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Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee Annual Report August 15, 2014

Committee Mandate:

This committee exists to champion integrated, interoperable and unified emergency management:

- Through formal relationships with police, fire and paramedic services (CACP / CAFC / PCC);
- In consultation and collaboration with other emergency management partners and agencies;
- By promoting and providing tri-services' input in support of the emergency management framework for Canada and associated strategies and action plans; and
- Based on an 'all hazards' approach that addresses the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery pillars of emergency management.

COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

- Serving as a conduit to recognized sources on emergency management related research, policy, plans and standards.
- Promoting interoperability and alignment amongst the tri-services, in collaboration with other emergency management partners and committees.
- Exploring tri-service training opportunities and requirements to enhance emergency management capabilities and capacity.
- Engaging with other emergency management partners and agencies across Canada to pursue opportunities for synergy across the broader responder community.
- Examining federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal emergency management legislative and policy issues, and to provide informed tri-service recommendations on critical and emerging issues.
- Improving understanding of the current state of Canadian emergency management

2014/15 Priorities:

1. To renew Tri-Service EM Committee membership base
2. To develop and execute a Tri-Service EM Committee communications plan (in alignment with the three associations) to highlight the ongoing work and successes of the committee)
3. To host a national EM conference in 2015/16

Message/Executive Summary

Upon agreement by the presidents of the three Associations (CACP, CAFCC, PCC) the Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee (CTSEMC) came into being on April 1, 2013. Much of 2013/14 has seen the committee concentrate upon resolving a number of administrative concerns that grew out of the transition into this tri-services format.

Membership on this new committee was reinvigorated with the addition of a number of new organizations, thus fulfilling one of its top priorities for the year.

The availability of national standardized training capacities for response needs, such as CBRNE and incident management systems, remain of significant concern to the CTSEMC. Achieving interoperability within, and amongst various agencies and governance levels, also remains on the committee's agenda.

The Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee:

The CTSEMC is governed by the three national Chiefs Associations through their designated co-chairs and supported administratively by CITIG. This committee is dedicated to strategic level, functional interoperability amongst first responders across Canada.

It serves a unique niche, focusing on national emergency management issues relevant to first responders from the tri-services. This committee brings a national voice to issues that first responders who are predominantly at the municipal level do not usually have access to. It provides an opportunity for members to (informally) communicate directly with Public Safety Canada and vice versa, each voicing its perspectives outside the confines of constitutional provincial mandates. It provides a unified conduit to available research initiatives, such as offered by the Centre for Security Science's (CSS) Communities of Practice.

The federal focus of emergency management is shifting toward a more proactive mitigation approach; however, it remains necessary for the concerns of the responders and their requirements for response to be considered. The need still exists to advocate for the long-term & economic sustainability of emergency management training, processes and assets.

Committee Highlights and Activities:

1. Sought and received support of the CACP Board regarding the recommendations that grew out of the operational planning and management of public safety events workshop held in 2013. This workshop was held in collaboration with CITIG, the aim of which was to influence research and development of best practices for major event planning and crowd management.
2. Attended in support of the seventh Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop (CITIG 7 in Vancouver, B.C. on November 23-27th, 2013).
3. In support of its communication strategy to highlight the work of the committee and its priorities, has submitted its application to participate in a panel discussion at the upcoming CRHNET 11th Annual Symposium in Toronto, in October 2014.
4. Accepted an invitation to participate on the Transport Canada Task Force on Emergency Response, which will focus primarily on the transport of flammable liquids by rail.
5. Partnered with Motorola Solutions in presenting the 2014 CACP/Motorola Emergency Preparedness Awards by judging the submissions and facilitating the awards process.

Meetings Held & Attended:

- 2014 Domestic Group on Emergency Management (DGEM), Ottawa
- November 23-24, 2013 – pre-CITIG Conference Committee Meetings, Vancouver
- June 3, 2014 – CTSEMC co-chairs teleconference
- June 30, 2014 – CTSEMC co-chairs teleconference

2014 CACP/Motorola Awards:

Now in its sixth year, the CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness was launched in 2009 and is a prime example of the success of public and private sector partnerships in advancing the goals of emergency preparedness. This program was established to recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services in preparing their agencies for response to natural or man-made disasters. This award not only highlights preparedness, but also recognizes the efforts being made specifically toward response exercises

CTSEMC Committee members of the judging panel included:

- Jane Wilcox, Co-Chair, CACP, Toronto Police Service
- Kim Ayotte, Co-Chair, CAFC, Ottawa Fire Service
- Bik Chawla, Co-Chair, PCC, Toronto Emergency Medical Services
- Tanya Mullally, ICS/IMS Canada (PEI Provincial EM Coordinator)

2014 Emergency Preparedness Program Winners:

Surete du Quebec, Province of Quebec

2014 Emergency Response Exercise Winner:

Memorial University of Newfoundland (in partnership with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary)

Committee Members as of August, 2014:

A number of membership changes occurred throughout the past year as some members moved onto other positions within their agencies, others retired and new members came on board. The CTSEMC will continue to review membership to ensure regional and appropriate professional representation from the three first responder agencies through each respective Chief's Association.

Anderson, Gordon	Asst. Deputy Fire Commissioner	Canadian Council of Fire Marshals/Fire Commissioners
Ayotte, Kim	Deputy Chief	Ottawa Fire Service, CAFC Co-Chair
Chawla, Bikram	Commander	Toronto Emergency Medical Services, PCC Co-Chair
Connors, Kim	Executive Director	ICS/IMS Canada
Donovan, Gary	Director General	National Emergency Preparedness Directorate, Public Safety Canada
Dube, Michael	Fire Chief (Retired)	Int'l Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators
Durand, Stephanie	Director General	Emergency Management Policy, Public Safety Canada
Ford, Mark	Inspector	Ottawa Police Service`
Gibson, Craig	Chief Superintendent	RCMP
Holland, Scott	Provincial Manager	Alberta Health
Kabilan, Dr. Satyamoorthy	Director	National Security & Strategic Foresight, Conference Board of Canada
Kratzig, Greg	Law Enforcement Chair	CSSP Communities of Practice

Kuban, Dr. Ron	Co-President	Cdn Risks & Hazards Network
MacGillivray, Ernie	Co-President	Cdn. Risks & Hazards Network
McGee, Jack		Cdn. Risks & Hazards Network (alternate)
McKay, Duane	Commissioner,	Canadian Council Emergency Management Organizations
Morin, Serge	Inspecteur/Commandant	Ville de Quebec Police
Mullally, Tanya	Prov. EM Coordinator	ICS/IMS Canada (alternate)
Neadles, Bill	Superintendent	Toronto Police Service
Neily, John	President Consulting	JDNeily (Retired) RCMP Assistant Commissioner
Poirier, Pierre	Paramedics Chair	CSSP Communities of Practice
Valcour, Lance	Vice President	Public Safety & Emergency Management Cdn Advanced Technology Alliance
Wade, Rebecca	President	International Association of Emergency Managers, Canada
White, Blair	Inspector	Calgary Police Service
Wilcox, Jane	Staff Superintendent	Toronto Police Service, CACP Co-Chair