

**B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police  
September 16 - 17, 1998  
Whistler, B.C.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Chief D. Richardson .....	Victoria Police Department
Chief B. Andersen .....	Oak Bay Police Department
Mr. D. Prout .....	ICBC
Mr. B. Hubbard .....	ICBC
Chief J. Cessford .....	Delta Police Department
S. 22 .....	CSIS
Supt. R. Dicks .....	Burnaby RCMP
Insp. S. McLeod .....	Penticton RCMP
Insp. L. Stright .....	Campbell River RCMP
Insp. D. Wheeler .....	Terrace RCMP
Supt. E. MacAulay .....	Richmond RCMP
C/Supt. T. Smith .....	Surrey RCMP
Supt. J. Graham .....	North Vancouver RCMP
S. 22 .....	Scotia Bank
S. 22 .....	Royal Bank
S. 22 .....	Bank of Montreal
D/Chief P. Battershill .....	Vancouver Police Department
Chief B. Chambers .....	Vancouver Police Department
D/Chief T. Blythe .....	Vancouver Police Department
Chief R. Brock .....	Nelson Police Department
Chief G. Lawson .....	Central Saanich Police Department
Chief J. Arnold .....	Saanich Police Department
Chief N. Simmons .....	Esquimalt Police Department
C/Supt. B. Swann .....	RCMP
Supt. C. MacDonald .....	Langley RCMP
Mr. P. Engstad .....	CLEU
Insp. D. Randhawa .....	CLEU, Vancouver
Supt. R. Hall .....	Coquitlam RCMP
Chief G. Churchill .....	West Vancouver Police Department
Insp. G. House .....	Ridge Meadows RCMP
Insp. J. Skrine .....	Chilliwack RCMP
Insp. H. Leroy .....	Prince Rupert RCMP
Supt. S. Leach .....	Prince George RCMP
Insp. B. Boyd .....	Courtenay RCMP
Supt. G. Forbes .....	Kelowna RCMP
Chief B. Daniel .....	Abbotsford Police Department

Supt. T. Thompsett ..... RCMP Southwest District Officer  
D/Chief I. Mackenzie ..... Abbotsford Police Department  
Mr. K. Begg ..... Police Services  
Mr. S. Stackhouse ..... Ministry of Attorney General  
Mr. B. Thompson ..... Ministry of Attorney General  
Chief P. Young ..... New Westminster Police Department  
Mr. E. Quantz ..... Ministry of Attorney General  
D/Chief L. Zapotichny ..... New Westminster Police Department  
A/Commr. M. Johnston ..... RCMP  
Jo-Anne Zimmerman ..... Recording Secretary

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Richardson introduced Insp. Doug Wheeler, OIC Terrace; Insp. Dave Randhawa, CLEU; Mr. Derek Prout, Motor Vehicle Branch; Mr. Ernie Quantz, Ministry of the Attorney General and Mr. Brent Thompson, Criminal Justice Branch.

Chief Richardson congratulated Norm Simmons on his appointment as Chief of the Esquimalt Police Department.

## 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting held June 3 & 4, 1998 in Penticton be adopted as circulated. **CESSFORD/LEACH/CARRIED.**

## 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a) Request to Become Chapter of CACP

Chief Daniel advised there is little interest in becoming a chapter however, there is interest in continuing a close working relationship with the CACP. The new President intends to have a video conference with Provincial Presidents later this year.

Chief Daniel advised that he will distribute the year end CACP minutes once he has received them. A 67 page discussion paper on Private Security was presented by the Futures Group. He undertook to provide a copy to the

membership and requested that any comments be forwarded to him. The CACP have agreed to share the paper with the CTA and the BC Fed and will take a position at their October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Chief Daniel circulated information on the Police Safety Program "Highway Help", an initiative designed to promote road safety. Mr. Hubbard advised ICBC would be pleased to assist with the roll out of this program.

**MOTION:** That the BCACP proceed immediately with the police safety program "Highway Help", in partnership with ICBC.  
**ANDERSEN/CHURCHILL/CARRIED.**

Chief Daniel undertook to liaise with someone from the RCMP.

**b) Protocol for Protecting Emergency Responders from Communicable Diseases**

Chief Cessford introduced Dr. [S.22], who distributed two reports: Protocol for Protecting Emergency Responders from Communicable Diseases and Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Manager. Dr. [S.22] provided an overview about reducing the risk of HIV, Hep B and Hep C:

- ◆ HIV and Hep B can be fatal;
- ◆ Hep C is not fatal however, can have long lasting effects on health. There is no cure;
- ◆ These diseases are contracted through blood to blood transmission;

**HIV:**

- ◆ General Population - 1 in 1000 will have HIV; police officers should be informed that everyone should be considered as though they have HIV;
- ◆ Street Youth - 1 in 100 will have HIV;
- ◆ Prison Population: 5 out of 100 will have HIV;
- ◆ Injection Drug Users: 1 in 2 are HIV positive;

**HEP B:**

- ◆ General Population: 5 in 1000 will be positive with Hep B; Drug Users: 6 in 100 will be positive;

**HEP C:**

- ◆ General Population: 1 in 100 will be positive with Hep C; Prison Population: 28%; and Injection Drug Users 90%;

### **Needle Sticks:**

- ◆ 3 in 1000 individuals will cause an officer to become HIV;
- ◆ 5 in 100 will cause the officer to become Hep B positive, if the officer is not immunized against this;
- ◆ 1 in 10 will cause officer to become Hep C positive. This has the greatest risk however this disease is not fatal;
- ◆ Needle Stick Injuries: Officers can be pricked when searching and disposing of needles. Officers should be aware that needles are carried facing up. Tongs should be used when disposing of needles and they should be placed in a semi-rigid container. The doctor stressed the importance of wearing gloves, having water, towels and soap available to wash hands effectively;
- ◆ He stressed that time is of the essence if an officer is pricked. HIV can travel from the finger to the lymph nodes in two hours. The risk can be reduced by 86% if the officer attends Emergency within two hours. If pricked, it is important that the officer wash their finger under warm water if possible to promote bleeding. HIV can live in fresh blood for 1 to 7 days. He advised that anti retro viro treatment should be commenced immediately. The treatment is given three times a day for one month;
- ◆ Hep B: the hospital will ensure the officer is immune, if not they will be given something;
- ◆ Officer should attend Emergency immediately before contacting the Occupational Health Officer. Once treatment is started, the Public Health Nurse can assist in finding out if the officer has been exposed. Six weeks after treatment, the officer should take another blood test. If the officer has not converted by twelve weeks they should be clear of HIV;
- ◆ The doctor advised there is one documented case of HIV conversion by saliva. He explained there is a danger exists if there is blood in the saliva. Hep B can be transmitted in saliva.

### **c) Criminal Reform Update**

Mr. Quantz, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided an update on criminal reform. He introduced [S.22], who is the [S.22] of the reform initiatives (Phone: [S.22]). Mr. Quantz circulated a draft of the Criminal Case Management Rules and highlighted several initiatives:

Alt Measures: The referral rate for Adults is 3.5%; Youth - 12.7% for an average of 5.2% across the Province. This represents a 38% increase in the number of referrals from those made to Diversion from January to June 97. He asked that a member of the BCACP be nominated to assist in preparing an evaluation.

Community Accountability Program: This program allows police agencies to refer directly without pre-charge screening to community agencies for level 4 offences. There is no prosecution for failure to comply. There are currently 43 communities developing programs, 30 have applied and 13 have received funding. Funding has also been provided to the JI to train volunteers. The concern regarding the issue of liability for volunteers has been resolved. A community will be covered by the B.C. Municipality Insurance, if they are under 5,000. If the community is over 5,000, the Province will provide insurance coverage for volunteers. A number of municipal agencies are working with their agencies to develop proposals.

Case Management: Mr. Quantz advised that overtime is high as cases are not being managed. Chief Judge Metzger produced a report which recommended a more efficient management of criminal and family cases to conclude cases earlier. The new draft Provincial Court Rules will require Crown and Defense to share information sooner. The Rules should improve predictability of scheduling and reduce police overtime significantly. The Rules will be in the form of Regulations and he was hopeful they would be passed in early spring. The BCACP have an opportunity to participate in this process and make recommendation if they desire. One of the initiatives includes a plan to have police officers hand out instruction packets to the accused when they are released. He encouraged the BCACP to nominate someone to participate in reviewing this process.

Police Overtime: This joint ministry/police sponsored project is aimed at reducing unnecessary police and witness visits to court. Pilot projects are currently underway in Abbotsford and Victoria. The pilot projects conclude at the end of October, after which time an evaluation will be completed.

222 Main: A more efficient, integrated jail at 222 Main in Vancouver is being developed in partnership with the City of Vancouver and police. The site hosts other linked reform projects in addition to the jail itself. 222 will be a site of JUSTIN in the spring.



Crown Operation Review: Is intended to improve the quality and efficiency of Crown case management at 222 Main. Mapping of the current system is finished and the transition to a new system is beginning. The Court Administration Review Project is a re-engineering project designed to streamline processes in the Court Registry at 222 Main. An assessment of the current system revealed that the police and Crown need to work more closely together.

Video Conferencing: This project has introduced video-conferencing to the Provincial and B.C. Supreme Courts. Cameras and monitors allow inmates, witnesses and Crown Counsel to appear in courtrooms distant from them to participate fully in the process.

Mr. Quantz requested a representative participate on the evaluation of the Alt Measures and implementation of Police Overtime Project. He welcomed a non Vancouver City agency to participate in the pre-charge screening initiative. He also offered to have an off site demo of JUSTIN.

C/Supt. Swann and Chief Chambers offered to have someone assist.

Mr. Quantz advised there will be an amendment to the VAWIR policy. Chief Richardson supported this stating the criminal code must take precedent. Mr. Stackhouse asked that this be brought forward at the November meeting.

D/Chief Mackenzie inquired regarding prosecution for non-compliance for Section 717. Mr. Quantz advised they are still collecting data.

#### **d) Charge Approval**

D/Chief Mackenzie circulated a briefing note on Charge Approval and provided a brief history as it relates to the BCACP. He attached excerpts from the submissions for reference

Chief Young advised the Municipal Chiefs raised the issue concerning the re-training of police. He noted the inefficiencies and frustration from the police point of view and suggested alternate avenues should be explored.

Chief Richardson asked the membership to review D/Chief Mackenzie's discussion paper and reconsider the Association's past position. This issue will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Supt. MacAulay made reference to the Owen Inquiry. Mr. Quantz responded by stating that they have now defined what substantial likelihood of conviction means. The issue is open for discussion and he suggested there are significant issues which should be worked on together.

**e) Proceeds of Crime**

Mr. Engstad provided an update advising that when the Unit was established there was a proviso that a review be conducted after the first year. This review has provided some insight on short comings relating to legislation and policy.

He reported there is \$4,447,992.00 in the fund, which is comprised of crime proceeds from various cases. He indicated the restraint measures affecting government spending will dramatically limit the amount the Province is prepared to spend. Mr. Engstad will provide an update at the November meeting. Applications for access to the fund can be made through Mr. Begg's office.

**f) Warrant Expiry Release**

Chief Andersen provided an update advising that the proposal promoted by the BCACP was accepted in principle by the Criminal Justice Branch. This item will remain on the agenda for an update at the November meeting.

**g) Decriminalization of Drugs**

D/Chief Zapotichny introduced Supt. Casey, Insp. Barszczewski and Dr. S.22 [REDACTED] Insp. Barszczewski advised there is a need to concentrate on strong enforcement at the higher levels. During the last year however, the focus has switched to prevention and education. The ADIC (Addictive Drug Information Council) was recently formed. Their objectives is to collect and communicate accurate information on addictive drugs and related issues. A number of special interest groups are spending a lot of time, money and energy trying to have drugs decriminalized. A handout entitled "Straight Facts on Illegal Drugs", was distributed. He advised organized crime is growing rapidly in the Province. Marihuana is being traded pound for pound for cocaine. In many cases, the Judiciary are to blame for the problems in the

Province. He referred to recent court decisions dealing with the possession of marihuana for medical reasons. The CMA and AMA have not accepted the fact that marihuana should be used for any type of medical treatment. The public's attitude is generally more tolerant to the use of drugs. The average level of the THC in marihuana is 16% - 18%, which is substantially higher than the marihuana used in the past. He reiterated that no enforcement is the wrong thing to do.

Chief Richardson advised that the BCACP passed a resolution requesting that a study be undertaken on drug sentencing in the Province. He agreed with the observations about the growing apathy regarding marihuana. He asked S.22 for her comments regarding the concept of giving heroin addicts injections in a controlled setting. She advised these methods have been tried by other countries and have failed. The proponents argue the successes of these programs however, she stated studies can be interpreted differently. She advised a proper scientific study hasn't been done. In actual fact crimes of violence increased. Supt. Casey advised there is a need for adequate rehabilitation and treatment centres. In conclusion he stated many groups want to do something. We all have a role to play. He stressed strong enforcement at all levels.

**MOTION:** WHEREAS the BCACP is committed to reducing the amount of illegal drug use in the Province of B.C., and  
WHEREAS the BCACP acknowledges the fact that we must work in partnership with the Departments of Health, Social Services and other agencies/organizations to identify root causes of drug abuse and treat persons addicted to illicit drugs and  
WHEREAS the BCACP is convinced that the decriminalization or legalization of illegal drugs does not solve the problem of drug addiction  
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the BCACP strongly opposes any move toward legalization or decriminalization of illegal drugs and we urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to support the BCACP health care and social services providers to partner with the police in their quest to reduce the use of illicit drugs in British Columbia. YOUNG/DANIEL/CARRIED.

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a) Traffic Committee**

Supt. Hall highlighted areas of interest from the TSC Executive meeting:



- ♦ Executive Membership Expansion: Mr. Roger Cutler, Criminal Justice Branch and Jill Walker, Director Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Superintendent.
- ♦ Traffic Offence Disposition Project: The report and recommendations will be presented to the TSC in October and the Committee's recommended response will be referred to the BCACP in November.
- ♦ Photo Radar Program: New formalized policy has been drafted.
- ♦ Keynote Speaker - Fall General Meeting: The AG has been invited to deliver the keynote address.
- ♦ Graduated Licensing Program: Police Services is in the process of preparing a bulletin for distribution to all police, which will contain common questions and answers relating to the new program.
- ♦ "Operation Impact": Seat Belt / Child Restraint Enforcement Campaign October 3 - 7, 1998. A roll-call training video and campaign "tool kit" will be distributed to all police agencies this week. TSC members agreed to collect and submit campaign stats.
- ♦ CACP Report - Enforcement of Canada's Impaired Driving Laws: The BCACP TSC agreed to review and respond to a document entitled "Front Line Police Officers' Perceptions and Attitudes About the Enforcement of Impaired Driving Laws in Canada".
- ♦ Cancellation of Violation Tickets: S.22 indicated that human error, either on the part of the police, ICBC or himself resulted in the cancellations. These errors can be attributed to changes in the Section numbers of the revised Statutes, the recently revised fine system and problems associated with the merger of MVB and ICBC. He committed to providing Executive members with a letter referencing the pertinent sections of the Offence Act, and a copy of a condensed version of the current guidelines for issuing violation tickets. ICBC will formally request that the CJB increase the number of staff with authority to address these VT tickets.
- ♦ Enforcement Study - Granville Street: A study is being done to determine, in an urban context, the cause and effect of varying levels of enforcement.
- ♦ Impaired Driving Activity: Results reviewed by Supt. Hall. A request was submitted to government for legislation which would allow officers to test for drugs other than alcohol. A letter will be drafted for signature by Chief Richardson, recommending that a small number of dedicated Crown be assigned to DRE-lated cases.
- ♦ Unsafe Speed and Dangerous Driving Activity: The TSC will recommend someone sit as a regular member of the Speed Watch Advisory Board.

