



CAPB National

April 2005

CAPB Board Holds Consultation with Federal Ministers & Fourth Annual Joint Meeting with CACP and CPPA

CONSULTATION WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

On March 7, 2005 the CAPB Directors met with several high level officials in place of the Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (PSEPC). The CAPB Board also met with a senior official from the Department of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. The meetings provided an opportunity to follow up on some of the Association's key priorities. The issues raised included: Support for Municipal Police/First Responders; National Drug Strategy/Cannabis Reform (Bill C-17); Drug Impaired Driving (Bill C-16); DNA Data Bank Reforms (Bill C-13); and the Protection Of Children From Sexual Exploitation (Bill C-2).

FOURTH ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH CACP AND CPPA DIRECTORS

On March 5, 2005 the CAPB Board was pleased to participate in the fourth annual joint meeting with the Boards of Directors for the Canadian Professional Police Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

The day consisted of three separate panels, with each Association selecting one topic they wished to discuss:

- CACP - Advancing an Integrated Framework for Policing
- CPPA - Contract Policing - Transfer Protocol
- CAPB - Best Practices in Police Governance.

NEXT STEPS

CAPB staff will continue to monitor the legislation discussed with the Government officials and will take every opportunity to present members' views to Federal Committees reviewing the legislation. We will also continue to meet with our police partners in pursuit of an Integrated Framework for Policing, and to liaise with PSEPC officials through the Police Association Advisory Committee on a regular basis. The CAPB will keep its members informed of any new developments.

CAPB members will have an opportunity to discuss these issues with PSEPC officials this summer at the CAPB's 16th Annual Meeting and Conference in Ottawa, Ontario from August 18-20, 2005. An invitation has also been extended to the Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada to address delegates at this year's conference.

Members of the CAPB will have already received Bulletin 85 which provides a detailed summary of the topics discussed. If you do not have a copy, check out the CAPB's web site for the information.

What's Inside...

- We need your input...
- Call for Resolutions
- Call for Nominations
- National News
- Provincial News
- Upcoming Events

CAPB Annual Conference – August 18-20, 2005

Your Input is Sought on Topics for Small, Medium & Large Break-Out Groups at the CAPB Annual Conference – August 18-20, 2005, in Ottawa

Your Board will have recently received a survey that is due no later than June 1, 2005 seeking input on topics for the small, medium and large break-out sessions. These sessions are a standard feature at CAPB annual conferences and are intended to provide police board members from similar-sized police services across the country with an opportunity to discuss common problems and share information that might assist one another. They have in the past been an excellent way for delegates to learn from each other and establish contacts, and are among the most popular sessions at the conference. To ensure these sessions are as useful as possible for our members, we are seeking your input on what topics you would like to discuss in this year's break-out groups.

Please complete this survey (either individually or as a board) and return it **by June 1, 2005** to Wendy Fedec at the CAPB.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS for the 16th Annual CAPB Conference and Annual Meeting

An important part of each Annual Meeting of the CAPB is the consideration of Resolutions forwarded by member boards. To ensure adequate time for review, the CAPB Board of Directors has set a **deadline of June 10th** for all Resolutions to be forwarded to the CAPB office.

Following review by the Board, resolutions will be distributed to members in advance of the General Meeting. Voting on the Resolutions will take place in Ottawa on Friday, August 19, 2005 as part of the CAPB's Sixteenth Annual General Meeting. ***This is your chance to ensure your voice is heard!***

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the CAPB's 16TH CAPB Conference and Annual Meeting

An important part of each Annual Meeting of the CAPB is the election of the Board of Directors for the upcoming term. For the 2005/2006 term, there will be vacancies on the Board for one representative from each of the following provinces: **New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan.**

Members who: have the time and commitment to participate fully in 2 face-to-face meetings a year (one in Ottawa and one at the conference) and 2 to 4 conference calls; and have the support of their own board to finance their attendance at two meetings a year; and can commit to serve on the CAPB Board for the next 3 years, subject to annual election are invited to submit an expression of interest and resumé by **June 10th** to the CAPB Executive Director.

