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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE “POLICING WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE’S COMMITTEE”

~ 2011 – 2012 Annual Report ~

We are pleased to present the 2011/2012 Annual Report of the Policing with Aboriginal Peoples Committee (PWAPC).

From an almost dormant Committee in 2009, our committee has been revitalized and the Committee is now comprised of **22** representatives from all regions of Canada; this includes representation from: Public Safety Canada, Federal, Provincial, Municipal, and First Nation Police Services.

PWAPC members have met with Public Safety Canada’s – Aboriginal Policing Directorate and contributed to the continued development of First Nation Policing Policy, as well as contribute to the formulation of the Comprehensive Review of the First Nations’ Policing Program.

PWAPC members have enhanced awareness in the Police Community of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women by:

- Meeting with the Native Women’s Association of Canada
- Learning about the SisterWatch Program (Vancouver Police Department) and discovering the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, BC
- Meeting with the Aboriginal Front Door Society
- Endorsing CPIC changes to missing persons category
- Meeting with Missing Persons Unidentified Remains (MPUR)
- Meeting with (MMWA) Database Project;

PWAPC members have examined effective strategies for dealing with Aboriginal protest and conflict. Ontario Provincial Police have offered their Operational Policy related to Aboriginal Protest and Conflict. PWAPC is in the process of reviewing and providing input in the development of a model policy for Canadian Police Services to use as a resource.

Over the course of the next year, PWAPC will focus on the following priorities:

- 1. CACP-PWAPC National Conference – April 22 – 24, 2012
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel – Montreal, Quebec**

The current PWAPC members believe that to move ahead there is a need to have a full understanding of the work that the PWAPC has completed since its inception. To accomplish this workshop has been proposed for the spring of 2012.

2. Missing & Murdered Aboriginal Women

Continue to examine, identify gaps and make recommendations to the CACP in response to the Missing and Murdered Women issue:

1. Ongoing review and input to CPIC enhancements (missing persons category)
2. Public Access Website – Analyze & Review to determine recommendation for CACP endorsement
3. Review OPPAL Commission Report (scheduled release June 2012)

3. Aboriginal Protest and Conflict

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4. Prescription Drug Abuse in First Nation Communities

The illegal abuse and use of prescription drugs are plaguing our First Nation communities.

1. Engage key stake holders at the Federal and Provincial levels to develop mitigation strategies to curb the abuse of prescription drugs.
2. Recommend to CACP to endorse mitigation strategies (resolution required)

PWAPC now enjoys broad police representation from across this country, of which will enable the Committee to move forward. PWAPC will continue to address contingent priorities of CACP.

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