



Resolution 2016-06

Support of the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy (CCSIMS)

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WHEREAS in August 2015 in Quebec City, QC, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) passed Resolution 2015-05 entitled *Resolution for the Support of the of the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy (CCSIMS)* formally recognizing CACP support of the on-going development of the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy (CCSIMS) and its vision of getting the right information to the right people at the right time, and directing the CACP's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Committee to continue to spearhead CCSIMS development, and further that the federal Canadian Safety and Security Program be requested to provide science and technology advice and resources in the continued development of CCSIMS; and

WHEREAS on June 17, 2015, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) passed resolution 2015-03 entitled *Collaborating for a Safer Ontario*, which formalized support for the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' efforts to:

- Encourage local, multi-sectoral and collaborative partnerships for community safety and well-being by modeling them at the provincial level with other Ontario ministries, the federal government and municipalities; and
- Revise the Ontario *Police Services Act* to:
 - mandate police agencies to collaborate transparently, equitably and respectfully with local agencies, organizations, offices and citizens in the community enterprise of safety promotion and community safety planning, and
 - enable police agencies to share private and confidential information with appropriate community partners in the interests of personal and public safety and well-being, and within the parameters of consistent purpose and implied consent; and

WHEREAS OACP Resolution 2015-03 further recognized that in 2012, the OACP became a member of the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC), which strives to improve sustainability of Community Safety services by enhancing and facilitating continued cooperation, collaboration and partnerships between police services and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS OACP Resolution 2015-03 further recognizes that Ontario municipalities are currently challenged with the sustainability of policing, comprise “an entire social safety web” of agencies, organizations, and offices that encourages an “adopt a whole-of-society approach” to safety (*Association of Municipalities of Ontario, 2015*), and are demonstrating significant levels of interest in optimizing community safety and well-being with multi-sectoral, risk-driven initiatives including social development, prevention, risk mitigation as well as emergency response (Ontario Working Group: “*Gaining Momentum: Multi-Sector Community Safety and Well-being in Ontario;*” 2015); and

WHEREAS both the CACP and the OACP and their members have been sharing information since 1972 with the creation of the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) and many other systems that followed; and

WHEREAS the safety, security and prosperity of Canadians including law enforcement officers and their partners are reliant on the effective sharing of timely information; and

WHEREAS numerous Canadian inquests, inquiries, and studies have consistently identified the lack of information sharing and interoperability, both in relation to sharing between police organizations, and elements of the Justice system and other government and non-governmental organizations working toward public safety, as key barriers to successful and efficient investigative, operational and intelligence performance; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Committee has been encouraging information sharing between law enforcement agencies and other public safety stakeholders since 1998 by hosting national conferences and leading advances such as the Police Information Portal, or PIP, which is managed by the National Police Service of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the CACP ICT Committee, with funding from the Government of Canada’s Centre for Security Science, completed a National Law Enforcement Information Management Study that clearly outlined the lack of interoperability between law enforcement information management systems in Canada and recommended the creation of a national strategy to improve information sharing; and

WHEREAS the ICT Committee held a three day workshop in Ottawa in November 2014 with representatives from across Canada, including representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police and from other municipal police services within Ontario, which resulted in the development of a draft Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy (CCSIMS) will benefit all Canadians by enhancing community safety and increasing efficiencies at the municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal levels, on a national

basis, by enabling effective and secure management, and responsible sharing of information not only within the policing sector, but also via multi-sectoral collaborations in accordance with all pertinent provincial, territorial and federal laws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police supports the on-going development of the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy (CCSIMS) and its vision of getting the right information to the right people at the right time, and directs its Common Police Environment Group (CPEG) Committee, and other sub-committees as required, to participate in, and support, the continued development of the CCSIMS by the CACP, the CCSIMS Working Group, and its constituent and partner organizations, through the sharing of OACP members' knowledge, expertise and input into the ongoing development of the CCSIMS on a national basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OACP calls on the Government of Canada, through its Canadian Safety and Security Program, to provide science and technology advice and resources for the continued development of CCSIMS as reflected in CACP Resolution 2015-05 *Resolution for the Support of the of the Canadian Community Safety Information Management Strategy*.