All submissions will be reviewed by a Nominating Committee comprised of three members in good standing of the CAPB, chaired by outgoing President, Don Robinson. Elections for the Board of Directors will take place in Ottawa on Friday, August 19, 2005 as part of the CAPB's Sixteenth Annual General Meeting.

**In the News...****National News****Federal Budget Highlights**

The federal government's February budget set out plans to spend another \$1 billion to help secure Canada's international borders against terrorist threats, over five years.

With these additional funds Canada has earmarked more than \$9.3 billion toward anti-terrorism measures. The money allotted in the federal budget included \$179 million for the next fiscal year and just over \$200 million in each of the four following years. It is directed at air and marine security, border protection, policing, and emergency readiness and response.

The budget puts \$433 million toward improving border checkpoints, including new staff at key land crossings. The government hopes this measure will improve security and reduce traffic bottlenecks. The money will also support training of border personnel and the purchase of equipment, such as radio communication systems.

A total of \$222 million is earmarked for marine transportation security projects: new patrol vessels and emergency response teams for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway, additional regulatory inspections and more police to monitor ports.

In an effort to identify high-risk cargo bound for North America, the government plans to spend \$88 million to team up with the United States on the Container Security Initiative. The American initiative allows U.S. customs officers to work with counterparts in other countries to gather intelligence, share information and verify inspections on containers.

Canada intends to send officers to overseas portal as part of the program. The budget allocates \$16 million for air security initiatives, namely creation of a no-fly roster – to be known as the “specified persons list” - that flags people barred from boarding commercial aircraft in Canada for security reasons.

A portion of the funding will be used to develop systems of electronically matching air passenger information against security watch lists.

Other planned expenditures over five years:

- \$56 million to bolster security at Canada's foreign embassies and consulates;
- \$117 million to renew the Integrated Proceeds of Crime initiative, which brings together police, lawyers and other players to seize profits and assets from criminal organizations; and
- \$3 million for Canada's participation in international bodies involved in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

The budget also sets aside \$193 million over five years for renewal of justice-related initiatives aimed at crime prevention, assisting victims and taking action against war criminals.

National News...continued

Increased Seizures of Canadian Grown Marijuana

Authorities say seizures of Canadian-grown marijuana by U.S. authorities have increased 259 percent since 2001 but even with that increase, that only constitutes two percent of all pot seizures at U.S. borders. The report by American and Canadian officials released in January says the vast majority of marijuana seized at U.S. borders comes from Mexico. Canada accounts for only two percent of pot seized, but it's still the second-largest supplier, followed by Colombia and Jamaica.

The report says the increase is partly the result of more effective policing, tighter border controls and better co-operation between the two countries. The RCMP estimate annual Canadian pot production at between 960 and 24-hundred tonnes, most of it in British Columbia.

New Wiretapping Rules with Stiff Penalties?

A recent article in the Toronto Star has reported that Ottawa is considering new wiretapping rules that carry stiff penalties for officers and directors of telecommunications service providers if their companies don't comply including fines as high as \$500,000, or up to five years in prison. The article indicates that Ottawa is arguing that new wiretapping, or "lawful access" rules are needed to keep pace with technological advances, such as Internet-based phone services and that Canada needs to move forward with international cyber-crime initiatives.

Violators could also be hit with a court order to shut down certain operations. The proposal includes a requirement that service providers be able to intercept all types of communications in real time and be able to conduct simultaneous interceptions of one or more customers.

Anti-Theft Immobilizing Systems by 2007

All new cars in Canada will have to be equipped with anti-theft immobilizing systems starting in 2007, the federal government announced in March. Immobilization systems help stop theft by preventing a vehicle from starting without the proper key. The new rule applies to new cars, vans, SUVs and light trucks produced after Sept. 1, 2007.

The government says about 80 percent of new vehicles on the road in Canada are already equipped with immobilization devices and that has reduced thefts. Theft of vehicles by young offenders in particular is a serious problem that often leads to injuries and fatalities.

