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CAPB News



It gives me great pleasure to write you at this festive time of year. I know you put a lot of personal time into your commitment to policing so I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your efforts. Your efforts are being recognized as we certainly live in one of the safest countries in the world. I hope that you will make the time over this busy holiday season to enjoy family and friends.

We have had an exciting first few months since our new board was announced. Our bylaw changes were accepted by Industry Canada in October and we were therefore able to grow our Board to 13. It gives me great pleasure to announce the following new members. Wellington Staats from the Six Nations Police Commission, Jim MacLeod, from the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Board of Directors, and Terry La Liberte, from the Vancouver Police Board. Welcome to our new board members. They all bring great skills that will only make us a much stronger organization.

As to your Board, we have been very active in pursuing the Federal Governments pledge of 2500 officers and increased funding for Police. Emil Kolb from Peel has been leading the charge on this initiative in conjunction with the Police Associations and Chiefs of Police.

We have made numerous presentations and letters to the Ministers of Industry, Public Safety, and Justice, with regards to the dramatic increase in Computer crime and received full endorsement from the Chiefs of Police that our approach is the right one and that we need to continue our leadership role on this issue.

We are continuing to highlight the need for more governance of the RCMP at both the contracting police level and with regards to Federal policing. The dramatic findings published in Justice O'Connors report, specifically his recommendation for increased civilian oversight of the RCMP coupled with the resignation of the Commissioner offer a unique opportunity to work with the government to build a better model of policing in this country. We are in discussions now with the RCMP and the Government and I will keep everyone informed as to our progress. As you can imagine it is an extremely complex issue but one that is very near and dear to our hearts.

We are working on improvements to our website to showcase our best practices and ensure that all the good work that has been done to date by Boards across this country can be captured in a one stop, learning portal for all board members, past, present, and future to learn from.

Our 2007 CAPB Conference in Calgary next August will be focused on Risk management. Planning is well underway and we are delighted to confirm Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada as a keynote speaker.

Join us for a great entertainment lineup that can only be described as wild and western. I hope to see you all there and make sure you spread the word, as it will be a great conference.

Once again, I wish you and your families all the best in this holiday season and I look forward to speaking with you all in the New Year.

Ian Wilms
President CAPB

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In the News...

National News

Security Stakeholder Roadmap Studied

In November the CATAAlliance and the Canadian Police Research Centre (CPRC), as part of their ongoing research partnership, launched a national study to gain greater insight into First Responder's technology, product and research challenges and needs. They are partnering in this study to develop and foster a solid understanding of the challenges facing Canada's First Responders - the Nation's Police, Fire, Paramedic and Emergency Aid Organizations as they are called upon to deliver emergency response and emergency preparedness solutions.

This country-wide initiative will involve the launch of a comprehensive online survey and will include detailed one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders in the First Responder community. The initiative is set to launch early next week and the report on results is planned for January 2007. The study will seek First Responders' input into a number of critical areas, including: current spending allocations for technology products/services; technology and resource challenges they face in the delivery of emergency management services; trends of reliability in the performance of the technology and products in their application; and attitudes and perceptions around the formation of a centralized, national research centre for all First Responder groups.

The current study has been developed in partnership with and endorsed by many of the major First Responder Associations, including the **Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police**, the **Canadian Police Association**, the **Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs**, the **St. John Ambulance Association** and the **Canadian Red Cross**, among many others. The study has also received financial support from **Telus** as well as critical awareness raising support from media sponsor **Frontline Magazine**.

About the Canadian Police Research Centre

The Canadian Police Research Centre (CPRC) is a partnership among the National Research Council Canada, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and is governed by an independent advisory board made up of representatives from the police community, the private sector and other first responders from across Canada.

About CATAResearch

CATAResearch's mission is to provide the CATAAlliance members and stakeholders original, timely and unique information that helps them to make more informed, fact-based decisions in order to optimize and grow their businesses. CATAResearch seeks to facilitate research by providing opportunities for collaboration, supporting individual or syndicated research projects, and assisting with the sponsorship and staging of research forums of various types.