Chief Richardson raised the issue concerning the numerous traffic enforcement programs which police participate in: Enhanced CounterAttack, Red Light Camera, Speed Corridor etc. A number of Chiefs and Detachment Commanders have stated that the current process for Enhanced CounterAttack is problematic, especially for small departments. This issue was discussed by the Municipal Chiefs, who passed a motion to work towards strategies for police traffic programs funded by ICBC. They discussed the option regarding the formation of a regional traffic unit, which would be funded by ICBC, managed by the police and governed by a policy board. This option is very controversial and he indicated there may be other options. He suggested a Committee be formed, to meet with ICBC to see if an agreement can be reached. Mr. Hubbard provided an overview regarding some of ICBC's programs and the problems associated with the successful operation of these programs.

Mr. Begg advised that as a result of a study conducted earlier this year, it was determined there was agreement for greater traffic enforcement. There was also general consensus that most departments wanted ICBC to fund additional officers in their departments. Mr. Begg agreed to distribute a copy of the report to those who contributed to it.

**MOTION:** That the BCACP strike a Committee to work with ICBC and the Ministry of the Attorney General to explore funding / partnerships, for a traffic initiative model which would have application across the Province.  
**CESSFORD/BROCK/CARRIED.**

The following members will bring recommendations forward at the November meeting: Supt. Hall, Chief Chambers, A/Commr. Johnston, Chief Cessford, Chief Richardson, Mr. Hubbard, and a representative from AG's Ministry.

**b) Use of Force Committee**

Mr. Begg advised this Committee was established to create guidelines around the use of force. Chief Arnold and Supt. Preston are the BCACP's representatives on this Committee.

**c) Firearms Committee**

Mr. Stackhouse introduced Mr. Hank Mathias and Mr. Tony Heemskert, the new Director of Security Programs Division. Mr. Mathias provided an overview of the Canadian Firearms Registration System (CFRS), which is to be implemented effective October 1. He indicated implementation may be delayed until December 1. He provided a brief summary regarding police secondments; prosecution; training; FIP and enforcement. Federal Call Centre: 1-800-731-4000 / Pacific Region Firearms Centre: 1-877-347-3276.

Sgt. Carver advised the National Core Group continues to push for a firearms tracing program. He provided statistics stating 458 firearms were seized in the Pacific Region by Canada Customs, who freely admit they intercept only a small percentage of the firearms coming across our boarder. Firearm seizures done in the Lower Mainland area: 1994 - 1,797; 1995 - 2,472 ; 1996 - 2,664 and 1997 - 5,606; He stressed this is not a clear picture of entire Province.

He summarized by stating there is a clear indication that a tremendous amount of information is available on firearms and firearms matters however, it is very expensive to investigate. There is a need for a support mechanism to assist operational people investigating these offences. The new Regulations will include two distinct roles: regulatory and enforcement however, no clear protocol has been established between the two.

Insp. Frolic provided a more in-depth overview of the Ontario situation. He stressed the need for a dedicated unit, stating partnerships and funding are needed to get the guns off the street.

**MOTION:** The BCACP support in principle the creation of a Provincial Police Weapons Unit to deal with the illegal movement of firearms.  
**CESSFORD/DANIEL/CARRIED.**

Chief Richardson advised a number of questions were raised by the Municipal Chiefs regarding the MOU's and the selection process. Chief Young undertook to meet with the CPFO regarding these issues.

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***Presentation by Attorney General***

The Attorney General attended and spoke on the following issues:

- ◆ ViCLAS: The AG thanked the membership for continuing to work on this issue and hoped that further progress could be made.
- ◆ Uniform Fees for Criminal Record Checks for Volunteers: He was hopeful that an agreement could be reached.
- ◆ Gaming: He advised a submission is going before Treasury Board
- ◆ Organized Crime Review: He advised he would be briefed later in the afternoon on the report. The report will be made public to the extent possible.
- ◆ Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing: Chief Richardson inquired if there were any new developments with reference to concerns expressed by Councils regarding revenue sharing. The AG advised there is an agreement in principle between the UBCM Executive and the Ministry. Treasury Board has not given final approval to this decision.
- ◆ Bill C-68: C/Supt. Swann, expressed concern regarding the cost of prosecution. The AG advised he understood that all enforcement costs would be born by the Federal Government. A letter was written to the Minister of Justice, requesting that the implementation be delayed. He suggested the Association make their views known, if more time is required
- ◆ Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs: D/Chief Mackenzie inquired regarding outlaw motorcycle gangs. The AG advised he was awaiting a report before making comment.
- ◆ Sharing of Information - Health Care Providers: Chief Cessford advised he wrote a letter on behalf of the Municipal Chiefs asking that consideration be given to enacting legislation requiring health care providers to share information with the police on injuries obtained from violent crimes. The AG advised this issue is being looked at in consultation with Mr. Flaherty, the Privacy Commissioner. He advised he would be pleased to look at expanding this to include general criminal issues.
- ◆ Judiciary: Chief Young advised that frustration continues to grow by all police officers with the court system. The AG advised they will continue



to work with Crown however, ultimately it is the decision of the courts. A/Commr. Johnston expressed concern regarding the increased criticism towards the Judiciary. He asked if there was a willingness on the part of the BCACP to meet with the Chief Justice to see if a dialogue could be developed between the police and the courts. He asked if the AG would be prepared to Chair such a meeting. A/Commr. Johnston advised the courts are in a crisis situation with regards to public confidence, and indicated the police would like to work to resolve this. The AG advised it would not be possible for him to Chair or be present at such a meeting. He suggested a public forum may be a more appropriate course of action. S.22 advised consideration has been given to holding an invitation only meeting to discuss justice reform initiatives. The issue of public confidence in the justice system is an agenda item at the upcoming Ministers of Justice meeting. Chief Cessford inquired if the Province would be prepared to fund community court watch programs.

- ♦ Complaints Process: Supt. Graham inquired as to what issues are of concern to the AG. The Minister stated the RCMP in British Columbia should be subjected to the same complaints process and advised consideration has been given to legislating a complaints process for them. He suggested Ottawa should be more sensitive to the needs of British Columbia. He made reference to Justice Oppal's recommendation that the Province should consider a Provincial Police Force.
- ♦ Funding Cutbacks at the JI: Chief Anderson expressed concern regarding the substantial cutback in funding to the JI and in particular the reduction in training for police officers. The Minister expressed his concern and undertook to take this message back to Treasury Board. Chief Young advised the CPC continues to increase its fees for training and pointed out that the results of these cutbacks will be viewed down the road
- ♦ Fiscal Restraints The AG stated he appreciates the fact that the police have a difficult job under very difficult circumstances. He expressed his continued support and thanked the Association for the co-operative relationship which continues to exist.

**Presentation of Plaque:** Chief Richardson provided a few comments regarding S.22, who retired earlier this month as S.22. S.22 The AG thanked S.22 for his commitment, dedication and



process of developing a Leadership Development Program. It was noted that leadership skills should be introduced at all levels of training.

The Committee is attempting to stop the increase of any fees at the College, as plans are to increase the cost of courses over the next few years.

**i) Police/Crown Liaison Committee**

Chief Daniel advised the next meeting will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He requested that any issues of concern be forwarded to him prior to this date. He advised the charge approval process is still on the agenda.

**j) ITCU Advisory Committee**

Chief Arnold had nothing to report as the Committee did not meet during the summer. He hoped to provide a report at the November meeting.

**k) Special Constable Appointments**

Chief Richardson advised that a follow-up meeting is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee will endeavour to identify the restrictions under the new Act that would apply to Transit Police and determine who investigates complaints against Special Constables. He undertook to provide an update at the November meeting.

**Canadian Society of Industrial Security**

D/Chief Zapotichny advised that the BCACP and the CACP previously endorsed the "Preparing to Police Cyberspace" Conference, which will be held in Vancouver, October 15-17, 1998. The Conference has received tremendous support from delegates on a national level. The dinner presentations to be held October 15, 16 and 17 are open to those who cannot attend the Conference. Further information can be obtained from D/Chief Zapotichny.

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**l) Report from Police Services**

Mr. Kevin Begg distributed two draft guidelines regarding the withdrawal of violation tickets by police officers. Mr. Norm Brown, Police Services, provided background information on the drafts. Crown have approved the first draft. The second draft completed in September, strengthens the ability of the police officer to make the decision. The Committee agreed these guidelines should be included in the Police Standards. Mr. Brown advised he would follow-up with a letter requesting specific input. Chief Richardson suggested the membership review the guidelines for consideration at the November meeting.

Mr. Begg raised the issue of uniform payment of criminal record checks and indicated this is an important issue for the AG. He advised they have not had an opportunity to review a legal opinion obtained by them. He suggested a Committee be formed to review the options and that this issue be further discussed at the November meeting. Chief Richardson suggested the Chair of PISAG Police Information Systems Advisory Group, Committee represent the BCACP.

Mr. Stackhouse advised a random check revealed there are a wide range of charges and in some cases charges to volunteers and volunteer groups that shouldn't be. He was hopeful the Committee could bring forward some options at the November meeting.

Chief Andersen advised the Municipal Chiefs standardized their fees approximately two years ago. However, they could not agree on a fee for volunteers. As a result, he wrote to S.22, requesting these checks be conducted through the Criminal Review Act provisions. Her response was that they were not able to deal with it currently however, indicated it would be considered in the future. Chief Andersen advised the checks create a large volume of work and are very costly. Supt. MacAulay suggested that all fees be reviewed. Supt. Leach advised that the fees are set by the Municipality within RCMP jurisdictions. Mr. Stackhouse will raise this issue with the B.C. Association of Police Boards at their next meeting. It was agreed that both the Municipal Chiefs and the RCMP would identify someone to sit on the Committee.

Mentally Disordered Offenders: Mr. Begg advised they received a request for their staff to attend a meeting with Ministry of Health, who are initiating a plan to reduce the criminalization of the mentally ill. He was certain that any move in this area would have implications for the police. He undertook to provide an update when further information is known. Chief Andersen

advised he attended one of these meetings on behalf of the B.C. Municipal Chiefs.

Audit Process: Mr. Begg advised a consultant has been hired and a survey will be sent out shortly. He was hopeful the review would be completed by the end of December. He advised they will be interacting with the Municipal Chiefs' Committee.

Auxiliary Police: Mr. Begg advised the consultant's report was sent to the members of the Steering Committee, who will develop recommendations for the Minister. The report provided a very thorough examination of what's been happening. It included the various options available, which range from the extreme on either side. The consultant has attempted to provide the pros and cons of these options. He indicated there will be further discussions with both the Municipal Chiefs and the RCMP, prior to briefing the Minister. Insp. McLeod inquired if the Auxiliaries would be held accountable to their 160 hour limit in view of this delay. Mr. Begg advised that the Auxiliaries were informed previously what the bottom line was. Mr. Stackhouse advised that operational decisions will have to be made by the RCMP.

Spike Belts: Mr. Begg advised that feedback was received from a number of departments. He anticipated that most orders should be filled by this fall. They are working with the RCMP to see if these can be purchased through their system.

Emergency Driving Guidelines: Mr. Begg advised they will be sending out the amended guidelines to replace the original ones sometime in October. A training plan has been developed, which will be done via video and workbooks. He anticipated the video would be ready for distribution later this fall.

Police Honours Night: Scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>, guest arrival is after 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m. The award recipients have been identified. Chief Richardson advised that the Committee decided on a pin: Gold for valour and Silver for meritorious service. Each recipient will also receive a framed certificate. Police Services will endeavour to make the pins available to all previous recipients.

Medical Workers Sharing Info with Police: Mr. Begg distributed the letter sent to the FOI Commissioner in response to the Municipal Chiefs position paper. The Commissioner indicated that he would be revising his position

paper. Mr. Begg informed him that there was a desire to address this through legislation. The Commissioner was reluctant to see this done and suggested a meeting with Ministry of Health to work out a province wide MOU. Mr. Begg advised that a decision will have to be made as to whether or not we should continue with the approach of legislation or resolve this matter with Ministry of Health. Chief Cessford inquired about the possibility of enacting legislation for this kind of reporting. He suggested this issue be placed on the BCACP agenda and undertook to provide a report at the November meeting.

Mr. Stackhouse provided feedback from the Minister's visit:

- ♦ Importance of consultation with the police;
- ♦ the Minister was very pleased with comments about the Judiciary. He requested that §.22 explore further the option of having some kind of conference. Mr. Stackhouse advised it was important that the BCACP have input as to who is appointed to the Judiciary.
- ♦ Budgets - he referred to the constraints eluded to by the Minister.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) C.P.A.L. Crime Prevention Analysis Laboratory**

Supt. Dicks introduced Dr.'s §.22 who elaborated on C.P.A.L., a crime analysis strategic tool, that is currently unfolding at Simon Fraser University. Dr. §.22 advised the lab is an extension of what they've been doing at SFU. A number of corporate sponsors have been acquired over the past year.

C.P.A.L. Mission: expanding knowledge of crime patterns; developing management tools; data warehousing and linkages; expanding crime prevention knowledge; develop special services.

Dr. §.22 expounded on the following issues: Management/Planning; Monitoring/Evaluation; Project Examples; Management Examples; Strategic Examples; and the goals of C.P.A.L. They provided an overhead display illustrating various crime trends.



**CHILD DEATH REVIEW UNIT RECOMMENDATION**

A letter was received from the Child Death Review Unit in regards to all law enforcement agencies reviewing policy to ensure the inclusion of actions required when attending a scene where the victim may be hypothermic.

After discussion, it was agreed that this is not part of the Training Committee mandate. The RCMP will review their policy and PSD will assist the municipal departments, if required.

**DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE****NPS Real Time Identification**

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PRIMECorp.

Kevin Begg introduced 22(1) for PRIMECorp. At the November 2007 meeting there was discussion of NPS Real Time Identification (RTID) with further discussion set for this meeting.

The electronic submission of fingerprints has been mandated by NPS and all agencies will need to install equipment including the scanner and server. The server alone would be approximately \$90,000 per agency. The RTID server and infrastructure is an unfunded project and is not part of the PRIMECorp budget.

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After discussion, it was agreed that RTID is required to be implemented and by implementing collectively through PRIMECorp there is a cost savings.

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP support the proposal as presented with PRIMECorp administering the RTID implementation.*

**CARRIED**

**Consult with Ministry of Justice**

Kevin Begg provided a briefing from Police Services Division.