A study in 2002 by the National Committee to Reduce Auto Theft showed that between 1999 and 2001, the theft of vehicles by young offenders led to an average of 27 fatalities and 117 injuries each year. According to Statistics Canada, the rate of motor vehicle theft has more than doubled in the past 20 years. In 2003, more than 170,000 vehicles were stolen.

We Want Your Input!

If your Board has something it would like featured in the newsletter, please send it to us either by email to wendy.fedec@ottawa.ca or by snail mail. We can only share information that we are aware of, so please, send in your latest policies, innovations and challenges.

We would also appreciate any feedback you have on the newsletter. Does it meet your Board's needs? How can we improve to serve you better?

Provincial News

B.C. Government to Add Officers to Target Major Crime

In January the British Columbia government announced that it will spend an additional \$122 million in policing, corrections and the courts over the next three years. As part of that announcement the Premier said his government will add 215 new police officers to the RCMP across the province in 2005 to target serious and major crime.

Of the 215 new officers eighty-nine will fight serious and major crime; 80 will be assigned to rural communities for general policing; 32 will work in First Nations communities; and 14 will target cyber-crime.

Of the \$122 million the government has said it will spend over the next three years, \$35 million will be spent in 2005-06, with \$30 million earmarked for police and corrections, and \$5 million going to the courts. The government says another \$42 million will be spent in 2006-07 and \$45 million in 2007-08.

NAOMI Project Begins in Vancouver

In early February a program that hands out free heroin began recruiting addicts in Vancouver. Under a clinical trial, approved by Health Canada, 158 Vancouver addicts will be given prescriptions for free, pharmaceutical grade heroin for 12-15 months. Officials are hoping that, freed from their daily pursuit of money to buy their next fix, users will find time to make positive changes in their lives.

A second site is being readied for the North American Opiate Medication Initiative in Montreal, expected to open in April, and the project will begin in Toronto shortly after that. Police are on board with the project, hoping it will bring a drop in petty crime which is rampant in Vancouver. The rate of car break-ins is among the highest in North America. Similar programs in Switzerland were able to show a drop in theft. They were quickly developed into pilot and then permanent programs.

The NAOMI project has scientific approval - and \$6.4 million - from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, a government agency, and the support of the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto and the University of Montreal. Very little heroin will be at the Vancouver site, and stringent security measures will be taken. Part of the project is to attract users to a clinical setting where they can get other help to kick their habits and stabilize their lives.

New Drug Court Pilot

A pilot project that has created a separate drug court was launched in Edmonton in March. Officials hope this effort will lead to more treatment for offenders and less crime in the community. The project diverts addicts from the normal court process, which may have resulted in a jail term but no treatment for their dependence on substances such as cocaine or methamphetamines. It will work with non-violent offenders, often prostitutes or small-time dealers, whose crimes were motivated by their drug addictions.

The Court has been three years in development by a steering committee of legal professionals, including social workers, lawyers and judges. The drug court is modeled on similar courts created in Toronto in 1998 and Vancouver in 2001. The federal Department of Justice, as part of its Canada Drug Strategy, has set \$8.8 million aside to fund four new drug courts across Canada over a four-year period. Edmonton is competing with Calgary, Winnipeg, Regina and three Ontario jurisdictions for funding. The federal government is expected to make a decision on which jurisdictions will get the new drug treatment court by the end of March.

In the first three years of the Toronto program, 85 percent of graduates did not re-offend. The annual cost of Toronto's program is about \$8,000 per offender. It costs taxpayers about \$50,000 yearly to keep a non-violent drug offender in jail. To be eligible, offenders must plead guilty and show they are committed to treatment. They must check in regularly with the court during the process of rehabilitation, which may take up to a year. If offenders are successful in controlling their addictions and adhering to conditions imposed by the judge, they will not have to spend time in jail, but will still have criminal records. If unsuccessful, the offenders will be sentenced as part of the regular court process.

