



## Resolution 2015-01

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### **911 Grant Program (User Fee on Mobile Devices)**

**Approved at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Preamble:** The 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in Alberta (through emergency services) successfully advocated for the Government of Alberta to implement a small “user fee” for all mobile device owners that is collected by telecommunications companies and remitted to the Provincial Government. This fee is allocated to various PSAP’s in Alberta who apply for “grant funding” to offset their operating costs, including technological upgrades.

**WHEREAS** the new NG-911 technology and its associated issues will increase the costs for Ontario Communication Centers and PSAP operations, and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has not addressed the challenges associated with new NG-911 technology and associated issues, and

**WHEREAS** introducing a “911 Grant Program” similar to Alberta’s would allow Ontario PSAP’s to apply for funding to address emerging issues and requirements of 911 operations, including T-911 (Text 911) and Next-Generation 911 (NG-911), which will require considerable more work on the part of our Communications Operators to interrogate calls and deal with text, photo transmission, and GPS programs installed on mobile devices.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation similar to Alberta 911 Act and Grant Program for PSAPs.

Submitted April 8th, 2015 by Inspector Jeff Littlewood, Chatham-Kent Police Service, on behalf of Zone 6