- The province is developing a Provincial Standard for Audio and Visual Recording Equipment as the result of jury recommendations from the Bush inquiry. A working group has been formed to discuss digital video surveillance and recording systems that cover the scope of prisoner booking areas, sally ports, outside locations that may be used for unloading/release of prisoners, cells and interview rooms. It is expected the standard will be finalized by the end of 2008.

- Conducted Energy Device (Taser) continues to be a hot topic. The Solicitor General has established a steering group to examine Taser policies and practices. There



Letters to & from 22(1) Correctional Services Canada

Correspondence regarding the lack

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Letter from Law Enforcement Torch Run

Correspondence thanking the BCACP for their financial support to the LETR.

Letter from Kevin Begg, ADM & Director of Police Services

Correspondence advising that the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles has a Police Liaison Officer position in place.

Letter from the Hon John van Dongen, Solicitor General

Correspondence regarding property theft and electronic reporting system. This will be discussed at the next meeting with the Solicitor General.

Letter from D/C/Cst. Mike Chadwick, President BCACP

Correspondence congratulating the members of the BCACP invested in the Order of Merit.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### SUB-COMMITTEES

At the September 2008 meeting the sub-committees will be reviewed to update the committee membership with the retirements/transfers of members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Consult with BC gov't  
Sandra Sajko presented the Police Services Update on behalf of Kevin Begg. The National Sex Offender Registry has 59 locations within the province where sex offenders can register. 51 are RCMP detachments and 8 are municipal police departments. Registration compliance can be challenging for offenders especially in northern or remote areas and current registration centres are now starting to see an increase in work load as offenders register from out of jurisdiction. PSD and the BC Sex Offender Information Registration Centre proposes registration centres be expanded to all RCMP and municipal police departments. This will maximize registration compliance and redistribute the workload to the community where the offender resides. Oak Bay, New Westminster and Port Moody are being asked to agree to this expansion. Chief Gaudet (Oak Bay) and Chief Zapotichny (New Westminster) are in agreement. Sandra Sajko will discuss this change with Port Moody Police Department.

Qualified Technician – An issue has been raised regarding the work on the appointment certificates issued to qualified technicians (QT) who conduct breath tests. The current wording indicates that the designation is valid "... for as long as he/she remains a police officer". Consequently, certificates issued to QT's with any kind of break in employment while holding this designation, are not valid. Kevin Begg will send a letter with a proposed plan for re-designation of QT's who have had a break in service.

Motor Vehicle Incident Response Protocol - The protocol sets out a common and accepted set of procedures to emergency responders providing safety and health of all

responders while focusing on saving lives at the scene and reducing suffering. All parties agreed for this protocol to be successful, resolving outstanding jurisdictional and resourcing issues and supporting the rollout of training and ongoing coordination between the participating agencies must continue to receive attention. Norm Gaumont suggested that once the final copy is complete the Traffic Safety Committee will review before seeking endorsement from the BCACP. The emphasis is for responders to work together.

**Sea-to-Sky Pilot Project** – PSD has been tasked to establish an expedited response pilot project regarding the sea-to-sky highway. The project will identify gaps and challenges facing emergency response personnel when attending a serious crash.

**Police Record Check** – It has been suggested that a working group be set to develop best practices on criminal records checks. Currently, there is no consistency of standards for police record checks. It was agreed that this needs to be addressed and BCACP is in support of standardization and a coordinated approach. Security Programs will take the lead on this and if anyone would like to participate they should advise Sandra. Clayton Pecknold advises that he has someone that would be willing to assist, Derek Egan advised that the Municipal Finance Officers have already done some work on this (the chair is from Abbotsford PD).

**Mark Tatchell** spoke briefly to the Prolific Offender Management Project. This pilot project is comprised of a multi-agency team developing an integrated approach to reducing crime by managing the small number of offenders who commit a large portion of the crime. Resources from police, corrections, Crown, Ministry of Children, employee assistance, health authorities, victim services and social services are involved in this pilot project and meet regularly to coordinate the management of the offender.

#### PIP NATIONAL GOVERNANCE BOARD

Two years ago, the CACP Board created the Police Information Portal (PIP) National Governance Board. The purpose was to oversee the project then known as LEIP which connects RMS systems across the country. Chief Jim Chu was appointed as the BC representative in 2006, and in 2007 then became the Chair of the PIP. His two year term is up as the PIP representative and therefore someone needs to be appointed by the BCACP. Chief Chu is willing to stand for this position for a two year term.

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That Chief Constable Chu be appointed by the BCACP to represent British Columbia on the PIP National Governance Board.*

**CARRIED**

#### LUNCH

The meeting recessed for lunch. 22(1) was presented with a plaque from the BCACP and joined us for lunch.

#### SCHOOL ACTION FOR EMERGENCIES (SAFE)

Sponsor: Insp. Pat Walsh  
Presenter: Cpl. Tony Massie, National SAFE Plan Coordinator

**NEW BUSINESS****HAIR MICROSCOPY CASE REVIEW**

Doug LePard advised that a letter from the Criminal Justice Branch, through the CPLC, was received requesting a review of cases over the last 25 years of culpable homicide, sexual assault, robbery and other indictable offences involving the use or attempted use of violence and in which hair microscopy evidence was relied upon to secure a conviction.

Dick Bent advised that Al Macintyre has been talking to A/Commr Buckle in hope that the lab would be able to provide a list of cases where hair examination took place. It will be interesting to see what the archival records will produce. This is a huge issue for the individual police agencies as it might require reviewing each individual file over the last 25 years. The police agencies do not have the capacity to review all the cases.

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This will be forwarded to the Crown Police Liaison Committee for their review.

In the interim, Mike Chadwick as President will respond to Bob Gillen.

**DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE**

Consult Ministry - Justice  
Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

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PSD is working toward a vision for the future of police training and education that will be called the "Police Learning Strategy". A Police Training Governance Steering Committee will be struck with Kevin Begg as the chair. The committee will have representatives from the municipal departments and the JI but Kevin would like representation from the RCMP as well. Kevin is looking to the OIC of the Pacific Region Training Centre and a representative from the BCAP Training Committee to take part in this Steering Committee.

The Policing Standards Project had been put on hold temporarily and is now underway again. The purpose of the project is to facilitate consistent, accountable and professional police practices throughout the province. PSD is getting ready to introduce a number of minor changes to the *Police Act* to facilitate this project. One of the next steps is to implement an Advisory Committee on Policing Standards.

The second phase of the Braidwood Commission is scheduled to begin October 20. This phase will focus on the events surrounding the death of Dziekanski at the airport. There are other CEWs reviews being done simultaneously.

PSD has set up a working group whose purpose is to enhance current police pursuit guidelines by developing policy that can be uniformly applied across the province. The working group consists of PSD staff and representatives from every police department in



Consult - Ministry of Justice the province. This group will work towards creating a threshold for initiating a pursuit that will be applicable province wide.

The province is developing a Standard with respect to audio and visual recording in police departments following the jury recommendations from the Bush inquiry. It is anticipated that proposed standards will be presented shortly.

BC 2007 crime data has been finalized and is available on the Ministry website. PSD in previous years produced the Police and Crime Summary Statistics and now the information is found in a publication called BC Crime Trends 2007 along with two supporting data tables containing BC and jurisdictional specific crime data.

In regards to PRIME-BC significant progress has been made in stabilizing and optimizing the PRIME system by reconfiguring the existing hardware. Preparations are ongoing for anticipated system releases and upgrades including moving the Lower Mainland to version 7.0 of CAD in early 2009. It is anticipated that all independent municipal agencies will be using version 7.0 of the RMS by June 2009.

Security Programs has started to review best practices and develop recommendations in regards to Police Record Check Policy for the BCACP endorsement on best query practices, information release procedures and costs.

The Police Officer Recruitment Fund (PORF) has an implementation working group and their first meeting is set for October 10, 2008. Their discussions will focus on the mandate of the umbrella Organized Crime Entity and its governance model. Members of the working group are A/Commr Al Macintyre, C/Supt Bent, C/Cst Hames, C/Cst Brad Parker, C/Cst Rich, C/Cst Cessford and D/Chief Sweeney.

Brief discussion on standardizing the way data is entered into PRIME. There is a theme of standardizing the entries or bulk filing. Further information will be forthcoming.

Lorne Zapotichny noted that there is a reduction in the stats on vehicle theft and he would like to acknowledge the work done by those who spearheaded the Bait Car Program.

#### BC LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSITY NETWORK

The BCACP has continued with their support to the LED Network and had a request for \$3,000. According to the Constitution, the Executive can approve funds to an amount not to exceed \$1,000. The Executive sent a cheque for the \$1000 as they have done in the past. Discussion followed on the issue of funding requests. The IBCACP is not a funding body and the Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single group that the BCACP supports. Ken Allen will request further clarification from LED Network and report back tomorrow morning. (Nothing to report on Thursday morning)

#### LUNCH

Recessed for lunch.

#### SECURITY 2010 – PARTICIPATION OF OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Sponsor: A/Commr Bud Mercer

Presenter: Insp. Barry Baxter, Mobilization Coordinator, ISU

RCMP Consult

Bud Mercer introduced Insp. Baxter who spoke to the fact that the planning process is looking for law enforcement and support personnel to be deployed. Deployments will vary from 16 – 60 days with the average being 32 days. Personnel will be drawn from the RCMP, provincial and municipal police forces across Canada. A master Memorandum of Agreement has been drafted which will formalize the terms and conditions for deployment of non-RCMP personnel. Police departments will receive repayment of salary and benefits for deployed resources and all travel, accommodation and meals will be reimbursed. The requests for personnel numbers are to be identified by December 31, 2008.

#### CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

Sponsor: D/C/Cst. Mike Chadwick, President

Presenter: 22(1) Senior Analyst, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

22(1) spoke to the implementation of a new measure of crime impacting how crime data will be released to the public. The objective of this new index is to provide a more meaningful indicator of the change in police-reported crime from year to year as well as enhance the comparability of crime statistics at the provincial/territorial and municipal level by taking into account the relative seriousness of each offence.

22(1) will forward her presentation to be distributed to the BCACP membership.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING

Presenters: Kevin Begg, ADM  
Lynne McNally, Director  
Jane Naydiuk, Program Manager, Standards & Evaluation Unit

Consult Ministry

Kevin Begg spoke to the membership on the training for the domestic violence threat assessment. This eLearning initiative will ensure police officers have access to training on domestic violence. There is no change in policy just better training for the front line officers. Bill Dingwall noted that training for 2009 has been cut to 9 months because of the Olympics. It was noted that Crown needs to work in unison with the police and be part of the training and discussions will continue with Bob Gillen.

*Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP endorse the Police Services Division's Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Training to front line officers in British Columbia and request PSD to continue the work to bring Crown counsel into this project.*

*Carried*

#### MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Consult Ministry

Mark Tatchell wanted to take the opportunity to speak to the BCACP regarding the Ministry of Health's 10 year mental health plan that is looking at treatment and prevention for mental health and how this will assist policing. Consultation at the provincial and regional levels is under way with justice, education and social services. Individual police services might be interested in being consulted and should let Mark Tatchell know if there is an interest in sitting on this committee.





October 31, 2012

Ref: 485842

Chief Constable Peter Lepine  
Chair  
BC Association of Chiefs of Police  
PO Box 42529  
New Westminster BC V3M 6L7

Dear Chief Constable Lepine:

I am writing to request your assistance in addressing Coroner jury recommendations that were issued in June 2010, following an inquest into the death of Mr. Alvin Prasad in Vancouver. Please distribute this correspondence to your members.

In the death of Mr. Prasad, the Coroner's jury determined that there was a delayed response time by police and Emergency Health Services (EHS) in providing assistance to Mr. Prasad due to a number of interrelated factors, including sub-optimal inter-agency communications. This particular factor illustrated the need for the development of clear policies and procedures governing police, EHS and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) response to calls which involve both known scene safety issues and high medical acuity patients. The Coroner noted that the method by which both the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and EHS handle "wait" calls was not set out in policy statements or standard operating procedures (SOP) by either organization.

As a result, the Coroner's jury first recommendation was that VPD and EHS, in consultation with E-Comm 911 and VFRS, develop policies and SOP for responding to police and/or ambulance dispatched calls that require timely police response to deal with matters of scene safety prior to the attendance of EHS. Secondly, the Coroner's jury recommended that the British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) and Police Services Division (PSD) undertake the development of policy and SOP for all other police agencies across British Columbia that are in keeping with the developed VPD/EHS policy and SOP, in order to ensure that there is consistent police operational policy and procedures throughout the province.

A working group led by E-Comm and comprised of BCAS, VPD, VFRS, and E-Comm was formed in order to address the jury's first recommendation. The result was the *SOP: Police, Fire, and Ambulance Coordinated Response Responsibilities* (see enclosed Appendix 1). In order to best address the recommendations of the Coroner's jury, the working group developed the SOP so that it may be used by all police agencies in British Columbia.

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The BCAS Policy: *Staging for Potentially Dangerous Incidents* (see enclosed Appendix 2) was also outlined. By adopting the policies and SOP developed by the working group, all other police agencies in British Columbia could fulfill the intent of the jury's second recommendation.

I am writing to ask that all police agencies review their policies and procedures with respect to responding to calls involving scene safety prior to the attendance of EHS and advise PSD as to their consistency with the enclosed SOP. Responses can be sent to Ms. Justine Herman by December 31, 2012. Justine can be contacted as follows:

Ms. Justine Herman  
Police Services Division  
Ministry of Justice  
#405 – 815 Hornby St.  
Vancouver BC V6Z 2E6  
E-mail: [Justine.Herman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Justine.Herman@gov.bc.ca)

I would also suggest that the BCACP invite a member of the working group that developed the enclosed SOP and policy regarding wait calls and staging to present at the November BCACP meeting. Ms. Cindy Defazio, Operations Manager for E-Comm, was a member of the working group and is available to present at the BCACP meeting on November 21, 2012, should you wish to include this item on the meeting agenda. She estimates that her presentation would require approximately one hour. Ms. Defazio's contact information is: 604 215-5054 or [Cindy.defazio@ecomm911.ca](mailto:Cindy.defazio@ecomm911.ca).

