannabis subject to minimum federal restrictions;

AND WHEREAS the provisions concerning cultivation of cannabis in private dwellings are vague and may impair the ability of the police to detect and enforce against illegal cannabis growing operations within dwellings;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of the *Cannabis Act* and the Impaired Driving Amendments will result in a significant increase in police training costs associated with cannabis enforcement, standard field sobriety testing and qualifying police officers as drug recognition experts for the purpose of impaired driving investigations and trials;

AND WHEREAS we have yet to see the introduction of or funding for a comprehensive public education strategy focused on the impact of recreational cannabis on youth, parents and vulnerable populations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the CAPG calls on the Government of Canada to establish new and sufficient funding to police services for the training and enforcement of the *Cannabis Act* and the Impaired Driving Amendments.
2. That the CAPG calls on the Government of Canada to consult with police services and introduce the necessary regulations to the *Cannabis Act* well in advance of the July 2018 implementation date to allow police services sufficient time to prepare for the new recreational cannabis regime.

3. That the CAPG calls on the Government of Canada to ensure that the regulations concerning both medical and recreational cannabis are clear and consistent and that the police are given the necessary regulatory and enforcement tools to effectively combat illegal cannabis growing operations in dwellings.

4. That the CAPG calls on the Government of Canada to establish a comprehensive and properly funded public education strategy focused on the impact of recreational cannabis on youth, parents and vulnerable populations.