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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

NATIONAL FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY SUMMER 2010

CACP - SPECIAL PURPOSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FIREARMS

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FRAMEWORK – NATIONAL FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY - SUMMER 2010

VISION	CANADA is a safe place to live		
MISSION	Prevent violent incidents related to firearms and contribute to community and police officer safety.		
RISK AREA	COMMUNICATION		
STATUS SUMMARY	Various communication efforts have been undertaken by the law enforcement community in Canada to provide factual information regarding the utility of the array of operational services available and its applications towards community and officer safety: a public website was established to convey the CACP/CPA/CAPB joint statement; the myths and successes document has been published on the website; and a press event was held by the three associations in May 2010 in Ottawa. In addition, the subcommittee has had to mobilize their efforts to communicate with all relevant stakeholders regarding the registry's ability to provide pertinent information to law enforcement.		
PERSPECTIVES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES - Requirement for the three associations to be united and consistent in its messaging. - Present factual information regarding the Canadian Firearms Program contributions to community and officer safety. - Requirement for the communication tools to be available in both official languages. - The communication efforts have to be meaningful and provided to all stakeholders responsible for community and officer safety, including front line police officers. Police leaders should be communicating appropriately within their sphere of influence.		KEY ISSUES - The framework for all messaging is the contributions towards community and officer safety, as this is the primary mandate of all policing agencies. - The Subcommittee needs to be united in their efforts and goals wanting to be accomplished. - Communication efforts have to be appropriate for the different target audiences. - The information provided has to be accurate and timely.	
PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
www.truthsandmyths.ca public website	Continue to publish informative documents, in both official languages, on website to demonstrate effectiveness and utility of the firearms registry.	CACP	Ongoing
Maintain communication amongst the three associations.	National leadership needs to build upon their unity, consistency and clarity of messaging. Establish a coordinated and centralized communication mechanism to sustain and enhance the efforts to date.	National Presidents of the three associations, Executive leadership	August 2010 and beyond
Outreach to firearms owners	Explore the opportunity of validating responsible gun ownership.	Canadian Firearms Program	Fall 2010
Outreach to police	Enable law enforcement agencies to communicate the operational value of array of services available to enhance community and officer safety within their sphere of influence.	National Presidents of the three associations, Executive leadership, CACP Subcommittee	August 2010 and ongoing

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RISK AREA	OPERATIONS		
Status summary	Since 2006, the RCMP assumed stewardship of the firearms program and has, accordingly, focussed on supporting law enforcement in its operational efforts to address fire-arms related incidents. Through the work of the committee, law-enforcement agencies have been collaborating to ensure the utility of the program is fully realized in its contributions to community and officer safety.		
PERSPECTIVES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES - Establish better collaboration amongst all law enforcement agencies on operational issues related to firearms. - Better use of information targeting high risk individuals by law enforcement agencies.		Key Issues - Mechanisms and commitment are required by law enforcement agencies to take appropriate action with the identified high risk individuals. - Improved collaborative efforts and assistance is required between CFP and law enforcement agencies to have the information contained in the Restricted Weapons Registration System (RWRS) to be transferred to the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS).	
PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Management of firearms activity in local jurisdictions	CFP is to work with police chiefs to determine appropriate information required to better assist them in their operational responsibility. Police Chiefs need to provide assistance to CFP in updating the CFIS. As well, they need to create an established process to deal with identified high risk offenders, if one isn't already developed.	CFP and Police Chiefs	Ongoing
Increased utilization of CFRO tool	Ensure autoquery of CFRO is established by all police services (possible specific resolution)	CACP Subcommittee and Police Chiefs	By Summer 2011

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RISK AREA	TRAINING		
Status summary	Given the dangers involved with firearms investigations, there is a responsibility to provide tools and information to front line officers enabling them to conduct their work effectively and safely. Subsequently, there is a need to co-ordinate and provide an inventory of related courses available to police officers.		
PERSPECTIVES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES Share best practices amongst law enforcement agencies		Key issues - A centralized repository of all relevant training courses is not available. - Law enforcement agencies will be better equipped to provide the most up to date and effective training if collaborative efforts are made to share information amongst each other.	
PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Develop and share best practices within police community	Make an inventory of all training available related to firearms training and disseminate to relevant law enforcement agencies.	Needs to be determined	Winter 2010

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RISK AREA	INTELLIGENCE / INFORMATION		
Status summary	Although information is currently being provided, a firm determination needs to be made with respect to the requirements by law enforcement agencies to better assist in their endeavours. A balanced process needs to be created to provide standardized information in a useful format while providing specialized and localized information.		
PERSPECTIVES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES - Enhance the quality and content of contemporary information in CFP data systems, and extraction from other data sources. - Disseminate the information in a format that will provide the most utility.		Key issues Law enforcement agencies need to provide their requirements to CFP so that the intelligence provided is useful in addressing their needs.	
PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Develop a standardized and useable format with information pertinent to community safety in service of law enforcement agencies.	Police Chiefs need to provide their requirements to CFP in order to develop a baseline of information that needs to be provided.	CFP and Police Chiefs	2010-early 2011
An avenue needs to be developed for law enforcement agencies to be able to request specific information, aside from what will be provided in a standardized format.	CFP will establish a communication process to be able to receive requests from law enforcement agencies.	CFP	Fall 2010

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RISK AREA	LEGISLATION		
Status summary	If legislation changes, co-ordinated efforts will need to be undertaken to fully determine the impacts on policing.		
PERSPECTIVES/GUIDING PRINCIPLES Maintaining the relationships between the three associations to ensure constant communication and planning to discuss potential impacts and required actions.		Key issues A determination needs to be made about potential impacts in order to respond appropriately to enhance community and officer safety.	
PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME LINE
Identify current and future issues that will impact policing.	CACP, CPA and CAPB to collaborate in their efforts to determine what the impacts will be, to devise plans to respond, and communicate appropriately.	3 Associations; CACP Subcommittee	Fall 2010