

**RESOLUTION 2014-01**  
**Submitted by CAPG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MANDATORY DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

WHEREAS police officers are frequently the front-line responders in situations involving persons experiencing mental health crisis.

WHEREAS several of these situations in different parts of the country have involved weapons and ended tragically with the death of such persons at the hands of the police due to concerns about public or personal safety.

WHEREAS the goal of police response to persons experiencing mental health crisis should be to save lives to the maximum extent possible and use of de-escalation techniques by first responders is widely considered to be a key requirement for achieving this goal.

AND WHEREAS there is currently no obligation or common practice in place for police agencies to train front-line police officers in the use of de-escalation techniques, or on police governance boards to ensure that proper de-escalation training is in place.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) urge the federal and provincial governments of Canada

- to take immediate action to ensure common standards across the country related to the use of de-escalation techniques in police response to persons experiencing mental health crisis,
- to require that all Canadian police agencies provide mandatory de-escalation training to their members,
- to ensure that police agencies place maximum emphasis on effective verbal de-escalation techniques in all aspects of police training and
- to develop a common practice OF REPORTING TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLICE AGENCY use-of-force incidents resulting in bodily harm to persons experiencing mental health crisis.

**RESOLUTION 2014-02**  
**Submitted by DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Medical Marihuana Licensing – Police Consultation and Notification

WHEREAS the federal Government introduced the *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations* to establish a system whereby individuals would access marihuana for medical purposes from licensed producers; and

WHEREAS the Regulations require a prospective marihuana producer to notify the local police authority of its application to Health Canada to produce marihuana but do not require Health Canada to seek or receive input from local police authorities regarding the viability of the application; and

WHEREAS there is no requirement in the Regulations for Health Canada to advise local police authorities that a license to produce marihuana has been issued for a facility within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the presence of a marihuana production facility in a local community raises community safety concerns and the views of local police should be a factor in considering whether a licence should be granted or extended;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) request that the Minister of Health Canada implement a formal process to consult with local police authorities prior to granting or extending a licence to produce marihuana and to advise police authorities that a licence has been issued in its jurisdiction.

**RESOLUTION 2014-03**  
**Submitted by CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION**

ROADSIDE DRUG SCREENING TOOL

WHEREAS drivers under the influence of drugs pose a danger to themselves and other users of the highway, and

WHEREAS section 253 of the *Criminal Code* makes it an offense to operate a vehicle while impaired by a drug, and

WHEREAS Canada does not currently have a roadside drug screening tool to detect drugs in impaired drivers, although roadside screening tools have been used effectively in other countries, including Australia, and

WHEREAS without a roadside drug screening tool, police officers will have a more difficult time detecting drug impaired driving, and crown prosecutors will have more difficulty time prosecuting drug impaired drivers;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) urge the Government of Canada to improve the safety of Canada's roadways by approving a drug screening tool to enhance investigation and prosecution of drug impaired driving.

**RESOLUTION 2014-04 (EMERGENCY RESOLUTION)  
Submitted by TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

SHARING OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION ON CPIC AND USE MADE  
OF SUCH INFORMATION BY U.S BORDER OFFICIALS

WHEREAS the issue of the inappropriate use of mental health information on CPIC by U.S. border officials has generated considerable public concern; and

WHEREAS the sharing of information regarding legitimate suicide attempts can serve a valid public safety purpose when used appropriately; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the issue to address is not the recording and sharing of such information for legitimate public safety purposes by Canadian police authorities but the possibility of limiting the access to and use of such information by U.S. border officials; and

WHEREAS such advocacy should take place at the national level;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) urge the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to review the issue of the sharing of mental health information placed on the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) by Canadian policing authorities and the use being made of such information by U.S. border officials, to ensure such information is not being used for an improper purpose.