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Yours truly,



Clayton J.D. Pecknold  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
and Director of Police Services  
Policing and Security Programs Branch

Enclosure

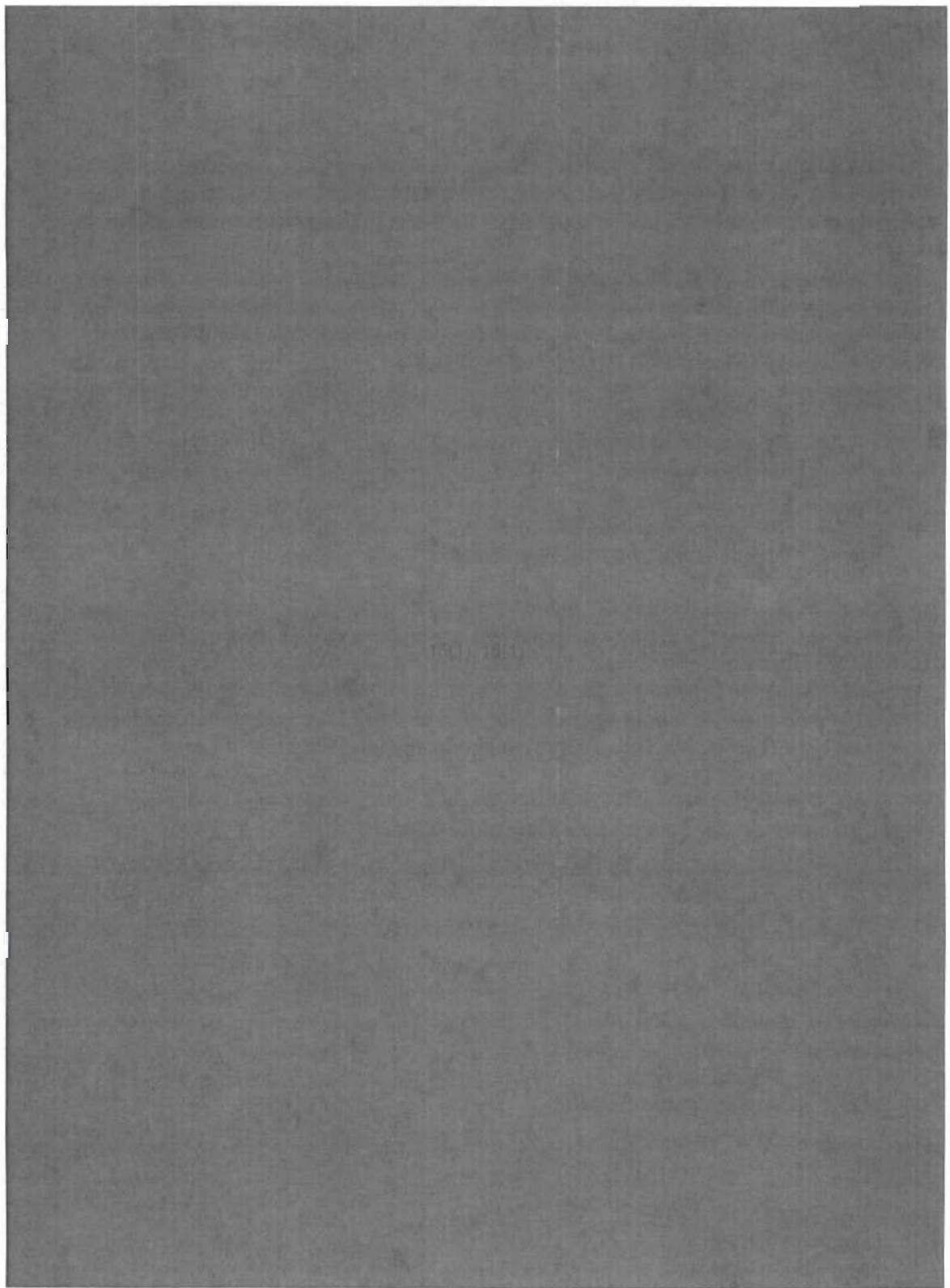
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Ms. Cindy Defazio

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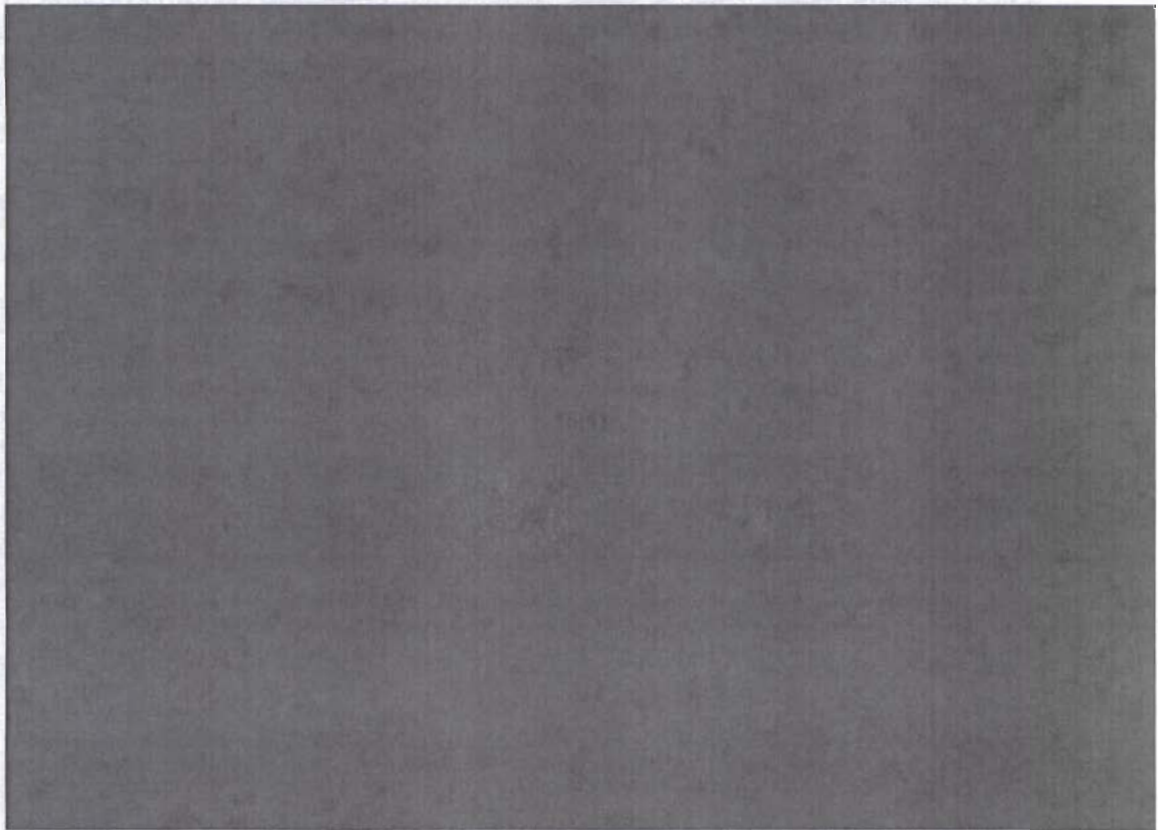
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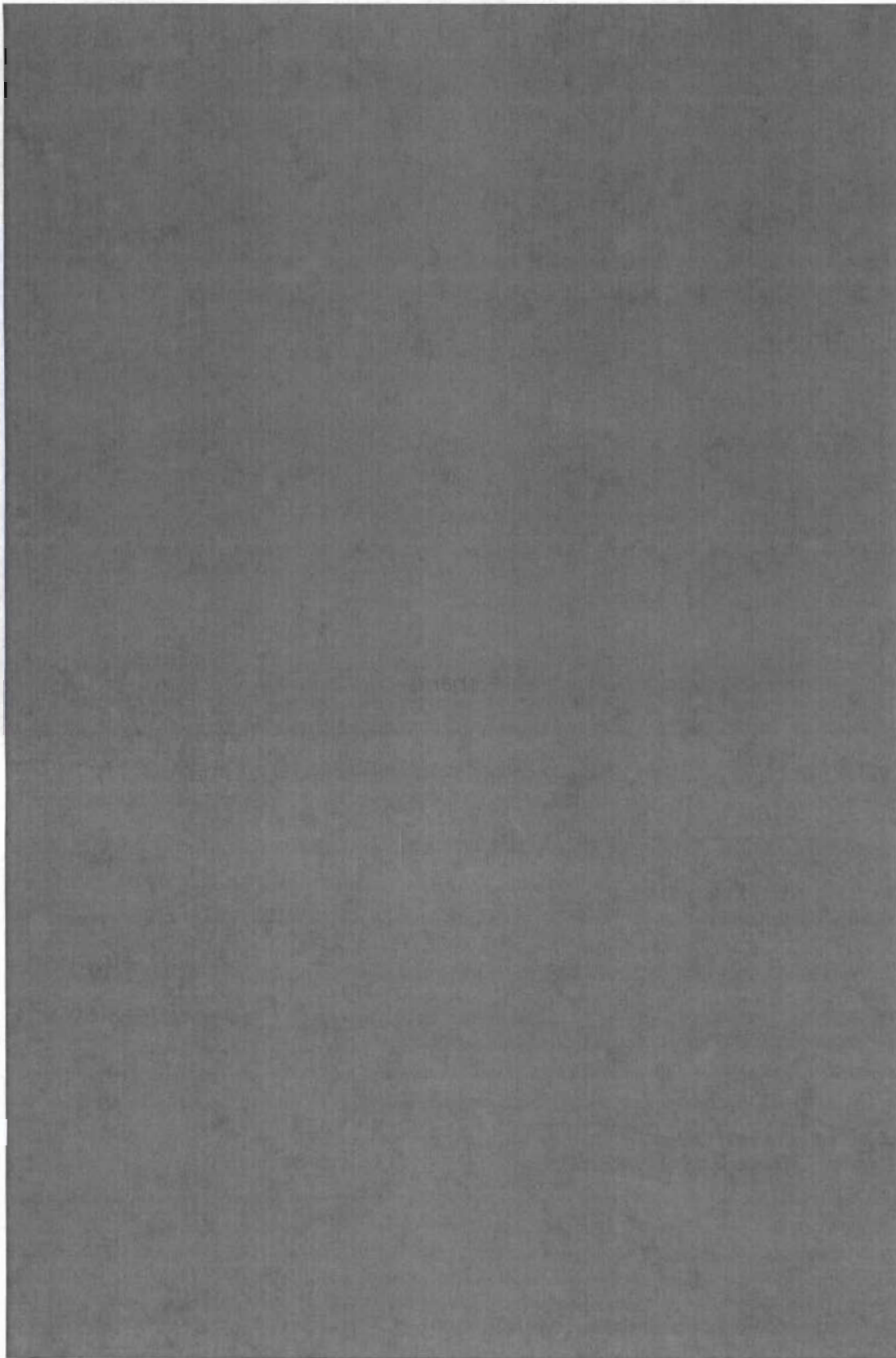
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M. Joyce DeWitt Van Oosten, QC  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Criminal Justice Branch

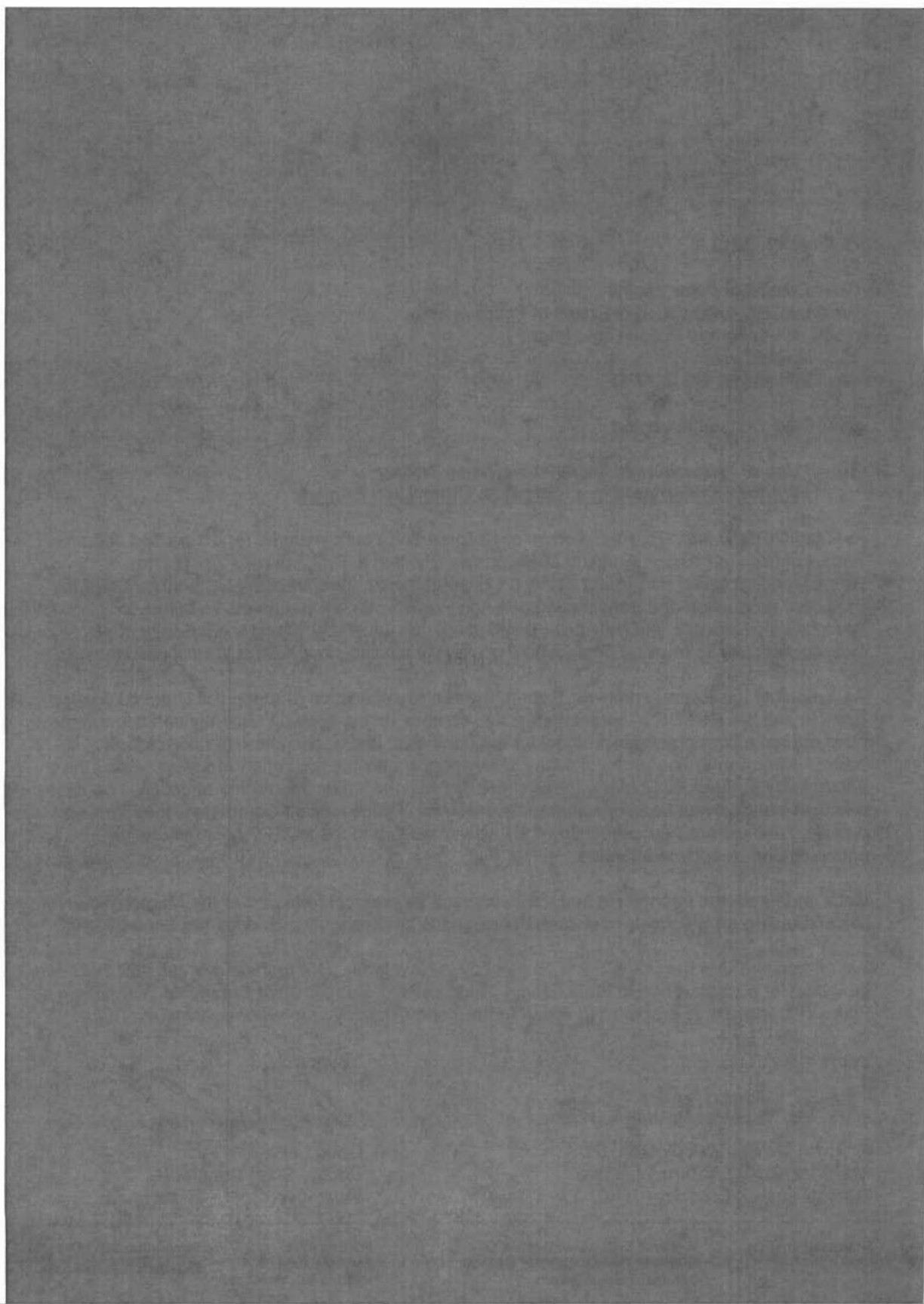
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Columbia on behalf of the BC Association of Chiefs of Police

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Chief Constable Peter Lepine  
President, BC Association of Chiefs of Police

☒ Appendix 'A' provides the contact information for these organizations.









October 17, 2012

Chief Constable Peter Lepine  
President, BC Association of Chiefs of Police  
c/o West Vancouver Police Department  
1330 Marine Drive  
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1B5

Dear Chief Constable Lepine:

**Re: Use of "Accredited" Translators When Taking  
Witness Statements in a Language Other Than English**

In March 2012, the BC Representative for Children and Youth issued a report entitled "The Impact of Criminal Justice Funding Decisions on Children in B.C." In her Report, the Representative called for greater clarity on when an "accredited" translator should be used for the police production and transcription of a non-English witness statement. A failure to appropriately translate and transcribe a statement can adversely impact the integrity of an investigation and its ensuing prosecution, potentially resulting in a judicial stay of proceedings.

As a result of the Representative's Report, the Ministry of Justice (through the Criminal Justice Branch) and the BCACP's representative and co-chair on the Crown Police Liaison Committee, have drafted a best practices protocol for the translation and transcription of non-English witness statements. The protocol seeks to reasonably balance the import of safeguarding the admissibility and reliability of a witness statement with the limited resources of police. The best-practices protocol has been considered by the Crown Police Liaison Committee, feedback was received, and we are now presenting the finalized version to the BCACP recommending endorsement. A copy is attached.

