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2005 CACP Informatics Committee Annual Report

Executive Summary

The Committee is pleased to report on another event filled year that commenced with the election on February 25 of a new Chair, John A. MacKillican, to replace Peter Martin. John also replaced Peter as Chief Information Officer for the RCMP upon his promotion as D/Commr National Police Services.

The year opened with the launch of the first Microsoft Technology Innovation Award followed by the commitment to host and organize a second "Interoperability" Conference as a followup to the successful event in November 2003 in Montreal. The Committee successfully led the preparation and drove the concept of the Police Information Portal (PIP) MOU demonstrating the commitment by partners to share information. This formed the basis for a proposed resolution on Information Sharing Implementation. A second proposed initiative entitled Radio Communications Interoperability is aimed at enhancing radio communications for public safety.

Interest in Committee membership continues to grow with the addition of such agencies as Service de Police Gatineau, Sûreté du Québec, Corrections Services Canada, Calgary Police Service, as well as several Committee endorsed corporate associates - Microsoft Canada, Versaterm Inc and Niche Technology.

Committee Mandate

The Informatics Committee identifies issues of concern on information management and information technology to the Canadian Chiefs of Police and coordinates action with other CACP committees and stakeholders. This includes:

- promoting and/or seeking the Association's involvement in promoting information technology opportunities/solutions which serve police requirements and advance police practices among members within the law enforcement community and, where necessary, throughout the criminal justice system; and

- monitoring emerging technologies and their implications for policing practices and determining how they can be applied to improving the quality and effectiveness of policing.

Overview of Meetings Held

The Committee met five times over the past year: August 22, November 4 - 5, February 25 Teleconference, March 29 - 30 and a June 13 Teleconference. Discussion at these meetings included:

- Committee Work Planning
- Best Practices and the MS Award
- Demand for a followup to the "Interoperability" Conference in 2003.
- MOU in support of information sharing
- Radio interoperability for first responders
- IM issues and challenges
- Canadian Police Knowledge Network
- CPSIN Data Standards

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

✓ **Microsoft Technology Innovation Award (MTIA)**. Following an offer by Microsoft Canada in 2004 to formally recognize creativity and innovation in using technology to advance policing extensive work was carried out to bring the offer to fruition. This included the design of the MTIA web site through the CACP link, preparation of the entry guide and other promotional literature, development of a rating scheme and selection of winning entries. The first award is to be presented at the CACP Annual Conference in August.

✓ The development and agreement on and **Information Sharing MOU** which provides the national framework, along with associated standards and definitions, to enable information sharing between Canadian law enforcement agencies that wish to participate.

✓ **The Police Information Portal (PIP)** enables law enforcement agencies across Canada to share information contained in their electronic records management systems. Through gateways individual agencies can contribute selected extract material from their records management system which may then be accessed by other participant agencies using a compatible system. Agreement on the Proof of Concept was reached between Ottawa Police Service, Gatineau Police Service, London Police Service and the RCMP. PIP, the new name given to the Law Enforcement Information Portal (LEIP), will become part of the police component of the **National Integrated Inter-Agency Information (N-III)** solution to link the operating systems of all Canadian law enforcement agencies. There will be a live demonstrations of PIP during the August CACP Conference in Ottawa.

✓ Efforts to address the **radio spectrum** issues progressed with the implementation of the PSEPC-led initiative to develop a national strategy to enable the implementation of a fully interoperable radio communications environment in Canada within 10 years.

✓ A recent **Data Standards Forum** brought together a variety of users and vendors to discuss CPSIN data standards. Consensus was reached to continue to work towards broader implementation of the CPSIN standard.

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2005/2006

- Enabling law enforcement partners to become more interoperable through the expansion of the **Police Information Portal**.

- Continuing the ongoing initiatives to address the **public safety spectrum** and radio communications interoperability issues.

- Organizing and hosting the second interoperability conference entitled ***Public Safety and National Security: Making Police, Law Enforcement and First Responder Interoperability Happen*** in Vancouver November 6 - 8 2005. In the context of readiness to respond to crime, terrorism and critical events requiring inter-agency cooperation the conference will explore operational vulnerabilities and solutions to deliver effective interoperability amongst law enforcement agencies and public safety partners.

RESOLUTIONS FOR PRESENTATION IN 2005

Two resolutions are being proposed by the Informatics Committee for approval as follows:

Information Sharing Implementation

Information sharing is critical to public safety and officer safety. Previous CACP resolutions have demonstrated the importance of information sharing to policing. Over the past three years much progress has been made and national information sharing can now become a reality. This resolution speaks to the implementation of information sharing, the recommended standards for sharing and the structure needed to bring this project to completion.

Radio Communications Interoperability

Since 1988 the CACP has endorsed no less than seven resolutions dealing with radio communication requirements for police and other public safety agencies. This resolution is designed both to reinforce past resolutions and to reaffirm support for recent initiatives aimed at enhancing radio communications for public safety.

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