



## Resolution 2016-04

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### **Incident Response – Provincial Best Practices Guidelines Framework Approved at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**WHEREAS** during the 2014 OACP Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors passed a resolution that the OACP Education, Training, and Professional Development Committee form an Incident Response – Education, Training and Professional Development Subcommittee to be comprised of education and training professionals, incident command subject matter experts, and representation from the Ministry. Furthermore, this subcommittee was to collaborate with the Emergency Preparedness Committee and other subject matter expert bodies as required to establish:

- i. In the absence of provincial standards, “best practices” guidelines for Incident Response, which will form standardized benchmarks and eventual accreditation criteria,
- ii. A Curriculum Map that will establish a continuum of education and training for Incident Response beginning with First Responders, to Front Line Supervisors, to Duty Officers, to Incident Commanders, and
- iii. Accessible, Affordable and Appropriate training material through a Centralized Education and Training Material Resource Centre that would house verified material and content, lesson plans, training delivery design and standards; allowing for province wide accessibility to standardized education and training material; and

**WHEREAS** on June 24, 2009, the OACP passed resolution 2009-09 to adopt Emergency Measures Ontario’s Incident Management System for Ontario Police Services and to work with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services’ Emergency Management Ontario and other municipal, provincial, and federal stakeholders to ensure that Ontario police services are supported by appropriate emergency preparedness standards, training, resources, and funding; and

**WHEREAS** the 2014 resolution defines “Incident Response” as an organized approach to addressing and managing a potential occurrence or “incident” with the goal of handling the situation in a manner which limits damage and reduces economic or social losses. Incident Response in a policing context relates to such events as major events and disasters, public order, search, and barricaded persons/hostage rescue, and includes high risk warrants and incidents involving explosive material; and

**WHEREAS** the Incident Response – Education, Training and Professional Development subcommittee was formed and reported to directly to the Chair of the Education, Training, and Professional Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services was represented on the subcommittee through the Ontario Police College; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Police College was offered representation on the subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS** the Association of Canadian Critical Incident Commanders (ACCIC) formerly known as the National Incident Commanders Working Group Association was represented on subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS** the Emergency Preparedness Committee was represented on the subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS** the subcommittee finds that the Ontario Policing Standards (2000) ER-004 for Major Incident Command to be outdated and ineffective in terms of establishing training standards relating to Incident Response training for Ontario police services in 2016; and

**WHEREAS** in 2010, the National Incident Commanders Working Group in collaboration with the Canadian Police College established nationally accepted best practices training standards for Incident Response command training relating to high risk police operations that are delivered through the CPC courses known as “Critical Incident Commander” and “Initial Incident Critical Response”; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, through the Ontario Police College, continues to accredit Incident Response courses based on outdated provincial standards without apparent awareness of the changes to national best practices for Incident Response command training delivered at the Canadian Police College since 2010; and

**WHEREAS** the Emergency Preparedness Committee passed a motion on April 7, 2016 as follows: “EPC members’ agreed with the recommendations brought forth by Incident Response – Education, Training and Professional Development subcommittee, and the committee will offer its support of the resolution to be presented in June 2016”; and

**WHEREAS** the OACP accepts as its intellectual property the subcommittee’s *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response*; and

**WHEREAS** the *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response* in the absence of existing or in the presence of outdated provincial standards forms the Ontario policing training standards for Incident Response; and

**WHEREAS** the *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response* should be used as the foundation on which mapped curriculum to accessible, affordable, and appropriate education and training for Incident Response is established and maintained; and

**WHEREAS** the *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response* should be administered and reviewed annually by the OACP Education, Training, and Professional Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS** that the *Continuous Improvement Process Framework* developed by the Collaborative Education Subcommittee of the OACP Education, Training, and Professional Development Committee serve as the required methodology across Ontario for the purpose of determining equivalence and/or granting of accreditation against provincial standards, or in the absence of standards, best practice guidelines; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** the that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls upon the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to utilize the *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response* for the purposes of changing the outdated standards for the purpose of establishing, modernizing and maintaining provincial training standards relating to Incident Response.