Once endorsed, the intention is that the best practices protocol form part of the Memorandum of Understanding on Disclosure Between Police and BC's Prosecution Service (as Schedule IV).

We understand that the BCACP will be meeting in November. We respectfully ask that this item be tabled for consideration at the meeting. Doug LePard, Deputy Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department, is prepared to speak to the issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

M. Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten, QC  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Criminal Justice Branch

Yours truly,

Doug LePard  
Deputy Chief Constable  
Vancouver Police Department

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- Justice Reform – we need to find ways to do things differently and dealing with the culture of change.
- Missing Women's Inquiry – the report is expected imminently and we will see how we move forward. Large numbers of recommendations are expected.
- BC is looking at taking the lead in working on cyber-bullying across the country.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**REPORTS – Continued**

**SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT****REGRETS**

C/Supt Janice Armstrong  
 C/Cst Jim Cessford  
 Insp. Kevin Violot

A/Commr Randy Beck  
 Insp Kevin Hewco

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Larry Vander Graaf

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Len Goerke spoke to the Financial Statements as at October 31, 2012.

Bank Balance from May 31, 2012

**\$87,008.46**

a)	Deposits	
	• Active Memberships	700.00
	• A/R	482.65
	• Associate Memberships	1200.00
		<b>\$ 2,382.65</b>
b)	Cheques issued	
	• 22(1) (June expenses)	\$ 1841.62
	• (June speaker)	4568.96
	• Sue Harper (June expenses)	194.50
	• Penticton Lakeside Resort	6446.87
	(Charge backs:	
	RMCP	90.16
	BCAMCP	173.88
	Legislative Committee	218.61)
	• (Speaker)	597.08
	• Special Olympics (LETR)	1000.00
	• Peninsula Trophy	252.46
	• Delta Grand Kelowna (June deposit)	1000.00
	• River Rock Resort (February deposit)	1000.00
	• Police & Peace Officer Memorial (donation)	3000.00
	• BC Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation	3000.00
	• BC Registry Services (Name request)	30.00
		<b>\$ 22,931.49</b>



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**PRIME UPDATE**

Sponsor: C/Cst. Mike Chadwick

Presenter: 22(1) General Manager, PRIMECorp

Clayton Pecknold opened the conversation on PRIME noting that it is essential that we continually re-evaluate to ensure BC is well positioned to meet current and future demands on police information systems. In early 2012, the PrimeCorp Board hired a consultant to review the PRIME system and provide direction on strategic planning, infrastructure and ongoing sustainability.

*A Motion was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BC Association of Chiefs of Police endorse the inclusion of the Transit Police as a signatory to the "Charter Respecting the Governance of Prime-BC, and to include all Police Agencies in the approval process of other changes to the Charter.*

*Carried*

The BCACP is referring back to the Governance Council for further clarification on the IIO being included in this motion. They are Category 1 in the Province but the actual use of the application and rules of how they gather information for investigative purposes requires further information.

*A Motion was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP endorse the USER Identification Review as outlined in this briefing with the purpose of ensuring the security and integrity of the PRIME-BC system*

*Carried***PROVINCIAL CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

A/Commr Norm Lipinski

At the last meeting Bob Rich and Norm Lipinski presented on crime reduction. The group has met twice and is looking at analyzing the data. They looked at the crime rates across Canada and BC ranked #8. The goal is to look at a more strategic approach at reducing crime rates across the province. They will meet with PSD to discuss the overall policing plan and the next step is to develop the terms of reference of how to approach this issue.

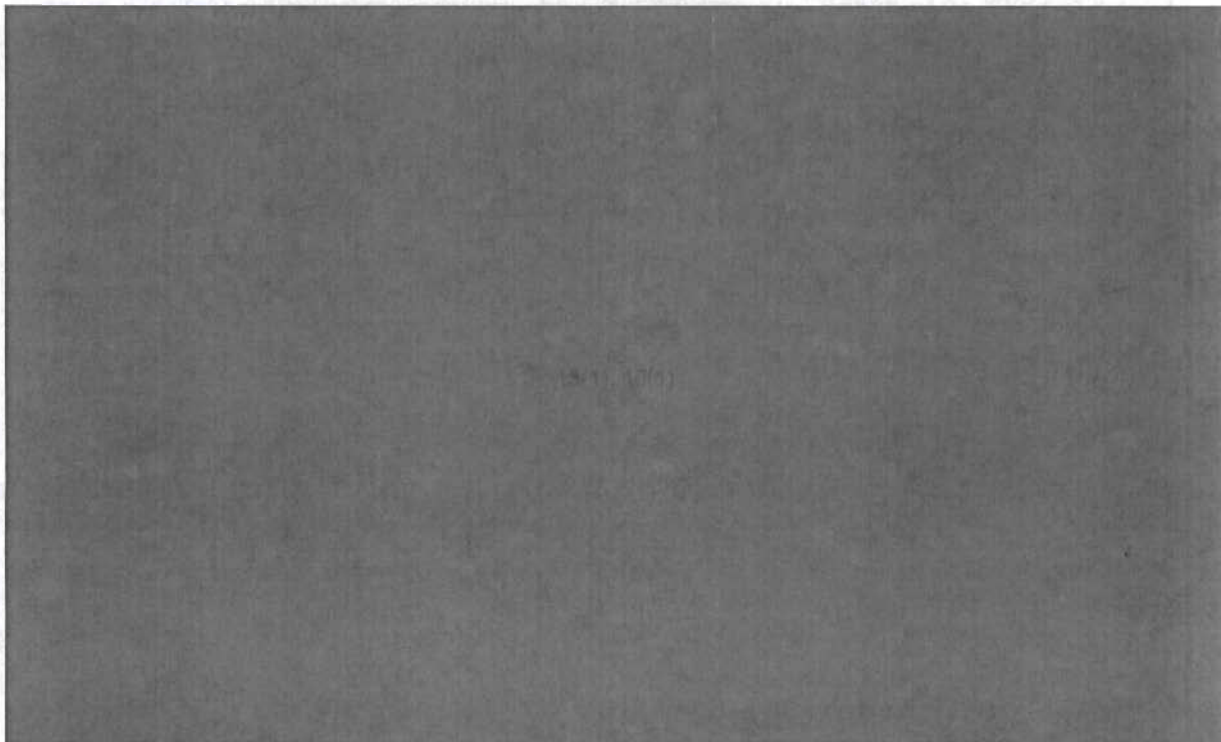
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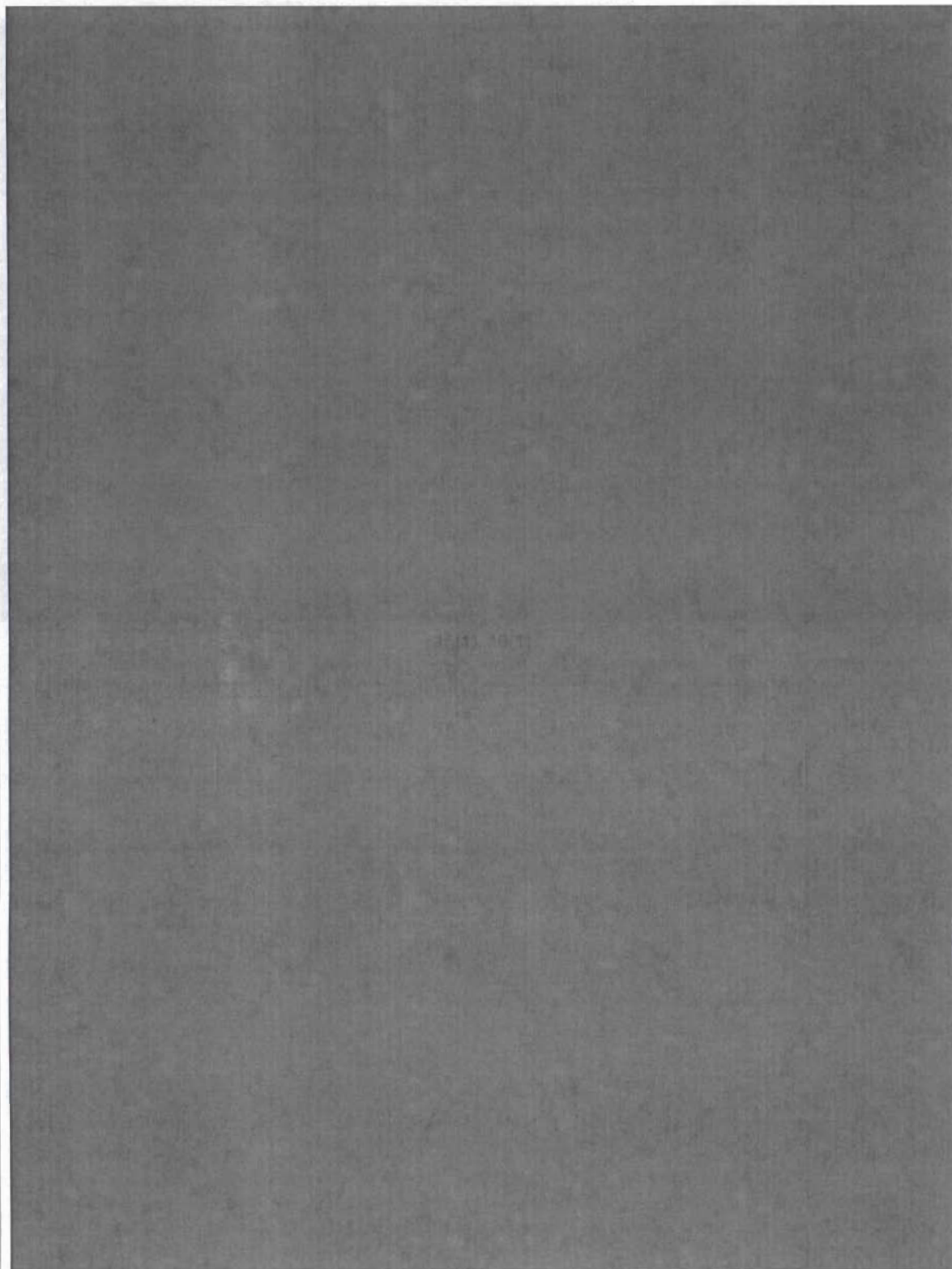
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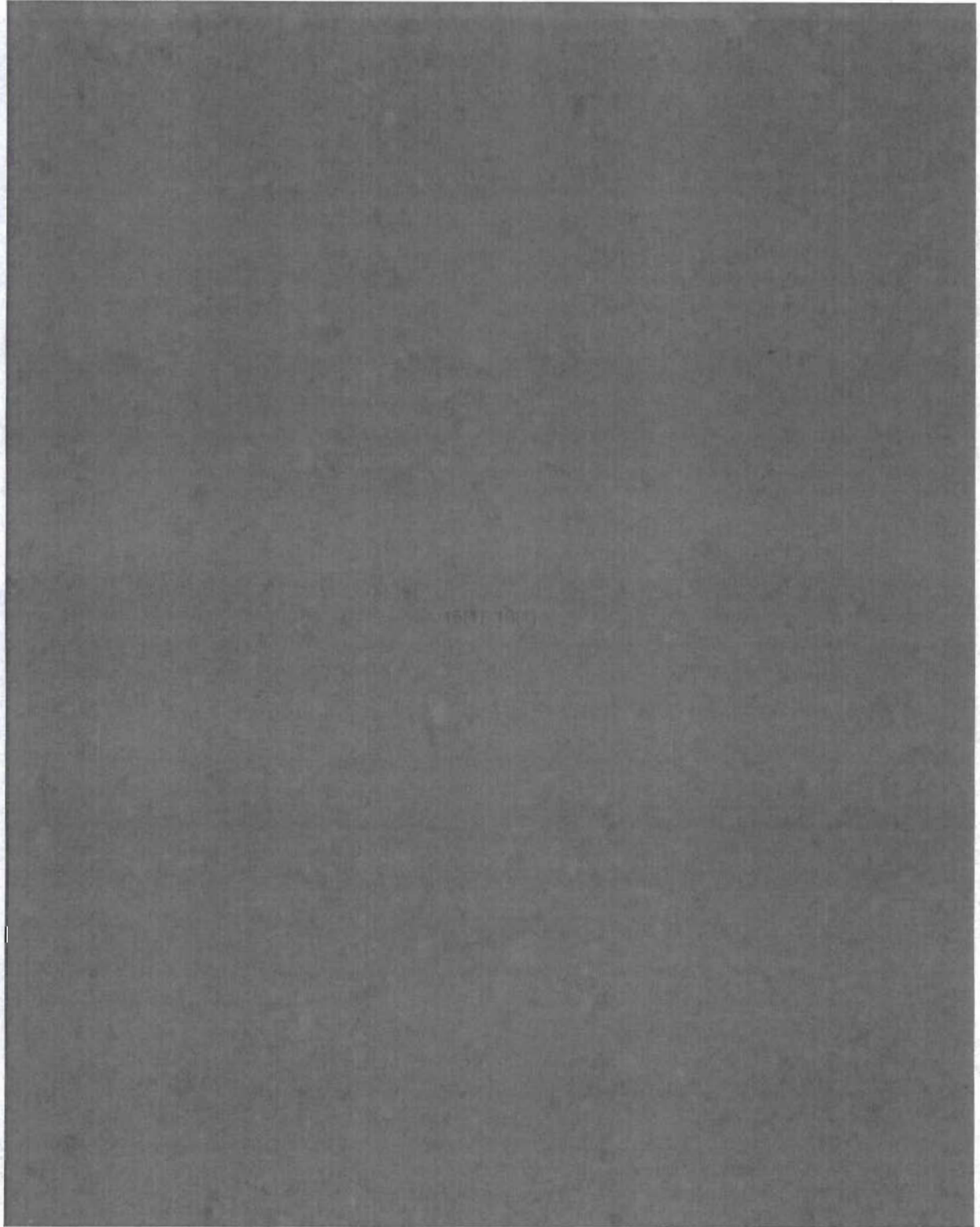
Minister Bond briefed the BCACP on some ongoing issues the government is looking at.