Federal Government's Plans to Arm Border Guards

It is projected to cost about \$1 billion over the next decade to arm guards at Canada's land border points, train them in how to use their weapons, and hire hundreds of new officers to increase the current contingent, according to Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day.

Last spring's budget set aside \$101 million over two years to start arming and training the border guards. The first two years of spending includes \$58 million in training and support costs, and \$43 million in related "infrastructure and equipment."

The greatest expense over the next decade will be to hire 400 new guards to augment the 4,800 already on duty at land border points.

Federal Government Targets Illegal Financing and Money Laundering

The federal government is targeting funds to battle terrorist financing and money laundering. Toronto will house the headquarters of the Egmont Group - an international organization which represents more than 100 financial investigation units. The government will contribute \$5 million over the next five years to help establish the group, which will analyze, investigate and prosecute terrorist financing.

According to the Federal government Canada is taking an "international leadership role" to combat terrorist financing.

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RCMP Training Academy to be Upgraded with Major Investment in RCMP Training and Recruitment

Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently announced that the Government of Canada will upgrade the RCMP Training Academy (Depot Division) in Regina and hire 1,000 new RCMP personnel, an investment of nearly \$200 million over the next two years.

The investment includes \$37 million to expand and refurbish the Training Academy so it can accommodate the new recruits. A further \$161 million will allow the RCMP to expand its total strength by more than 600 full-time officers and nearly 400 civilian support staff.

Every RCMP officer receives cadet training at Depot. Built in 1882, it was originally designed to train 600 cadets annually. Many of the existing buildings are now more than 50 years old.

The Prime Minister's announcement will also help the RCMP meet their long-term target of graduating 1,500 new officers each year from Depot. However, to meet the government's immediate demand for new officers, some of the funds will be used to develop temporary facilities that will enable the RCMP to train approximately 1,300 cadets this year, 1,800 next year and 1,700 in 2008-2009.

Every year, some 8,500 Canadians apply to become RCMP officers, but only a fraction of the applicants meet the high entry standards.

Over the next two years, the funds will be used to construct new facilities including a new indoor firing range, classrooms, a dining hall and dormitories. Some money will also go toward an aggressive recruiting campaign and an enhanced field coaching program to ensure that all Depot graduates are paired with experienced officers during their first posting.

Minister Toews Announces Changes to Judicial Advisory Committees

In November the Honourable Vic Toews, Q.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, announced that the government is moving forward with changes to the composition and operation of Judicial Advisory Committees (JACs), which are responsible for assessing the qualifications of the lawyers who apply for federal judicial appointments and making recommendations to the Minister.

Specifically, the Minister is implementing a change by which a representative of the law enforcement community will sit on each JAC. Previously, JACs consisted of representatives of the general public; the judiciary; the Canadian Bar Association; the Law Society in each province or territory; and the provincial or territorial Minister of Justice. These groups will remain represented in the JACs, bringing the total membership of each to eight members.

In addition, the Minister is instituting a pilot project by which a new, five-member JAC will specifically assess candidates wishing to become judges of the Tax Court of Canada. Other changes to the JACs include:

- Moving to a clearer system by which JACs either recommend or do not recommend candidates. Previously, candidates could be "recommended", "highly recommended", or "not recommended". This led to wide inconsistencies between the various JACs in the types of recommendations coming forward; and
- Staggering the terms of JACs, rather than having them all expire and be reconstituted at the same time Canada-wide.

Pilot Project to Reduce Identity and Mail Theft

In the summer two RCMP detachments and Canada Post formed a task force in an effort to reduce identity and mail theft in parts of Greater Vancouver. The Surrey Identity Theft Unit was a pilot project that ran to October 31.

Canada Post has also committed to making the mail system more secure. The Crown Corporation is spending \$29 million to upgrade all its mailbox locks.