Provincial News ...continued**Civil Courts On-line**

British Columbia's civil courts are now on-line which means British Columbians can search court documents all over the province for a six-dollar transaction fee, which is expected to pay for the cost of the service.

Called Court Services Online, it is considered the first step towards the electronic courts of the future. Technology is helping to streamline the provincial justice system, making it more accessible and more efficient. Court of Appeal documents will be available later this year, and by next year residents will be able to file their own lawsuits over the Internet.

New Civil Forfeiture Act Introduced

In March the B.C. government has introduced legislation that would allow the province to seize the assets of criminals. The Civil Forfeiture Act will put the onus on people to prove their house, car or other property was bought with untainted money. Under the bill, the government could apply to the court to seize assets gained through crime. The assets could then be sold to fund crime prevention programs, law enforcement initiatives or to compensate victims.

New Civil Oversight Legislation

Early in February Alberta Solicitor General Harvey Cenaiko advised that he will introduce new legislation this spring that will greatly increase civilian oversight of police. The new legislation will provide the public with an opportunity to actually review or monitor serious investigations. It will also give police commissions and the Solicitor General more power over police services. The new rules are expected to be implemented by the end of the year or early in 2006.

New Civil Forfeiture Act Introduced

In January, Alberta's Solicitor General announced his department will review the role of special constables in the province and examine whether their duties can be expanded beyond functions such as enforcing bylaws and traffic regulations. The RCMP are responsible for policing rural areas under a cost-sharing deal with Ottawa that expires in 2012. Alberta will pay the federal government \$113 million this year, which represents 70 percent of the cost of maintaining the RCMP's 1,128-member provincial contingent.

In order to meet the demands in rural Alberta the RCMP wants a \$5 million to \$6 million budget boost, which would increase the provincial complement by 50 officers. Law enforcement agencies throughout Alberta are noticing organized crime groups migrating to rural areas to escape scrutiny by better-equipped city police forces.

Alberta municipalities believe the province is not paying a large enough share of the cost of policing. According to an Alberta Urban Municipalities Association report, Alberta pays \$32.10 per person for policing, the lowest in Canada, while Newfoundland, the highest, pays \$127.60 per capita. Most provinces pay at least \$60 per person.

New Domestic Violence Trial Court

Alberta's new domestic violence trial court is expected to fast track hundreds of cases when it begins operating in March. The specialized facility in Calgary is the result of a \$1.3 million-dollar cash injection from the province for the construction of two portable courtrooms. An independent study of the domestic violence docket court showed most offenders had to wait an average of eight months for the start of their trials in Calgary. More than 35 percent of cases between May 2000 and January 2004 were eventually dismissed by a judge.

More Training for Municipal Police Commissions

In February Alberta's Solicitor General indicated that he believed municipal police commissions need more training to understand their duties overseeing police. Harvey Cenaiko, says his department will team up with Athabasca University this spring to provide more training to police commissions. It is hoped that this effort will help commissions better understand their powers, the police act, regulations and collective agreements.

Provincial News ...continued

**Alberta's Solicitor General
Contemplates Policing
Changes**

In early February, Alberta's Solicitor General indicated that he is contemplating changes to how the RCMP operates in the province. He will review options to alternatives to the Mounties by the end of 2007.

The future looking options paper will consider new ideas regarding policing, whether that's regional policing, adding to municipal models or adding additional resources to the existing police models in Alberta. The Solicitor General is quick to point out that the RCMP provides excellent service to Albertans but provincial officials believe the structure and administration of the force limits its effectiveness. Alberta's provincial contract with the RCMP expires in 2012, but is to be reviewed in 2007.

**New System for Investigating
Police Complaints**

Saskatchewan is looking at changing the way complaints about municipal police officers are investigated in the province. According to the architect of the new approach, Bob Mitchell, a former provincial justice minister, the proposed model is approachable and credible for the aboriginal community and the Saskatchewan public at large. The new system will see the decision to investigate a complaint made by a commission of five people drawn from the aboriginal community and the population at large, rather than by the judgment of a single investigator.

Commission investigators and outside police services will handle the complaints, while the police department will only investigate routine matters with little controversy.

