



## Resolution 2014-01

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### Community Safety Plans

Approved at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) passed a resolution in 2008 to call upon the Government of Ontario to adopt "Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods" legislation, modeled after the Province of Manitoba's legislation, in order to address the public disorder and neighbourhood deterioration caused by illicit drug houses, problem addresses, and the issues associated with them, and

**WHEREAS** the OACP passed a resolution in 2009 to support a partnership between the OACP and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to facilitate the development of a Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy, and

**WHEREAS** the OACP passed a resolution in 2010 which called the Government of Ontario to establish and implement a general Crime Prevention Fund to provide continual support to police services within Ontario to maintain and deliver crime prevention initiatives and program, and

**WHEREAS** the OACP recognizes and supports that crime prevention is an integral part of policing, as written in the Police Services Act, which mandates all Chiefs of Police to ensure that crime prevention remains a core policing function, and

**WHEREAS** society as a whole must be involved in crime prevention, including all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, police partners, the private sector, and citizens, and

**WHEREAS** effective crime prevention results in fewer crimes and therefore fewer victims, as well as less time in courts and money saved on police budgets, and

**WHEREAS** in 2012, the OACP became a member of the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC) which has the following four guiding principles:

1. Collaborate with Ontario's policing partners to proactively shape the future of police services.
2. Ensure the delivery of policing services in a manner that keeps Ontarians and members of police services safe.
3. Ensure effective, efficient, and sustainable police service delivery that is responsive to the needs of Ontario's diverse communities.
4. Enhance and facilitate continued cooperation, collaboration and partnerships between police services and the communities they serve, and

**WHEREAS** the Future of Policing Crime Prevention Working Group recommended that the provincial government mandate responsibility for a Community Safety Plan to municipalities that would set clear goals and objectives, outcomes and performance metrics and provide for the collaboration and integration between community safety service providers, local government, police and community organizations in the delivery of services, and

**WHEREAS** the OACP Board of Directors endorsed the work of the Ontario Working Group on Collaborative, Risk-Driven Community Safety (OWG), a sub-committee of the OACP Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee. The OWG is a co-operative effort currently comprised of police services, provincial and municipal governments, community agencies and partners, and

**WHEREAS** the OWG designed a prototype Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework (the Framework) that provides a strategy to develop Community Safety Plans as a means to better respond to crime, increase crime prevention strategies and promote emerging evidence-based approaches to improve community safety and well-being, and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee is committed to promoting the Framework as an effective, efficient, and responsive approach to local needs and priorities that harnesses the strengths of our communities and public safety partners.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Government of Ontario to mandate Community Safety Plans in the Municipal Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to develop complementary community safety planning tools and to support communities as they implement their local Community Safety Plan.