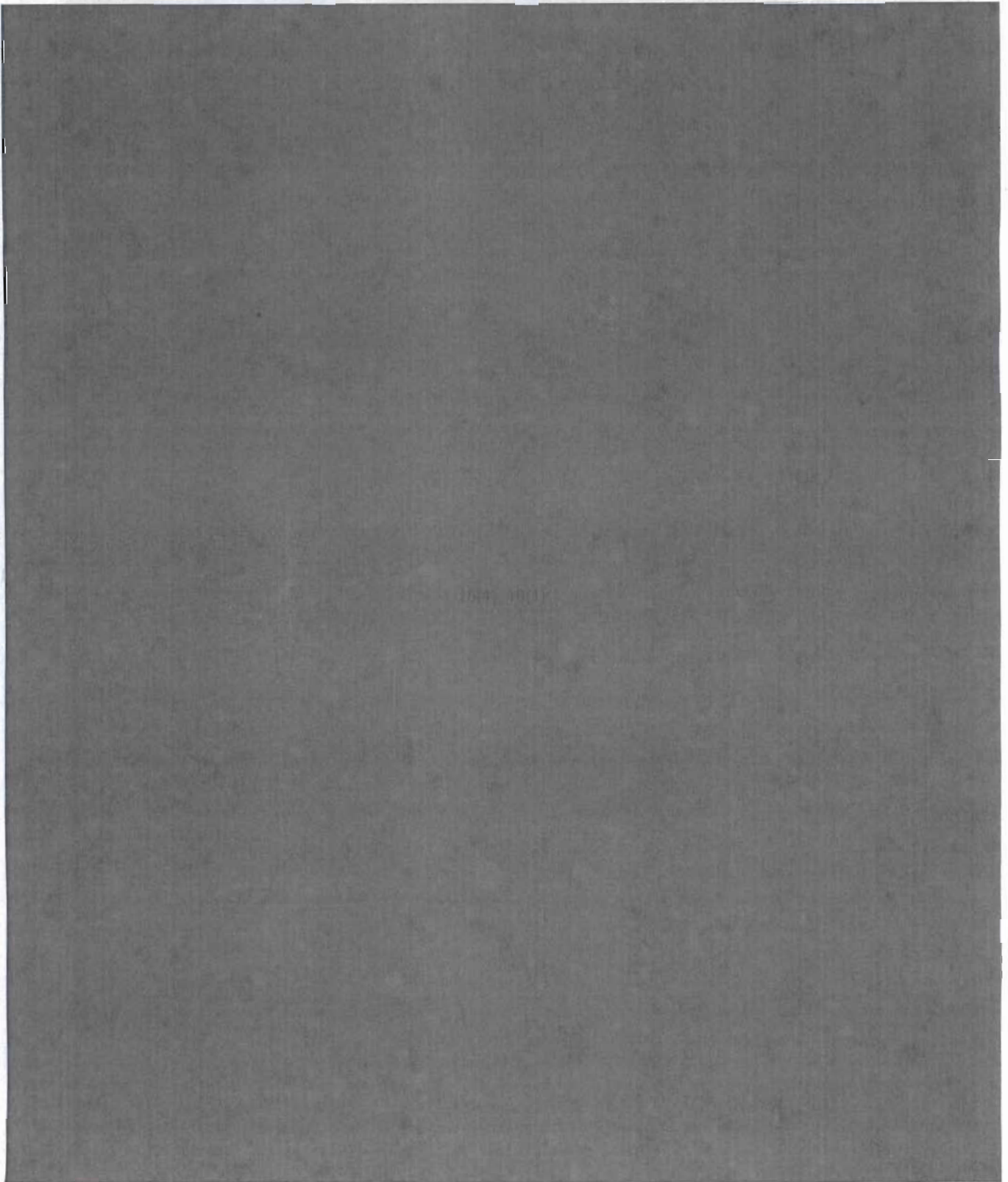
- There has been criticism on the Province's approach to drinking and driving. We have exceeded the target of reduction of 46% for IRP. This shows the importance of leadership and taking on change.





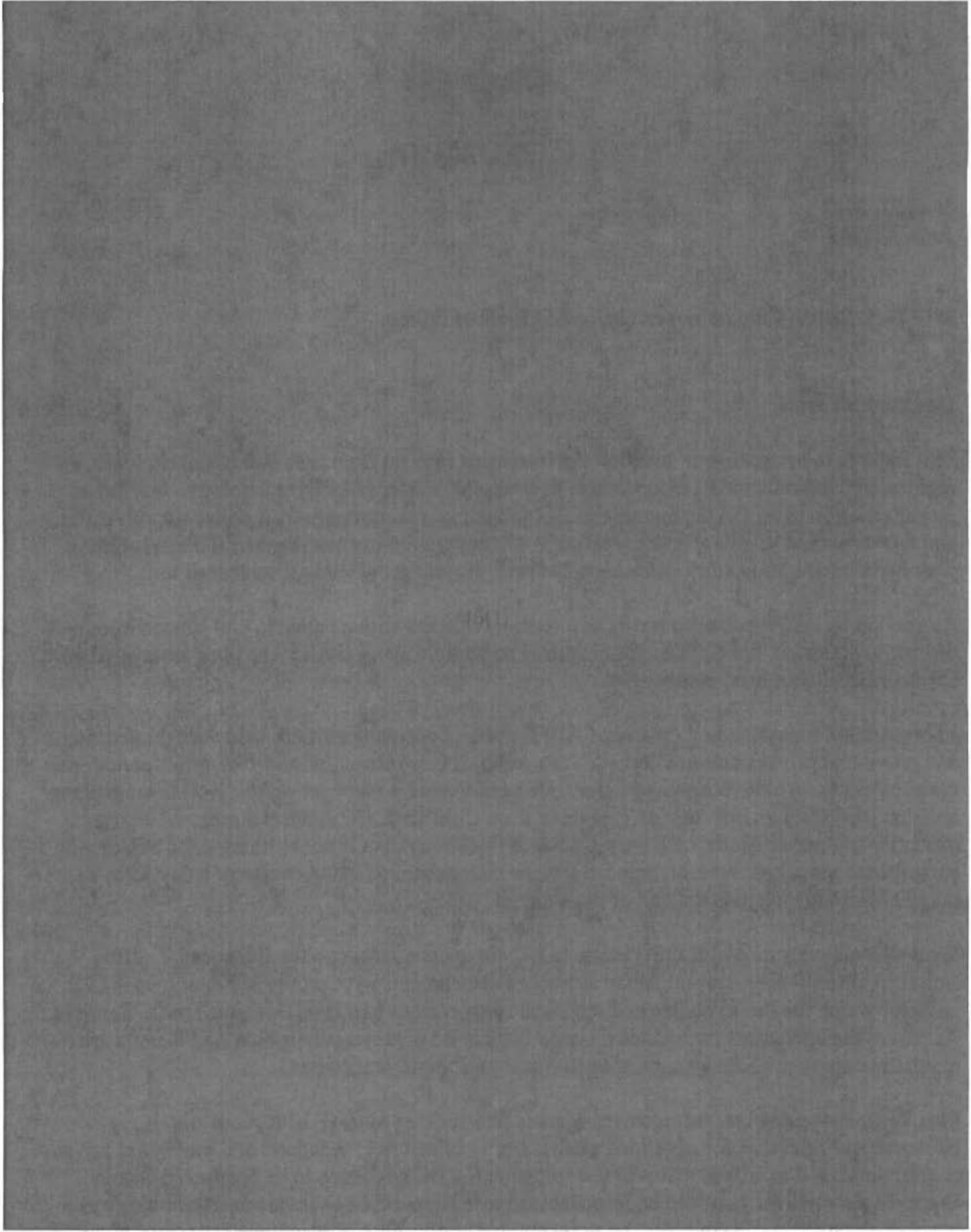








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June 27, 2012  
Ref C481243

Members, British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police

Dear Sirs/Madams:

This letter is to bring to your attention the increasing interest from road safety stakeholders, regional and national media in automatic licence plate reader (ALPR) technology. In light of recent attention to ALPR deployment in BC, including misinformation on police use of ALPR and retention of scan data, I am requesting your cooperation in ensuring ALPR deployment in your departments and detachments complies with current provincial agreement of use.

As you know, ALPR provides traffic enforcement officers with a valuable tool to scan hundreds of licence plates per hour. The system sounds an audible alarm if a licence plate associated with CPIC or ICBC 'hot lists' is identified.

In preparation for expanding the use of ALPR in BC, consultations were held with the federal and provincial privacy commissioners. As a result of these consultations, the current sanctioned range of use for ALPR technology is for traffic enforcement purposes only. 'Hot' licence plates are identified through information generated from CPIC or ICBC databases only. With the exception of Amber Alerts, officers are advised that the system is not to be used for tracking or surveillance purposes. Non-hit data i.e. licence plates scanned in the course of a day, is to be purged from the system at the end of the shift.

While the majority of ALPR units in use in BC are operated through the Enhanced Traffic Enforcement Initiative, several departments and detachments have purchased their own ALPR units for which they receive data and technical support from RCMP E Division Traffic Services. As part of the agreement for technical support, agencies deploying their own ALPR units are required to agree to abide by current operational policy and procedures.

I am aware that some law enforcement agencies are seeking to use ALPR more widely. However, until the case for expanded use has been put before both federal and provincial privacy commissioners, it is critical that ALPR deployment in BC continues to be conducted within approved parameters. It would be regrettable to lose support of this invaluable technology as a result of negative media coverage, an unfavourable court ruling or heightened concerns about privacy issues.

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Members, BCACP  
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Please ask your officers to refresh their understanding of ALPR operations, in particular the requirement that ALPR units should be deployed for traffic enforcement only.

Yours truly,



Clayton J.D. Pecknold  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
and Director of Police Services  
Policing and Security Programs Branch

Attachment: Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Program's Terms and Conditions for Participation



OCT 26 2012

Ms. Nathalie Des Rosiers  
General Counsel  
Canadian Civil Liberties Association  
Suite 506  
360 Bloor Street West  
Toronto ON M5S 1X1

Dear Ms. Des Rosiers:

Thank you for your letter concerning disclosure of non-conviction records as part of police information checks.

Police information checks play an important role in protecting the safety of the clients and co-workers of employers and volunteer agencies, particularly those dealing with vulnerable populations. Balancing this important public safety role with that of civil liberties is an important discussion for police agencies to have.

I have forwarded your letter and report to Mr. Clayton Pecknold, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services, Policing and Security Programs Branch, for his review. I have also copied Chief Constable Peter Lepine, President of the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP). The BCACP, in conjunction with ministry staff, is currently reviewing the guidelines for police information checks in British Columbia.

Thank you once again for writing with your concerns.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Shirley Bond  
Minister of Justice  
and Attorney General

pc: Mr. Clayton Pecknold  
✓ Chief Constable Peter Lepine

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August 10, 2012

Peter Lepine, Chief Constable, WVPD  
President, BC Association of Chiefs of Police  
1330 Marine Drive  
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Dear Chief Constable Lepine:

Thank you for our recent meeting to discuss issues regarding the BC Sheriff Service. The purpose of this letter is to broadly reiterate our discussion and once again invite further conversation around the role of Sheriffs in BC's justice system.

The BC *Sheriff Act* confers on the Director of Sheriffs responsibility for the administration of the Act, the direction of sheriffs generally, and the establishment and maintenance of programs for the selection and training of sheriffs and other persons appointed under the Act. As Assistant Deputy Minister for Court Service Branch, I am also appointed Director of Sheriffs under the *Public Service Act*.

In fulfillment of the Act and in order to establish a strong accountability framework, I have recently delegated the day to day operations of the Sheriff Service to Dave Maedel, Chief Sheriff, while at the same time retaining authority over all sheriff selection, training and operational policy. In addition,

[REDACTED]

This arrangement maintains an appropriate separation between operations, policy and investigations, and consequently provides for effectively independent oversight of operations.

I recognize that there has been – and indeed continues to be – a public conversation regarding the role of BC Sheriffs in policing. In particular, I note that in the context of ongoing contract negotiations, the BCGEU has recommended that the BC Government use

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deputy sheriffs in traffic safety and enforcement ([http://www.bcgeu.ca/c1rally\\_120731](http://www.bcgeu.ca/c1rally_120731)).  
In response, the Attorney General has stated the following:

*"The sheriff traffic enforcement proposal is something we have looked at previously, but it is not something we are currently considering at this time. It's critical that, first and foremost, our courtrooms have the necessary number of sheriffs available to conduct their primary responsibilities, such as security and prisoner transport."*

I echo the Minister's position against extending the role of sheriffs to traffic enforcement or indeed any policing role that could place a sheriff in a pseudo or real prosecutorial role. As we discussed, both I and the Judiciary are strongly of the view that sheriffs are officers of the court and should not undertake law enforcement activities beyond that necessary to ensure the security of the court. In addition, I have discussed these issues with Dave Maedel and he and I are in agreement.

This does not mean, however, that there might not be opportunities for greater cooperation between police forces in BC and the Sheriff Service to the benefit of both the organizations in question and the public alike. In particular, we would be very pleased to further investigate the possible role sheriffs could play in assisting police with document service, the enforcement of warrants and, potentially, the guarding of prisoners under arrest when escorted to hospitals for observation and medical attention. These activities are well aligned with the role of sheriffs as officers of the court and may assist in freeing up police resources for other priority activities during those times when sheriffs' workload would otherwise be at ebb.

I would also propose a further discussion regarding coordinated emergency response to BC courthouses. We have recently amended our local emergency procedures related to lockdown events. These events are triggered as a result of, for instance, bomb threats or

[REDACTED] Not only would this assist police forces in gaining a tactical understanding of their local court facilities, but it would also significantly enhance a coordinated response should such an emergent event occur. As you are aware [REDACTED]

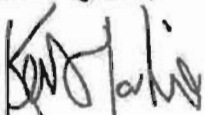
[REDACTED] and enhanced collaboration between the police and sheriffs will go a long way to increasing officer and public safety along with creating greater confidence and trust in the criminal justice system.

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In closing, let me once again offer my thanks to both you and Chief Graham for initiating and attending our recent meeting. I trust that it is but the first of many future productive and mutually beneficial discussions. I look forward to meeting again soon and invite you to contact Dave Maedel directly to follow-up on any of the proposed areas of cooperation or assistance.

Best regards,



Kevin Jardine  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Chief Court Administrator and Director of Sheriffs  
Ministry of Justice

pc: Jamie Graham - Chief Constable, VicPD; Chair, BCACP Traffic Sub-Committee and  
Director at Large  
Clayton Pecknold, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services  
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Insp. Fitzpatrick provided a power point presentation, "Provincial Fugitive Return Program."

Insp. Fitzpatrick introduced 15(1) who will be administering the program and who will ensure provincial and municipal partners are in compliance. 15(1) will liaise with all agencies and a JMT will prioritize the most viable fugitives and make the preparations to return them.

Draft copy of the MOU between the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the RCMP, the Independent Municipal Police Departments in BC, and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of BC as represented by the Ministry of Attorney General, Sheriff Services Division Respecting The Provincial Fugitive Return Program was distributed

Insp. Haugli thanked Insp. Fitzpatrick and 15(1) for their presentation.

Power point presentation will be forwarded to the BCACP.

#### RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 1618 hours.

**Reminder – Start time of meeting tomorrow is 0800 hrs.**

#### RECONVENE

Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0820 hours on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

#### THE HONOURABLE SHIRLEY BOND, MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

BC Gov't consult

C/Supt Dingwall introduced Minister Bond and welcomed her to the BCACP meeting.

Minster Bond expressed her appreciation for the invitation and opportunity to speak to the BCACP. She wished to personally express how important a good working relationship is between a minister and their ADM and the need to have complete confidence in them.

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Minister Bond advised that she is also the Attorney General for the Province. There seems to always be a major issue either on the AG or SG side. It is challenging for us and for you. Need to continue to work together and with Feds and municipal police to ensure that we are maintaining and enhancing public confidence.