**Nova Scotia Gets Support for
Stiffer Penalties for Car Thieves
and Joy Riders**

Nova Scotia's justice minister has convinced his provincial and territorial counterparts to explore stiffer penalties for car thieves and joyriders. The punishment could include jail time for young offenders. At a recent meeting of justice ministers, the ministers directed a committee of senior justice officials to examine the proposed changes in more detail and report back in June.

Nova Scotia Justice Minister Michael Baker says there was recognition of the problem and an understanding it's a national problem.



A Reminder!

In March, members of the CAPB were sent a copy of the 2005 to 2010 CAPB Draft Strategic Plan. Please take some time to review the draft plan and submit your comments as soon as possible to the CAPB. Your comments will be considered at the June meeting of the CAPB Board and the final plan will be presented at the CAPB's annual conference.



In Memoriam

The Board and members of the CAPB extend our sincere sympathies to the families and colleagues of Constable Peter C. Schiemann, Constable Brock W. Myrol, Constable Lionide N. Johnston and Constable Anthony F. O. Gordon who lost their lives early in March.

The fatal shooting of these four RCMP Officers in Mayerthorpe, Alberta was a very sad reminder of the sacrifice and bravery of the men and women who serve in Canada's national police force and in all other police forces across the nation.



Upcoming Events

OAPSB 2005 Conference

“Policing the New Frontiers”

May 5, 6, 7, 2005
Valhalla Inn
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Visit the OAPSB’s web site at www.oapsb.ca for further details and program highlights.

International Conference of Police & Peace Officer Leaders and Executives

“Leading in Times of Crisis”

May 25 – 27, 2005
Calgary, Alberta

Organized by the CACP, AACP, the Delta Police Department and Canadian Professional Management Services. This conference is a great opportunity for police board members to gain valuable insight and knowledge about the issues impacting the careers of police leaders and help them with their governance and accountability responsibilities. CAPB members will receive a 10% discount off the registration fee in recognition of the important role they play in times of crisis. Please quote 2527PB on your registration form.

Additional information about the conference is available at www.internationalpoliceconference.com.

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

Emerging Issues – Making Sense of Policing Tomorrow

June 19 - 22, 2005
Toronto Harbour Castle Westin Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

The Toronto Police Service will host the OACP’s 54th Annual Conference. Visit the web site at www.oacp2005.ca to register and to obtain additional conference information.

CAPB 2005 Conference

August 18 - 20, 2005
Westin Ottawa Hotel,
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario

The theme will be about issues of governance and accountability.

A golf tournament will be held prior to the conference on August 17. Rooms can be booked at the Westin by calling 800-937-8461 or 613-560-7000. The CAPB conference rate is \$155/night plus taxes. Further details will be available in April/May on the CAPB web site at www.capb.ca.

100th CACP 2005 Conference “Building on Traditions”

August 21 - 24, 2005
Westin Ottawa Hotel,
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario
and Fairmont Chateau Laurier
1 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario

The Ottawa Police are proud to host this memorable event in continuing to lead progressive change in policing and also to explore some of the rich history of the Association. Further details are available on the CACP web site at www.cacp.ca.

Board Governance Training that is Effective, Affordable and So Convenient!

In May and June, the OAPSB will be offering its successful teleclass board governance training program with 5 classes. The topics include:

- Class 1 - Introduction to the Governance Responsibilities of PSB Members;
- Class 2 - The 3 Functions of Governance;
- Class 3 - Representation and Leadership Functions;
- Class 4 - Leadership and Evaluation Functions;
- Class 5 - Effective Boards.

Completion of all 5 classes will lead to a Certificate from the OAPSB acknowledging completion of Module Two – Policy and Governance Responsibilities of the Board. Each teleclass will be one hour and the classes will begin May 19, and continue on each of the next 4 consecutive Thursdays with the last class taking place on June 16. Interested registrants should call (1-800-831-7727) or email Gayle Rundle at the OAPSB at www.oapsb.ca.