



Professional Program

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026	
10:00 – 16:00	Registration (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Assembly Foyer – Assembly Level</i>)
16:00 – 17:30	Opening Ceremonies (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall D – Pedway Level</i>) <i>CACP/Axon Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award</i> <i>CACP Recognition Awards</i>
17:30 – 18:30	Welcome Reception (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall D Foyer – Pedway Level</i>)

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026	
06:00 – 06:45	CACP Mind & Body Run
07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall D – Pedway Level</i>)
07:00 – 12:00	Registration (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Assembly Foyer – Assembly Level</i>)
08:00 – 16:00	Plenary Sessions (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall C – Assembly Level</i>)
09:30 – 16:00	Exhibit Show (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
08:00 – 08:10	Opening Remarks
08:10 – 09:10	Keynote
09:10 – 09:20	CACP/Motorola Solutions Community Safety & Well-Being Award

09:20 – 10:05	Network Break (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
10:05 – 10:15	CACP National Police Award for Traffic Safety and CACP Lifetime Achievement Award for Traffic Safety – <i>sponsored by Accident Support Services International Ltd.</i>
10:15 – 11:45	<p>The Impact of Counter-Terrorism Efforts on Public Safety in an Era of Global Instability</p> <p><i>Description</i> This session will provide Chiefs of Police and senior law enforcement leaders with an overview of the Canada Border Services Agency’s mandate, authorities, operational priorities, and evolving role in protecting Canada’s borders and communities. The presentation will highlight how the CBSA contributes to public safety through border management, contraband interdiction, immigration enforcement, intelligence-led operations, and cross-border investigations.</p> <p>Participants will also be able to learn about current and emerging opportunities for collaboration between policing partners and the CBSA, including intelligence sharing, joint operations, investigative coordination, and integrated approaches to combat organized crime and cross-border threats. The session will conclude with an open question-and-answer discussion designed to foster dialogue, strengthen partnerships, and identify practical opportunities to enhance collective public safety outcomes.</p>
11:45 – 13:15	Lunch (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
13:15 – 14:15	<p>Bill C-22 and the Future of Lawful Access</p> <p><i>Description</i> Criminal investigations increasingly rely on access to digital evidence, yet Canada's legislative framework has struggled to keep pace with rapidly evolving technology. This session will explore the state of lawful access in Canada, the significance of Bill C-22, and the operational realities facing police services as they investigate crime in the digital age. Panelists will discuss the path forward for lawful access, the impact of legislative reform on public safety, and the tools law enforcement requires to effectively investigate crime while safeguarding privacy and civil liberties</p>
14:15 – 14:25	CACP Policing Partnership Award – <i>sponsored by Triton Police Innovations</i>
14:25 – 15:10	Network Break (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
15:10 – 16:00	<p>Civilian Leadership in Policing: Building the Right Team for a Changing Workforce</p> <p><i>Description</i> Police services across Canada are navigating unique workforce pressures, evolving public expectations, and increasing operational complexity. One of the strategic questions facing leaders today is not whether to integrate civilian expertise — but how to do it well.</p> <p>This session explores the role of civilian leadership as a deliberate organizational strategy that strengthens policing outcomes and supports sworn members in focusing on core operational priorities.</p>

	<p>This session will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which roles are particularly well suited to civilian leadership — including areas where specialized expertise, continuity, or technical skill can enhance organizational performance. • How to recruit the right talent — attracting professionals who understand public service, organizational culture, and the unique environment of policing. • How to support civilian leaders for success — integrating them effectively, building mutual trust, and ensuring clarity of authority, accountability, and expectations. <p>This is a leadership discussion about alignment, capability, and sustainability. When thoughtfully implemented, civilian leadership will strengthen organizational resilience, allow sworn members to concentrate on core policing functions, and position services to meet the demands of modern public safety.</p> <p>Join us for practical insights, candid discussion, and strategic considerations to help you build the right team, sworn and civilian, for the future.</p>
16:00 – 16:05	Closing Remarks
18:30	Gala Reception – sponsored by Canadian Bankers Association (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall D Foyer – Pedway Level</i>)
19:30	Gala Banquet (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall D – Pedway Level</i>)

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08:05 – 09:05	<p>306 Lives: Lessons in Leadership Under Pressure</p> <p>Presenter Captain Robert Piché</p> <p>Description Captain Robert Piché is internationally recognized for safely landing Air Transat Flight 236 after a complete loss of engine power over the Atlantic Ocean, an extraordinary feat that saved the lives of all 306 passengers and crew on board. Drawing on one of aviation's most</p>

	<p>remarkable emergency landings, Piche explores how leaders respond when circumstances change suddenly, information is incomplete, and the stakes could not be higher.</p> <p>Through a career and life marked by both exceptional achievement and significant personal challenges—including serving time in prison earlier in life for drug smuggling—Piche offers a candid perspective on accountability, resilience, decision-making, and maintaining focus under pressure. His presentation provides practical lessons on judgment, adaptability, teamwork, and leadership in moments of crisis.</p>
09:05 – 09:15	Bank of Canada Award
09:15 – 09:45	TBC
09:45 – 10:30	Network Break (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
10:30 – 11:50	<p>Critical Incident Debrief: Tumbler Ridge Mass Casualty Event</p> <p><i>Description</i> In the aftermath of the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, this session offers a focused operational debrief led by a representative from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Grounded in experience, the discussion will examine the realities of response—what unfolded, key decision points, and the complexities faced by responders on the ground.</p> <p>Moving beyond a retrospective, the session will highlight critical lessons for leadership, coordination, communication, and community impact. This session is delivered with respect for those affected and a commitment to advancing learning across the policing community.</p>
11:50 – 12:00	CACP International Policing Award
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (<i>Edmonton Convention Centre – Hall AB – Assembly Level</i>)
13:30 – 13:40	CACP Award of Excellence for Combating Organized Crime
13:40 – 15:00	<p>National Policing Townhall: A Candid Conversation on Emerging Issues</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> Senior Deputy Commissioner Bryan Larkin, O.O.M., Royal Canadian Mounted Police</p> <p><i>Description</i> Join Senior Deputy Commr. Bryan Larkin for an interactive Townhall bringing together perspectives from across the country. In this unscripted session, SDC Larkin will engage directly with leaders in the room to explore the most pressing issues shaping policing today—from workforce challenges to emerging threats and evolving public expectations.</p> <p>Designed to reflect real-time realities, this session offers a unique opportunity to hear diverse viewpoints, share insights, and connect national trends to local experience.</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Closing Remarks
15:15 – 16:00	Post Conference: Leadership Conversation

Description

This closed-door roundtable brings together **active members of the CACP (only)** for an open, peer-to-peer discussion on the issues that demand candour. Held under the Chatham House Rule, the session is designed to support open dialogue on complex, sensitive, and emerging challenges facing police leaders—topics that benefit from a confidential, trust-based environment.

(Please note: this session is limited to CACP Active Members to encourage open dialogue and thoughtful exchange. It is intended to support collective learning, professional reflection, and informed leadership in a complex and evolving policing landscape.)