Metal Dealers/Recyclers Act. After a length of time yesterday we were able to bring the Act through the House. Very pleased to say there will be a new process to assist you when dealing with metal theft. Took the issue of concern for public safety to the House. Metal theft costs tax payers millions of dollars each year. Building on a penalty regime to the Metal Dealers Act, also looking at the Offence Act. Slogan in creating the bill, "no ID, no sale." Taking away anonymity. Job now is to move on with that process. We do not intend to hire additional people. Hopeful that we can use resources we have in place and move forward quickly. Very well received across province. Approved unanimously in the House (supported).



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IIO: Other legislation introduced as the Solicitor General was the IIO. Appreciate support from RCMP and municipal police forces as we work through the process and make sure it is operational. Currently in the process of interviews for Chief Civilian Director. This is a civilian position. A high degree of interest has been shown. Hope to announce successful candidate in the next couple of weeks. It is critical we give British Columbians confidence that there is a completely independent look. The RCMP and OPCC have entered into an LOU. Until the IIO is operational, we will use the OPCC. It is important to do this. The Chief Civilian Director will begin work formally by mid 2012.

Integration vs. Regionalization: We are not going to force regionalization without discussion with the municipalities. Some want it, some do not. Will continue to encourage integration. Minister Bond welcomes discussion on integration. No forced regional approach.

Relieving Pressures in Courtrooms: Looking at major reform. *Family Law Act* introduced Monday. It was archaic and needed change. We need to move cases out of courtrooms that don't need to be there. British Columbia is looked at across the country as a leading edge. Process will take about 18 months.

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If the *Family Act* gets through House next week we will then move on getting cases out of the courtroom.

Taking more cases out of the courtroom will balance funding better. Can then take money and put it on the front lines. Thinking of as many ways as possible to manage the load in the courtrooms.

Minister Bond advised that she is a believer in prevention. It is one thing to deal with people at end of system but need to invest on the front end of the system, e.g. programs for youth. Concentrate on prevention; why wait until they get into the system. Return on investment unbelievable.

Strategic Plan for Policing in the Province: How to develop, and look at reform standards. As the Minister responsible for public safety, Minister Bond wants to work with the police to enhance public confidence so that all British Columbians feel safe. She sends out an enormous thank you to the police. She also advised that Premier Clark is very interested in the agenda. At the end of the day, thank you.

Discussion:

- It is agreed there is an issue of public confidence. Police are going through a crisis on this issue. Fair or unfair the police are losing ground.
- The IIO will be a critical piece for us.
- Need to collectively promote public confidence with the police.
- There are things we need to figure out as to why this crisis is occurring and why the media are successful with their message.

Minister Bond feels the police are right, but need to stop being defensive that we have a problem. IIO is not the answer to all problems. Her job is to publically convey confidence

and belief for British Columbians. She feels the average British Columbian has confidence in the police.

Have to find ways to get good news out. Good news unfortunately does not get out there.

It was asked if there is a provincial crime reduction initiative that the police can work on with her, i.e., initiatives to increase public confidence.

Minister Bond suggested putting together a package of things and to come up with a strategy. Do it together. ADM Pecknold to help facilitate with this in the New Year.

Minister Bond thanked the Association for allowing her to be candid. Her job is to be your public advocate and to face challenges together. She closed by saying that the average British Columbian does understand and we need to advise the police of that more frequently. She looks forward to seeing many of you tonight at Police Honours Night.

C/Supt. Bill Dingwall thanked Minister Bond for touching on these points. He wishes he could "can" what the Minister said today to send out to all of our members.

#### POLICE SERVICES DIVISION UPDATE

ADM Clayton Pecknold touched on the NPS challenges and the impact on the federal government plan for shared services. Need to be part of discussions on the future of NPS. Critical issue from Police Service's perspective.

Metal Legislation: The Province has recently introduced legislation to combat metal theft and is now tasked with creating legislation. The challenge is to keep within the constitutional realm. Regulating, not licensing. Want flexibility in the legislation around this issue. Ministry representatives have met with representatives of police, industry and other stakeholders to build the legislative response and will continue to consult with these groups in the upcoming months as we develop the regulations to the Act.

The Province continues to support the efforts of community partners, including Crime Stoppers and Telus, in raising public awareness of the metal theft issue in BC communities.

Marijuana Grow Operations: Minister Bond has asked Police Services to work with you on this issue. Will take a hard look at what we can do. Similar to metal theft, we will look at best practices. That will be the strategy.

At the last meeting of the Marijuana Grow Ops Provincial Working Group, held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, a number of table-top exercises lead to the following next steps:

- [REDACTED] This will be the first practical application of an all agencies approach to MGOs and will look at not only enforcement but also administrative processes (remediation, disclosure of property, fire, structural, etc.)



• [REDACTED] strategy to replicate the Cariboo Regional Integrated Marijuana Enforcement (CRIME) initiative. Again, this will be an all agency response with an enforcement and administrative focus.

Special Provincial Constable Program: As some of you may be aware, federal fisheries officers have been seeking Special Provincial Constable status for their work inside the Province of BC. The MOU between Police Services Division and Fisheries and Oceans Canada Pacific Region was prepared and issued to them for sign off,

[REDACTED]

Road Safety: Police Services Division is providing \$610,100 for enhanced traffic enforcement to municipal police departments for the Winter CounterAttack Campaign, which runs from October 28, 2011 to January 2, 2012. RCMP will also access Enhanced Road Safety Overtime funds for the same period to support this annual provincial enforcement campaign. The letters of agreement were sent out to municipal police departments in October. The Provincial Counterattack media launch will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, in Vancouver. C/Cst. Jamie Graham, VicPD, will represent BC Chiefs.

Riot Review: The Province, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Police Board jointly sponsored an independent review of the 2011 Stanley Cup riot, co-chaired by John Furlong and Douglas Keefe. The purpose of the report was to examine the events around the 2011 Stanley Cup riot and to make recommendations aimed at ensuring the safety and success of future public events and celebrations.

The co-chairs reached a number of conclusions within the report. In summary:

- First, for the most part, the recommendations from the 1994 Riot Review reports were achieved.
- Second, there was no political or bureaucratic interference in VPD's planning or resource allocation for the 2011 playoffs.
- Third, operationally, the police were challenged by:
  - an unexpected crowd size;
  - the early arrivals of fans in the core (many of whom were already intoxicated or could easily smuggle alcohol in with them); and
  - multiple incidents in multiple locations in a very short time frame.
- Fourth, the number of police identified in VPD's plan was appropriate given the threat level identified.
- Fifth, an aggressive police response to disorder is often provocative resulting in greater injuries, longer riots and more property damage. Overall, the riot was well handled by the police under the direction of the VPD.
- Finally, that there is a need to formalize regional emergency services collaboration.

The co-chairs also provided 53 recommendations that are detailed, interconnected, and cover a variety of topics. Key recommendations centre around alcohol, police planning, regional events, volunteers, media, and coordination with TransLink. The

Provincial Government and the City of Vancouver are each primarily responsible for implementing about one-quarter of the recommendations. The other half of the recommendations fall to police, TransLink and the group of partners as a whole. The partners include the City, the Province, police, fire, ambulance, TransLink, and so on. There are also two recommendations that point to the media and two that point to the Canucks and NHL.

Some overarching initiatives that the Province is undertaking to implement the riot recommendations:

- Regarding alcohol, the Province's Liquor Control and Licensing Branch is working with partners, including police and transit officials to find ways to better prevent and control the transportation of alcohol.
- They are considering the riot review recommendations around search and seizure and [REDACTED]
- Agencies received communications from ADM Pecknold last week requesting that when planning for events, consideration be taken regarding the recommendation that police make greater use of attaching fines in addition to pouring out alcohol.

Many of the other recommendations point to increased collaboration, coordination, shared training opportunities and mutual aid from police across the region as well as other public safety partners, including fire services, ambulance, E-Comm, and TransLink.

The Province is working with the partners to determine the best means of enhancing collaboration and interoperability throughout the region; more specifically, through training, sharing of police resources and enhanced communication.

Training: In a letter sent out last week to your agencies, ADM Pecknold requested contact information for someone from each agency who can provide his staff with information regarding in-house crowd management training and tactics to get a better handle on what is involved with this type of training across the jurisdictions.

The RCMP tactical troop and VPD public order unit have been asked to train together and develop common tactics for use during joint operations. The Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM), a joint effort between the Province and Metro Vancouver, will also be working with police and fire services, BC Ambulance, E-Comm and TransLink to look at mutual training possibilities and to ensure that each organization understands their role and that the equipment they use is compatible.

In addition to mutual training exercises, Police Services staff, along with IPREM partners, are looking at ways to ensure that the public safety partners have a framework for providing mutual aid that can be pulled into place for regional events.

Work is underway to begin to define what is to be considered a "regional event" that would necessitate mutual aid and to better understand how such events would impact policing agencies across the region. The sharing of police resources is something that happens



rather effectively at present. To prove this point, by the end of the day, there were nearly 1,000 officers deployed to manage the Stanley Cup Riot, and the co-chairs of the report noted that the riot was well handled by police under the direction of the VPD.

Police Services staff is currently drafting a project plan to engage police, municipalities and TransLink in discussions to identify potential authorities and cost allocations for policing regional events. Over the coming weeks the engagement plan should be finalized. Police Services will be in touch with your agencies to begin work toward the development of an "Authority and Cost Allocation Framework" for policing regional events.

Communication Activities: IPREM has recently launched a "Regional Emergency Communications Strategy and Governance Development Project". The project is being supported by funding provided through the Canadian Police Research Centre and local government partners. The project aims to develop a regional strategic plan and governance model to enable.

- The development of communications plans and exercises to support integrated response and recovery plans associated with local and regional emergencies that involve multiple jurisdictions or agencies; and,
- The development and sustainment of interoperable information and communications technologies and systems to support the regional communications plans.

IPREM has constituted a steering committee tasked with developing a strategic plan and actions steps. The group consists of first responders (fire, ambulance), provincial and municipal representatives. The group is looking to include LMD independent police agencies and the RCMP. IPREM is now requesting two police representatives to sit on the IPREM steering committee.

As the implementation of the riot review recommendations moves forward, ADM Pecknold will do his best to keep you informed of the progress and to include your agencies in the initiatives that may affect you.

Increased collaboration was one of the key messages coming out of the riot report. ADM Pecknold looks forward to working with you as we address the systemic challenges that came to light through the events surrounding the Stanley Cup Riot.

The goal of this entire initiative is, of course, to examine how best to minimize the likelihood of a repeat event. A strong focus on coordination and collaboration in security and event planning will help to ensure the delivery of safe and enjoyable civic celebrations in the future.

Discussion.

Police Honours Night: ADM Pecknold provided details on the evening's events and protocol.

- Awards are given in three categories: Valourous Service, Meritorious Service, and Outstanding Service. The Outstanding Service award is only presented to retired Chief Constables.

- This year, 65 awards will be presented (62 will be in attendance for the presentation). 22 officers for Valorous Service and 43 officers for Meritorious Service. One retired Deputy Commissioner and three retired Chief Constables will be awarded for Outstanding Service. 195 guests will be attending in total.

#### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (CACP)

Presenter: Chief Dale McFee President CACP

C/Cst. Peter Lepine introduced Chief Dale McFee, President of the CACP.

Chief McFee began by stating that he was encouraged by Minister Bond's words.

He wished to thank those who attend the CACP Conference and to those who are on the various committees. Great work comes out of this jurisdiction.

His intent is to meet with all provincial associations. Social issues/crime drivers somewhat the same.

Health of the CACP is strong and solid. Finances are sound. The Association's membership consists of four categories: active, associate, life and honorary.

The membership roll is approximately 1066, (425 Active Members, 128 Associate Members and 513 Life Members).

There are currently five Special Purpose Committees:

- Research Foundation Renewal Committee
- National Firearms Strategy Committee
- National Police Services Renewal
- CACP Governance Committee
- National Strategy on Urban Street Gangs Committee

Annual conference – room for improvement here. Conference brings in large revenue.

Committee Review - Currently 20 committees. Bulk of the Association's work is done by the CACP Committees. Will be reviewing mandates and refining. Will be reviewing the resources required by the Committees to aide them in getting their messages to the Association. Want the CACP to be the Association of choice during challenging times.

CACP Workshops – various workshops going on across country that are very productive and encourages participation. One to consider is the *Maximizing Technology Partnerships in Challenging Economic Times Workshop*, being held February 22-24, 2012, The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Communications - One-time opportunity to all be in line. We are competing with private sector. Our issue is safety – loud and clear.

ISIS - Costly. Learning opportunities are excellent. Need to be sure we can receive value for our own organization.

appear in court or for identification purposes (picture and prints) being legally required to do so, and

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP) calls upon the Attorney General of British Columbia to take affirmative action to ensure Crown Counsel throughout the province resolutely pursue Fail to Appear charges in all cases where an accused fails to attend court or fails to appear for identification purposes.*

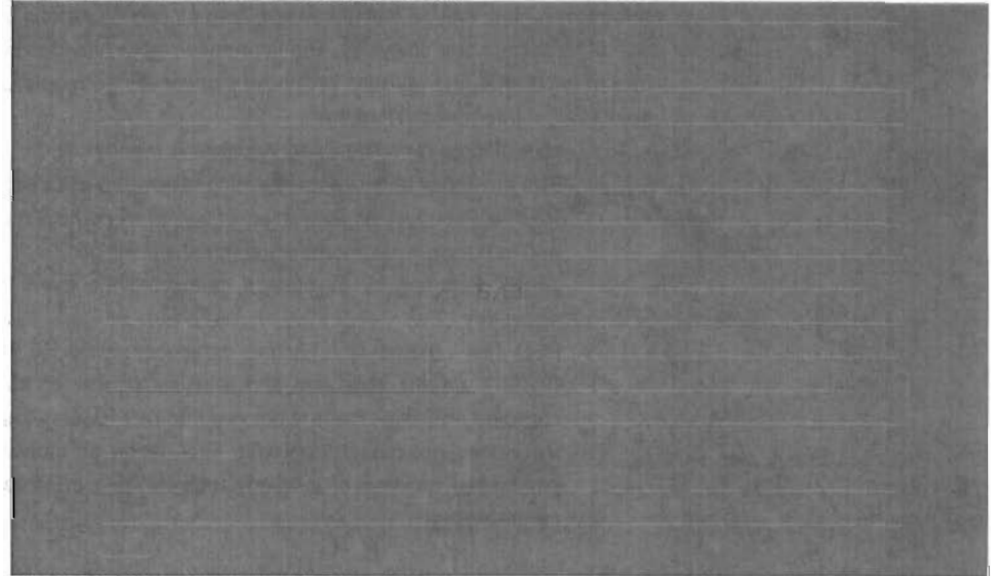
*Carried*

#### CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REVIEW

Sponsor: Kevin Begg  
Presenters: Dennis Verge, Senior Program Manager, Security Programs  
Denise Girvin, Victoria Police Department

Dennis Verge is here to share the recommendations that have come out of a review mandated in June 2008 on Police Record Checks. A survey was completed in April 2009 and all jurisdictions responded.

