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2006 CACP INFORMATICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee is pleased to report on another eventful year as evidenced by the successful second **Public Safety and National Security Conference** *Making Police, Law Enforcement and First Responder Interoperability Happen* which rendered a profit in excess of $75,000 for the Association. That conference also witnessed the signing of the **Police Information Portal** (PIP) MOU by nine law enforcement agencies. Participation in the agreement continues to rise in anticipation of the awarding of the PIP contract expected in June.

The Committee met four times over the past year: August 9, November 9, March 3 Teleconference and May 16 and 17. Interest in Committee membership continues to grow with the addition of Montreal Police Service and Waterloo Regional Police.

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.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES:

- Interoperability and Information Sharing
- Radio Interoperability for First Responders
- Voice over IP
- IM issues and Challenges
- IT Warehouse of Best Practices and the Microsoft Award
- Canadian Police Knowledge Network
- CPSIN Data Standards

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ **Public Safety and National Security Conference** *Making Police, Law Enforcement and First Responder Interoperability Happen* in November 2005 which a generated a profit for CACP of more than double the $35,000 netted for the 2003 conference. The event brought together a wide range of law enforcement executives from Canada and the US as well as private sector organizations with an interest in supporting interoperability. The significant participation from the private sector confirmed commitment and support to the public safety community.

- ✓ One of the conference highlights was the signing of the **Police Information Portal (PIP) protocol** by representatives of the Police Services of Vancouver, Winnipeg, Bathurst, Halifax, Ottawa, Regina, Calgary and London, and the RCMP. PIP is part of the National Integrated Interagency Information System (N-III), which allows partner police agencies to share and access each other's records management system (RMS) regardless of the technology used. The signing demonstrated a commitment by these agencies to move forward with the information-sharing environment. Since the conference another 26 agencies have signed.

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

- ✓ In 2005 the Calgary Police Service's Information Services Section was presented with the inaugural **Microsoft Technology Innovation Award (MTIA)** for work on the Parolee Application Database. It was selected from close to 70 eligible entries, and another 10 entries received honourable mention. We now have 98 projects in the **IT Warehouse** and 29 are new for 2006. In total we have 50 submissions that are eligible for the 2006 MTIA (including some really good ones) from all parts of the country except Quebec. It is a little Ontario heavy, but pretty good overall. A good year with many new visitors to and participants in the IT Warehouse site.

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2006/2007

- Enable law enforcement partners to become more interoperable through the implementation of the **Police Information Portal**.
- Promoting the participation in the **Information Sharing MOU** that was endorsed at the Public Safety and National Security Conference last November.
- Continue the ongoing initiatives to address the **public safety spectrum and radio**

communications interoperability issues.

- Piloting the **Portable Trunked Radio Initiative**, thought to be the first portable trunked radio system in Canada, involving the 2000 portables from the RCMP national emergency stock.
- Promote contribution to the **CACP IT Warehouse**.
- **Joint CACP Informatics and IACP Conference** on Law Enforcement and IT from an international perspective planned for November 2006.

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