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POLICING WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

2002/2003 Annual Report

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Throughout the year we have remained committed to our first priority of advancing issues relating to Missing Persons on a national level, specifically Aboriginal Missing Persons.

The primary goals of the Policing With Aboriginal Peoples Committee are threefold. We have reviewed police policies on missing persons in order to meet the needs of Aboriginal communities across Canada. We are committed to provide Aboriginal cultural awareness training to Canadian police services to ensure compassionate issues for missing Aboriginal persons are dealt with in a sensitive manner. We will continue to examine the viability of accessing information and storing it in a productive manner on an appropriate database to assist during missing person investigations.

The Committee is pleased to table for CACP members a comprehensive policy and manual for police services with respect to responding to missing persons and their families. In the upcoming year we will continue to focus our efforts on the development and implementation of educational and community-based initiatives critical to the success of our strategic objectives.

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