National News ...continued**Information Sharing to Increase**

In November, Canada and the United States signed an agreement to share more information on guns, bullets and cartridges in order to help connect crime scenes across both nations.

The agreement will enable RCMP and officials at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to instantly compare evidence electronically.

It is hoped police will be able to solve more crimes by comparing images and ballistics information from weapons seized at crimes scenes.

Anti-Terrorism Act Court Decision

An Ontario Superior Court Judge recently struck down one part of Canada's legal definition of terrorism, on the grounds that it infringes on freedom of religion, thought and association guaranteed in the Charter of Rights. The Justice removed a clause from rest of the Anti-Terrorism Act, which remains in force. A week before a different judge found the secrecy provisions in the Anti-Terrorism Act unconstitutional.

The Justice's written decision, focused on the provision that makes proof of terrorism dependent on showing a religious, political or ideological motive for the criminal activity, noting that the definition is "an essential element that is not only novel in Canadian law, but the impact of which constitutes an infringement of certain fundamental freedoms...including those of religion, thought, belief, opinion, expression and association." He went on to note that this type of infringement cannot be justified in a free and democratic society.

The Federal Government indicated it will study the ruling that changes the definition of terrorism under the Criminal Code to determine if an appeal is necessary.

Child Pornography Sites Blocked

Canada's largest Internet service providers and a national child exploitation tip line are joining forces to block access to hundreds of child pornography websites.

Cybertip.ca has launched Project Cleanfeed Canada, which stops Internet users from unintentionally or intentionally viewing child pornography online. Bell, Rogers, Shaw, SaskTel, Telus, Videotron and MTS Allstream are among the ISPs that will clock access to a list of 500 to 800 websites.

As Cybertip.ca and authorities become aware of more sites, they will be added to the list and automatically blocked by ISPs.

Reverse Onus Introduced

In November Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that the government will be considering amendments to the Criminal Code to provide a "reverse onus" in bail hearings for offenses involving firearms.

The reforms, introduced by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, will require those accused of serious crimes involving firearms to provide sufficient justification to be granted bail while awaiting trial. Currently, it is up to Crown prosecutors to prove that the accused should not be granted bail, either because they represent a threat to society, they may flee to avoid prosecution or to maintain the public's confidence in the administration of justice.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Toronto Mayor David Miller both attended the announcement.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the support he has received from them and many other municipal and provincial politicians from across the country for bail reform and other anti-crime bills introduced by his government since it assumed office.

Provincial News

New Technology Fights Crime

British Columbia is testing a new crime fighting technology that will target car thieves and prohibited drivers as part of a pilot project. The new technology is a camera and computer database system that reads a licence plate and compares it against data in a computer located in a police car.

Early results in the pilot found that in one hour a police car captured images of 600 plates and found about one hit for every 60 plates. Of those hits nine percent were associated with a stolen vehicle, seven percent to a prohibited driver, 25 percent to an unlicensed or uninsured vehicle and 59 percent to an unlicensed driver. Four of the pilot project units have been deployed throughout the Vancouver area.

More Sheriffs Hired to Patrol Highways

Alberta has hired 21 sheriffs to help patrol Alberta's deadliest highways, including Highway 63 to Fort McMurray and Highway 21 east of Sherwood Park. The sheriffs will focus on ticketing drivers for a variety of traffic infractions, including speeding and reckless driving. Another 21 will begin working in the fall.

About \$4.6 million was set aside in this year's provincial budget for the 42 positions. Eight sheriffs have been patrolling highways 63 and 21 for the last six months as part of a pilot project. The project was reportedly well-received by RCMP, who were freed up to do other work.

About 350 sheriffs, formerly known as provincial protection officers, provide security in the courts and at the legislature, and escort provincial prisoners. All sheriffs carry side arms, pepper spray and batons.

