



RESOLUTION 2025-06

Public Safety Requires Meaningful Public Safety Participation in Ontario's PSBN Initiative

WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) represents police services across Ontario, committed to effective emergency communications and public safety, and

WHEREAS a number of Provincial, Territorial, and Federal Ministries are advancing their thinking around the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) initiative, and the OACP believes greater involvement of frontline first responders and their representative organizations would strengthen this important project, and

WHEREAS decisions about Ontario's position on a NPSBN implementation directly impact the operational effectiveness and safety of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other emergency personnel who will rely on this system daily, and

WHEREAS true collaboration would help ensure the NPSBN and Ontario's approach meets the operational needs of Ontario's first responders and delivers maximum value for public safety, and

WHEREAS public safety organizations possess essential expertise about communications requirements, coverage needs, and operational challenges that must inform PSBN planning and implementation, and

WHEREAS public safety organizations have not been involved as partners in current testing exercises that will inform decision-making.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police requests the Government of Ontario to enhance the involvement of public safety organizations as partners on all PSBN activities and decisions that will inform the Government's approach to the NPSBN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OACP supports the establishment of PSBN performance standards developed in collaboration with first responder organizations and end-users, with appropriate oversight to ensure successful implementation.