

Annual Report to the CACP CACP International Committee

This report covers the period December 2010 to August 2011.

Inaugurated at the CACP annual conference in Charlottetown in August of 2009, the CACP International Committee's mandate is as follows:

Mandate:

The International Committee will position CACP and its members by providing an increased awareness and education about international events and the impact that such global events have or could potentially have on our country and on our local communities. This awareness and education will enable CACP and its members to influence government policy concerning international policing, crime and security issues that impact on the well being of all Canadians. The International Committee will raise police and public awareness about the impact and realities of international issues on crime and security at home. It will create opportunities for CACP to influence government in matters of international policy that will tend to have security implications for Canadians and it will enable CACP to contribute to priority setting in international crime, security or policing issues. In addition, the International Committee will create a vehicle for national and trans-national exchange and interaction and it will also create a forum for research of international crime or security issues that impact Canadians and Canadian interests.

Mission:

Built upon a commitment to progressive change in policing, community safety, and Canadian democratic principles, the International Committee of the CACP will be a recognized leader in building, operating and sustaining multi-faceted global linkages for enhanced quality, coordination, advocacy, research and knowledge exchange to inform, guide and influence police leaders and policy makers at home and abroad.

1. Adoption of Terms of Reference:

During this past year, the committee developed and adopted its terms of reference (Appendix A).

2. Motions Adopted by CACP Board of Directors:

The committee developed five motions that were presented and adopted by the CACP Board of Directors at the CACP's Annual Conference.

Context:

Global trends and developments have altered the nature and patterns of criminality, increased the demands for emergency preparedness, and introduced new threats to public safety in Canadian communities and globally. The Canadian policing community and its leaders have a responsibility to educate the public about international influences affecting public safety, and to serve Canadian

citizens and stakeholders from an informed, current and global base of knowledge about all factors which have the potential to affect public safety and human security in Canada.

Canada is recognized as an active world leader in advancing democratic principles abroad; Canadian police services are often called upon to assist other nations in the development of public safety and criminal justice policies, and practices representative of a pluralistic and democratic society. Canada's police leaders have a responsibility to inform policy makers and public safety officials about the demands to support others, and to assess plausible roles and outcomes where Canada is contemplating an international policing role.

Motion #1:

That the CACP Board of Directors affirm the need for the CACP International Committee to provide a unified and informed voice to address the growing number of issues between Canadian policing and the world.

Motion #2:

That the Strategic Direction and Concept of Operations Model of the International Committee be endorsed and adopted by the CACP Board of Directors as the foundation for our Canadian National Framework for Progressive Policing Practice in the Global community.

Motion #3:

That the International Committee lead the CACP membership and its many partners in the public and private sector at a National Symposium to support the Committee's international mandate with regard to:

- Policing Policies, methods and operations
- Police Sector Reform Initiatives
- Leadership issues in Global Policing

Motion #4:

That the CACP Board of Directors empower the International Committee to review and develop policing priorities to prepare police leaders for international events affecting public safety and security.

Motion #5:

That the CACP Board of Directors approve the adoption of a CACP International Policing Award and thus empower the CACP International Committee to:

- Develop a nomination process for the award
- Communicate to the membership and CACP partners the existence of the award and its importance to modern policing in Canada.
- Complete the first annual nomination and award process for the International Policing Award by June 2012 for issuance at the 2012 Annual Conference.

Background:

Resolution #07-2008 urged CACP members and their agencies to collectively adopt the six principles of the National Framework for Progressive Policing in Canada, and called upon policy makers at all three levels of government to consider the six principles as the foundation upon which all discussions and reviews of current legislation and policies related to policing, public safety and criminal justice administration should proceed in the future, and that the Board of Directors of the CACP be immediately empowered, in the manner and timing which it may deem appropriate, to undertake subsequent steps it deemed necessary to advance the application of the six principles toward the development of a sustainable National Framework for Progressive Policing in Canada.

Building upon the progressive policing framework advocated at Resolution #07-2008, these motions challenge police leaders and others involved in public safety initiatives in Canada to think and act globally to support both national and international priorities. Specifically, police leaders will actively seek out and advocate police programs and initiatives that translate well into global contexts where such experience translates into one or more of our proposed outcomes: *Safer Communities in Canada*; *Modern and Efficient Policing Practices*; and *Global Citizenship and Influence*.

These outcomes are broadly stated but are consistent with principles and priorities as reflected in the earlier CACP Resolution. To provide the requisite focus to such a large topic as global policing, the International Committee has developed a mission statement and three lines of opportunity to channel effort related to programs and initiatives (Policing Policies, Methods and Operations; Police Sector Reform Initiatives and; Leadership Issues in Global Policing). This approach will inform and guide both police executives and those involved in policy at all levels of government in selecting policing initiatives in the global community. (See attached Strategic Concept of Operations in Appendix B)

The International Committee will position CACP and its members by working towards providing an increased awareness and education about international events and the impact that such global events have or could potentially have on our country and on our local communities. This awareness and education will enable CACP and its members to influence government policy concerning international policing, crime and security issues that impact on the well being of all Canadians.

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security issues that impact Canadians and Canadian interests.

3. Meetings

The following meetings were held or attended by International Committee members:

CACP Strategic Council - Jan. 12-13, 2011

Teleconference call - Jan. 27, 2011

Toronto - April 27, 2011

Teleconference call - May 11, 2011

Teleconference call - June 20, 2011

CACP Annual Meeting - August 20, 2011

4. 2011-2012 Activities

The International Committee will be focused on two key activities this upcoming year:

- A) The implementation of the CACP International Policing Award
- B) A national symposium involving the CACP membership and its many partners in the public and private sector to support the Committee's international mandate with regard Policing Policies, methods and operations; Police Sector Reform Initiatives and: Leadership issues in Global Policing