Province to Set Up Anti-Corruption Team

Alberta will set up an anti-corruption team that would investigate criminal allegations against police officers. The team will include officers hired from police forces in Edmonton and Calgary, as well as the RCMP, integrated into one unit.

The program would be provincially funded and would have offices in Edmonton and Calgary. The program is similar to a civilian complaints group in Ontario which has former police officers investigate alleged cases of police misconduct. A similar unit also exists in the United Kingdom.

Calgary Police Recruiting in Britain

Calgary police are trying to recruit police officers from Britain. A recruitment team was in London this fall, and then went on to Scotland. The city hopes to hire nearly 200 new constables by the end of 2007.

In an effort to recruit for eight, 24-rookie police classes over the next year-and-a-half, a Canada-wide billboard campaign has also started.

Central Recruiting Office Being Considered

Alberta is looking at centralizing recruiting, making the hiring of police officers a provincial responsibility. The solicitor general is looking at the possibility of one agency to recruit police officers.

This concept was raised with the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police in July. At the time it was noted that the Minister's plan to open a central police training school is on hold and that should a central recruiting office be implemented it would likely be funded by its members, and not the province.

Provincial News...continued

Strategy to Address Gangs in Saskatoon

Plans were unveiled in July for a multimillion-dollar strategy to address gangs in Saskatoon.

Federal, provincial, municipal and aboriginal officials said the new strategy includes four new RCMP officers, four new city police officers, a Crown prosecutor dedicated to gang investigations and expanded wiretap surveillance. As well, current gang members will be encouraged to break from of their life of crime.

The strategy also calls for a public awareness campaign about gang activity and what draws young people into it. The strategy may become a model for the rest of Canada.

The province is committing ongoing annual funding of \$2 million. In addition, the federal government will contribute \$400,000 over the next three years. It is estimated that there are 46 organized crime groups currently operating in Saskatchewan.

High Risk Offenders Identified

Saskatchewan residents can find out if a high risk offender is in their neighbourhood. The province has launched a website giving people access to information about high risk offenders.

The site compiles public notifications issued by police agencies across Saskatchewan. It includes names, photos and background information on people who authorities consider to be a high risk to re-offend.

Members of the public are given steps to ensure their safety – but are also warned against any form of vigilantism.

Organized Crime Task Force

In November the Manitoba government announced that it is increasing the budget of the province's organized crime task force to \$800,000 in 2007 compared to the \$400,000 investment this year. The increased investment will help to keep up with gangs that have become more sophisticated, strategic, and technologically savvy in the last decade with the funds to be spent on operational costs, such as more complex undercover investigations.

The government also plans to introduce legislation to strengthen a provincial witness protection program that has been in place since 2002.

Fighting Sexual Exploitation

Saskatchewan has a suite of new initiatives that will cost about \$1 million annually aimed at fighting child sexual exploitation. The funds are being provided to hire five new police officers to fight sexual exploitation of children. Saskatoon and Regina police services will get funding for two new officers each and Prince Albert Police Service will receive funding to hire one new officer.

The province is also planning a poster and media campaign aimed at educating the public about the problem of child exploitation. Creating a team of two Crown prosecutors and an RCMP investigator, to make better use the national system, which identifies possible dangerous offenders, is also in the works as part of this initiative.

Rewarding Good Drivers

The RCMP rewarded good drivers in Manitoba with a coffee and doughnut in an effort to curb bad driving habits this summer. Officers set up a check stop to see if drivers were wearing seat-belts, if their paperwork was up to date and if their vehicle was in good working order.

About 60 coupons redeemable for a coffee and doughnut at one of Winnipeg's 22 Salisbury House restaurants were distributed.

Provincial News...continued

Segways in Pilot Project

Ontario Transportation Minister Donna Cansfield announced late in October that a five-year pilot project will be launched to allow people in London, Ontario with disabilities to use the two-wheeled electric scooter-like devices - known as Segways - on roads and sidewalks.

