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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee has experienced a busy year. Interest for membership in the committee and our work has grown significantly over the past two years. We have been receiving an increasing amount of requests for membership from Police Executives and Vendors. It has reached the point where we now have to begin a process to limit membership.

The Committee continues to work closely with the Police Information Portal Governance Committee (PIP). A PIP Governance Committee meeting is held in conjunction with most Informatics meetings.

There have been three face to face meetings over the past year: August 25, 2007, October 22 and 23, 2007, May 13 and 14, 2008. We also conducted one teleconference on February 13, 2008.

## COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Informatics Committee identifies issues of concern regarding information management and information technology to the Canadian Association of 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, through 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
- Voice interoperability for first responders
- Voice over IP
- IM issues and challenges
- IT Warehouse of Best Practices and the Microsoft Award
- Canadian Police College Network
- CPSIN Data Standards
- In-car video recording

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ "**A Working group on voice interoperability** has been formed within the Informatics Committee to give proper attention to on-going Interoperability issues. Superintendent

Rick Finn, of the York Regional Police is co-chairing this Sub-Committee with Superintendent Brad Ward of the Edmonton Police Service. Through funding received from the CACP, Superintendent Finn has been placed on the Radio Advisory Board of Canada, which provides us with a presence at the national level to better represent the needs of Public Safety. This involvement has recently contributed to the filing of RABC to Industry Canada on its request for comments on the 700 MHz Public Safety Band. RABC's comments were favourable towards the needs of public safety and did not support some segments of the private sector which seek to delay police use of the band. **Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG)** was initially formed within the Informatics Committee to facilitate further research into the five elements of interoperability continuum. The Canadian Police Research Centre (CRPC) took over the management of the CITIG and this entity reports back to the Informatics Committee on subjects pertaining to possible partnerships with the CRPC, voice interoperability issues and the broader public safety perspective. The first National Interoperability Conference , sponsored by CACP, was held in this past March in Ottawa and this very successful event brought together over 170 police, fire and EMS practitioners to discuss ways to improve public safety interoperability in Canada.

- ✓ We are most fortunate that the Ottawa Police Service has seconded Inspector Lance Valcour to the Canadian Police Research Centre. Lance has conducted workshops across Canada regarding voice interoperability. Through his efforts the issues concerning spectrum for public safety is receiving attention. In fact, a joint resolution with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs and the Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada, regarding first responder voice interoperability and spectrum bandwidth for emergency services has been brought forward for endorsement by the CACP." Both Inspector Lance Valcour and Superintendent Richard Finn also attend and represent Canadian policing interests at the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council in the USA.

- ✓ **Microsoft Technology Innovation Awards** will be presented again this year at the annual CACP convention in Montreal. The following 6 entries are the six finalists:

  1. Dashboard Indicators – Durham Regional Police service
  2. Online Internet reporting – York regional Police
  3. Wireless Parking System – Toronto Police Service
  4. Edmonton Police reporting and Occurrence System – Edmonton Police Service
  5. Handheld Mobile data terminal – London Police Service
  6. Parolee Map – Edmonton Police Service

  The winner of the 2008 award is the Edmonton Police Service, partnering with Correctional Service of Canada.

- ✓ **Informatics Committee continues to work closely with NIII and the Police Information Portal (PIP).** The committee continues to work with the RCMP CIO in relation to the prolific growth with the NIII project and PIP multi agency information sharing model. Information sharing has been a cornerstone of this committees' work over the past few years.

- ✓ **The value of private industry as members of the Informatics Committee was shown again this year.** Microsoft Canada has given each member of the committee software and licensing for their new Share Point program. The new software has enabled the Informatics Committee to create a collaboration site to host our minutes, information, and agendas for upcoming meetings. Versaterm has come forth to create and host the site at their cost.

## MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2008/2009

- Deputy Chief Kim Derry and Ted Vincent will provide a presentation at the annual Convention in Montreal. There are many issues surrounding this technology ranging from; information retention, camera technology, price comparison, and disclosure.

- As mentioned earlier in this report interest from the policing community in our committee has increased dramatically over the past few years. One of the unique features of our committee is the inclusion of non-voting members from private industry. Due to the rapid change in technology it is very useful to have key vendors at our meetings. We completed a guideline for inclusion of private vendors within the Committee.

- The Informatics Committee and the CACP will host a conference in Victoria BC, February 15, 16, and 17, 2009. The conference will titled "Supporting Public Safety Operations Through Current And Emerging Technology." The conference objectives are:

    a) Provide Public Safety Executives with the technology tools to evaluate, implement, measure, and benefit from technology in daily operations and major events.
    b) Explore emerging technology.
    c) Enhance the ability to assess and mitigate risk.
    d) Build personal network and partnerships.

  We have invited the CACP Emergency Measures Committee to participate in organizing and presenting at the conference.

- Enable police agencies to become more interoperable through the continued implementation of the Police Information Portal.

- Continue the ongoing initiatives to address public safety spectrum and radio interoperability. The CITIG working group has established a joint communiqué with Fire and EMS concerning radio spectrum for public safety. We continue to work

closely with the Canadian Police Research Centre, the IACP, Industry Canada, and the Radio Advisory Board of Canada.

- Promote the contribution to the CACP Warehouse.

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