The test will also include Canada Post letter carriers and the Windsor Police Service. London amended its municipal bylaws to permit the use of a Segway on the city's streets and sidewalks.

P.E.I. Cabinet to Appoint Police Commissioners to Investigate Public Complaints

The Prince Edward Island government is setting up an independent body to hear public complaints about the Island's municipal police forces.

Attorney General Mildred Dover tabled a bill that would make a variety of minor changes to the operations of police services on the Island.

But the bill contains one major change for the law-enforcement sector. It gives Cabinet the ability to appoint a police commissioner who would have the power to hear and investigate complaints of police misconduct.

The commissioner would oversee the police forces of Charlottetown, Summerside, Borden-Carleton and Kensington, but would not apply to RCMP officers who are governed by the federal Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

The proposed system will replace the current model that sees members of the public take complaints to the chief of their local police force. The role of the police commissioner would be more open and arm's length than the in-house investigation procedure.

New Emergency Care Program for Victims of Sexual Assault

The Nova Scotia government recently announced that it is creating an emergency care program for victims of sexual assault.

The province will invest \$110,000 in 14 specially trained registered nurses who will provide immediate, on-call emergency care at three sites in Antigonish and Richmond counties. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program will allow a nurse to stay with the victim in the critical hours following an assault.

Nurses will also be able to conduct a forensic examination and freeze evidence for up to six months, giving the assault victim time to make decisions about reporting to police.

**People****New Police Chief for Saskatoon**

Saskatoon's Board of Police Commissioners announced in July that **Clive Weighill** assumed his new duties as Chief of Police on September 1, 2006.

He has been Deputy Chief with the Regina Police Service for the past nine years and has a total of 31 years of experience in law enforcement. The native of Saskatchewan, who was chosen from a field of 20 candidates, said he is excited about a new career in Saskatoon. He said maintaining good relations with the city's First Nations community will be an important part of his job.

**Appointment
Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench**

Prime Minister Steven Harper recently announced the appointment of **Justice John Kelbuc** of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench as that province's new Chief Justice replacing Edward Bayda.



Upcoming Events


18th ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE
CALGARY
 AUGUST 18-20, 2007

'RISK MANAGEMENT'

The Canadian Association of Police Boards invites you to the 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference at the Hyatt Regency in **CALGARY, ALBERTA**, from August 18 – 20, 2007. A golf tournament will take place on Friday, August 17 at the Douglasdale Golf Club with a barbeque dinner to follow. The Conference theme is 'Risk Management'. Keynote speaker Gordon Graham, who has received international acclaim as an expert on Organizational and Operational Risk Management, will illustrate that things that go wrong are predictable and predictable is preventable. This theme will carry through with speakers, panels and workshops focusing on elements of risk for police commissions and boards in legal affairs, recruitment and retention, communication, health risks, use of force, and much more. Calgary offers a wealth of cultural, historic and interesting sites to see. The CAPB companions program will include a trip to the world class Calgary Zoo, Glenbow Museum and Calgary Olympic Park.

Check the CAPB website www.capb.ca in coming months for updates to the program.

Rooms can be booked at the Hyatt Regency Calgary at a cost of \$179/night plus applicable taxes. Please be sure to identify yourself as a CAPB delegate in order to get the special room rate.

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On behalf of the Canadian Association of Police Boards, I invite you to join us in Calgary in 2007. Our goal is to send you back to your Police Board or Commission armed with fresh, dynamic information and tools to manage risk in your organization. We hope you will experience Calgary and its uncommon energy and unique combination of adventure, spirit and western hospitality that makes it such a great destination to visit.

I hope to see you in Calgary in 2007!

Ian Wilms, President

OAPSB 45th ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

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Hosted by the
**Owen Sound
 Police Services
 Board**

May 3 – 5, 2007

**Bayshore
 Community Centre,
 Owen Sound,
 Ontario**

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Registrations should be submitted to the OAPSB by April 6, 2007.

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