Six recommendations came out of the review.



There was discussion of the fee schedule.

*It was Moved and Seconded:*

*That the BCACP endorse the recommendations except for Recommendation #1 – Price.*

*Carried*

There will be further discussions at the November BCACP meeting.

#### DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Braidwood Report** – Will be addressed later in the Active Members portion of the meeting.



**Domestic Violence Training** – The first course Evidence-based Risk-focused Domestic Violence Investigations was launched in December. 57% of the RCMP target audience and 23% of the Municipal police target audience have completed the course. The next step in the program is a second course called An Introduction to Domestic Violence Threat Assessment and Risk Management scheduled for a fall launch.

This training development is a joint project drawing resources from PSD, the RCMP at PRTC and the JIBC. 75% of the course development work has been completed and are on schedule for a September pilot. Given the recently launched Domestic Violence Action Plan and the associated rewrite of the Violence Against Women in Relationships Policy, the working group has agreed to put this work on hold. Once PSD has access to the updated policies they will advise of the new pilot dates for the second course.

**Use of Force Data** – It has become clear to PSD over the last 10 months that there are some gaps in information, as well as quite a bit of misinformation, in the police community at various levels around use of force data. This applies to the reporting of use of force by officers, as well as the province's role in data collection and analysis. In order to address this, Information Note on Use of Force Data has been drafted. Once finalized, the Information Note can be distributed widely to officers to explain use of force reporting and use of force data and analysis. The Information Note provides background and context to use of force reporting (existing provincial standards and regulation around this). The key points of the Information Note are:

- Use of force reporting by every officer is mandatory
- The provincial template for reporting is now the SBOR form
- PSD will conduct an evaluation of SBOR in coming months to finalize the form and to decide what the reporting threshold will be
- SBOR reporting by all officers must continue even though the evaluation is underway
- PSD has created an in-house database called BC Force Incident Database (BCFID) for the collection and analysis of use of force. Not all information captured on SBOR forms is entered into BCFID, only the key variables.
- PSD does not collect identifying information on individual officers, nor is PSD conducting analysis of individual officers' use of force (this is a departmental responsibility)

**Gunshot & Stab Wound Disclosure Act** – May 4, 2010 the Legislature passed the *Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Act*. The Act requires health facilities to report treatment of patients with gunshot and stab wounds to police of local jurisdiction. The Act will come into force likely this fall.

The proposed legislation would establish that every health care facility that treats a person with a gunshot or stab wound would be required to verbally report the following information to the police of local jurisdiction:

- the person's name, if known
- the fact that the person is being treated, or has been treated, for a gunshot or stab wound
- the name and location of the health care facility
- any other information required by the regulations

The legislation encompasses all gunshot wounds regardless of who is responsible for inflicting the wound.



"Stab wound" is defined in the legislation and health care facilities would not be called upon to report stab wounds that are accidental injuries or self-inflicted. This is intended to protect suicidal or mentally ill individuals who are being treated with self inflicted from being referred to the criminal justice system unnecessarily.

**Body Armour Control Act & Armoured Vehicle & After Market Compartment Control Act** – These 2 pieces of legislation were passed in the spring.

*The Body Armour Control Act* limits the possession of body armour to those who have a legitimate use and enables police to seize those that are unauthorized. Regulations have been drafted and are expected to bring this legislation into force at the end of the year.

*The Armoured Vehicle and After Market Compartment Control Act* creates an offence to operate an armoured vehicle unless the operator is exempted by regulation. It will also be an offence to own, operate or use a vehicle which has an after-market secret compartment. As it is recognized that there are a few legitimate reasons for needing an after-market compartment, exemptions will be provided for in the regulations which are currently being drafted. The legislation will give police the authority to seize armoured vehicles that are operated by persons without a valid permit and vehicles that they suspect contain hidden, after-market compartments.

LUNCH

Recessed for Lunch

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RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened

#### MAJOR IT PROJECTS AND THE IMPACT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sponsor: D/C/Cst. Clayton Pecknoid

Presenter: C/Supt. Charles Richer, Director Project Delivery Office

C/Supt Charles Richer spoke on the RCMP major IT projects and the impact on these projects on the law enforcement community. They were able to use this presentation as an opportunity to look for ways to resolve some of the obstacles which may stand in their path.

#### FIREARMS PRESENTATION

Sponsor: Supt. Jeff Lott

Presenter: C/Supt. Marty Cheliak, Director General Canadian Firearms Program

C/Supt. Marty Cheliak apologized that Chief Blair, President of CACP, was not able to be present today. He provided background on Bill C-391, the Private Members Bill to abolish the Firearms Registry presently before Parliament. Discussion followed on the 10 myths about the CFP. C/Supt Cheliak sees real value in supporting the registration of all firearms, a consistent approach to firearms intervention and interdiction and the use of the information contained within the Canadian Firearms Program. There is an impending CACP resolution for discussion at the Annual meeting in August. In support of the Registry the following motion was passed

*It was Moved and Seconded*

**RECESS** The meeting recessed for the day.

**RECONVENE** Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0830 hours on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

**UPDATE FROM POLICE SERVICES DIVISION**

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Clayton Pecknold advised that the Ministries of Attorney General and Solicitor General are being called the Ministry of Justice. The accountabilities will be readjusted to match this change.

The Province has launched a reform initiative to address BC justice system and identify actions that government, the judiciary, the legal profession, police and others can take to give British Columbians more timely and effective justice services. Geoffrey Cowper, QC, has been appointed and will identify the top issues that are affecting the public's access to timely justice and what can be done to ensure the efficiencies already underway have the desired impacts while respecting the independence of the judicial system. There is a tight timeline for the final report.

Clayton has briefed the Minister on lawful access and she is fully supportive.

A working group will be formed to look at issues related to the Special Provincial Constable (SPC) program as there has been increasing requests for support for the use of blue lights. This working group will look at issues related to the SPC program and will also review the use and authorization of blue lights in the province. Everyone needs to be on the same page so this will be brought back to the BCACP for discussion.

The BC Crisis Intervention and De-escalation course and the BC CEW Operator course were officially launched in January 2012.

Clayton also thanked the BCACP for their support during the Braidwood Inquiry.

**CHANGES TO THE POLICE ACT**

Sponsor: t cons Clayton Pecknold, ADM, PSD  
Jenni Bard, Senior Program Manager, PSD

Clayton Pecknold advised that there are changes to the *Police Act* as a result of the Braidwood Inquiry. Provincial policing standards in respect to training, use of force and video surveillance were put in place in January 2012. The video surveillance recording equipment comes into effect in January 2015. There was resistance from some of the mayors because they felt there was not enough notice but looking back on the communication there was sufficient notice. It is anticipated that the Missing Women's Taskforce will also be putting forth recommendations regarding issues of coordination.

**ORDER OF MERIT** C/Cst. Jamie Graham

**COPS FOR CANCER**

Sponsor: D/C/Cst. Warren Lemke  
Presenter: [REDACTED] of Community Giving  
[REDACTED] or Revenue Development

Warren Lemke introduced [REDACTED] 22(1) and they spoke on the 4 regions, Vancouver Island, North, Fraser Valley and the Lower Mainland of Cops for Cancer. Donations are used for the detection and diagnosis of cancer and to find more effective treatments. Money donated is also used for the operations of Camp Goodtimes, a summer recreation program in Maple Ridge that provides a medically supervised fun week for children and their families.

**POLICE SERVICES DIVISION UPDATE AND ECONOMICS OF POLICING**

Clayton Pecknold, ADM & Director of Police Services

Clayton Pecknold briefed the group on the recent amendments to the *Police Act* and the *Offence Act*. The *Police Act* was amended May 31, 2012 building upon provincial initiatives taken as a result of the recommendations made by Braidwood: the BC Provincial Policing Standards and the Independent Investigations Offices.

The *Offence Act* amendments brought into force June 1, 2012 were related to expanding sentencing options for the courts when dealing with provincial offenders.

In reference to Police Information Checks, the BCACP convened a working group to review the Criminal/Police Record Check process in BC. The mandate of the working group was to develop guidelines to ensure a consistent standard of completing police record checks in BC. In November 2010, the BCACP endorsed the recommendations of the working group. One key recommendation was to include a search of PRIME as part of the record check process and not simply checks of charges and convictions through CPIC. This recommendation was based on the fact that CPIC can be backlogged by several years in terms of entry of offences onto the system. It is also based on the fact that so many incidents do not get approved for charge or are diverted for a variety of reasons, therefore not showing up on CPIC even when the circumstances are serious and concerning. The working group believes that including adverse contact from PRIME is necessary to give employers a complete picture of their applicant's history in order to determine impacts to their workplace or potentially to public safety. Since the recommendations were accepted the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner announced an investigation into criminal record checks in BC and has now provided recommendations to the working group on the draft guidelines. The majority of the recommendations of the OIPC were adopted and related to ensuring that the applicants had control of their own record and that they had recourse should they disagree with any of the information. One issue that was not resolved was the OIPC's view that police agencies should provide the option of a check of charges and convictions only for those employers that request it. [REDACTED] 16(1)

[REDACTED] BCACP will need to meet with the Privacy Commission to discuss further.



Geoffrey Cowper would like to meet with the BCACP. The Association has had a concern with the lack of consultation from Mr Cowper and now he is reaching out by asking the President to participate in a half day round table discussion.

The Justice Ministry has initiated a province-wide consultation process including roundtable meetings in some communities including the management of a BC Policing Plan Blog (<http://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcpolicingplan/>) The BC Policing Plan provides an opportunity to contribute to policing and crime prevention goals, targets and performance measures for the next three, five and 10 years. The Province will be moving ahead more quickly with the plan in the coming months and they are counting on active participation from the Association, its members and the public as the plan progresses.

#### INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES IN BC

Lisa LaPointe, Chief Coroner of BC

The BC Coroners Service recently concluded a review of all intimate partner homicides in BC between 2003 and 2011. The report includes information about homicide rates and regional distribution, victim demographics and means, motivations behind the homicides.

##### Recommendations from the Key Death Panel Review

- A single set of domestic violence policy and practice directives for both police and Crown
- Creation of a domestic violence resource helpline for police, especially for remote locations
- Development of a consistent definition of spousal or "K" files
- A standard definition for domestic violence cases where there is higher risk of serious harm or death
- Implementation of mandatory assessment procedures for adding to no-contact orders

#### CIVIL FORFEITURE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION TO 22(1)

Rob Kroeker, Executive Director Civil Forfeiture

Rob Kroeker presented an Appreciation Award to 22(1) for his dedicated support to the Civil Forfeiture program referencing traffic intervention of drugs/cash couriers, etc.

Rob also provided an update on the Civil Forfeiture office to date. The *Civil Forfeiture Act* was amended in June 2011. These amendments allow an administrative forfeiture regime through the civil court proceedings against property believed to be the instruments or proceeds of unlawful activity where the value of \$75,000 and where there are no registered interests in the property.

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION BRANCH

Lynda Cavanaugh, ADM Community Safety & Crime Prevention Branch

Lynda Cavanaugh spoke to the membership on the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch of the Ministry of Justice. The key programs and services are Victim Service Programs, Crime Victim Assistance Program, Victim Safety Link, VictimLinkBC Helpline, Victim Court Support Program, Stopping the Violence Counseling, Children who



**REQUESTS**

Supt. Rob Rothwell, Vancouver Police Department – Tabled until the November 2009 meeting.

Letters were received from C/Supt. Marianne Ryan and Insp. Norm McPhail requesting membership and this was deferred to the Membership Committee and then tabled to the November 2009 meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP****REQUESTS**

Ed Illi, Chief Conservation Officer and 22(1) US Department of Justice ATF applied for associate membership. Deferred to a vote at the November 2009 meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was sent to Minister deJong, Attorney General and received from A/Chief Judge Threlfall in regards to Violation Ticket Fine Reductions.

Correspondence was sent to Minister Heed, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities and from BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, BCAPB, City of Kelowna and Minister Heed regarding the Ban on the Use of Electronic Devices while driving.

Correspondence was received and sent to Minister Heed regarding the Use of Armoured Vehicles.

Correspondence was sent to Minister Heed regarding the MiniSTR DNA Analysis Project.

Correspondence was sent to The 22(1) regarding an invitation to speak on the Code/LeSage Report.

Correspondence to Bert Phipps, Corrections Branch regarding the Provincial Keep of Prisoners.

Correspondence from Minister Heed regarding a request for representatives from BCACP for the Body Armour Initiative.

**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Update on Joint Meeting with Alberta Chiefs of Police** – Bill McKinnon has had contact with Chief Boyd, President of the AACP. Members of the AACP will be planning on attending the November 2009 meeting in Victoria. Discussion on possible topics that would be beneficial are organized crime, oversight process, non-returnable warrants and civil forfeiture. Bill McKinnon will continue discussions with Alberta.

**Independent Investigations** – Gary Bass opened discussions regarding a report by Paul Kennedy on Police Investigating Police and the independence of internal investigations for both Municipal and the RCMP. The police are under considerable pressure to address the issue of "police investigation police" each time an incident occurs. There have been discussions about creating an investigation unit with civilian oversight. Alberta has a serious incident response team. Kevin Begg advises that there is support for this concept and it can be achieved by creating a unit under 4.1 of the Police Act with a civilian, possibly a retired prosecutor, as head of the unit and then officers could be seconded to carry out the investigations. The Wood report didn't think it was necessary at this point but it is the right direction to be taking.

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*Whereas, there is a need to ensure public confidence in policing and to provide the highest degree of accountability and civilian oversight in the investigation of serious or sensitive incidents involving police officers.*

*The BCACP endorses and encourages the development and implementation of an independent and civilian led unit for the investigation of incidents involving police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person as well as sensitive allegations of police misconduct, which will provide for maximum independence of these investigations.*

*The BCACP urges the Province of BC to expedite the creation of an investigative unit and protocols to effectively manage these cases and will work collaboratively to achieve these goals.*

*Carried*

(Discussion continued Thursday Morning)

The President, Bill McKinnon asked that only Active BCACP Members sit in on the discussions regarding the Independent Investigations. The Associate Members left the meeting.

Bill McKinnon advised that last evening a conference call was held with Deputy Minister David Morehart, Gary Bass, Bob Rich, Kevin Begg and Bill McKinnon. (Original Minutes held on file)

Bill McKinnon's recommendation is to leave the final decision with those meeting the Minister and the announcement will be made within the week.

Discussion included:

- S. Reinforce that this is critically important to be seen as an initiative out of this body and this is about public confidence and the police are leading it
- Is it possible to send something out that shows we are on the record (a win-win situation)
- For this to succeed we need to have the Minister onside

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP leave the decision on release of the motion to Bill McKinnon, Gary Bass, Bob Rich and Kevin Begg who will be meeting with the Minister.*

*Carried*

**DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE**

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Enhanced Road Safety Reports** – The 2008 Road Safety Enhanced Enforcement Annual Report has been completed and will be posted on PSD's webpage in the coming month.

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**CounterAttack Fall Funding** – This fall, funds will be released to independent police departments participating in the Enhanced Traffic Program for their Christmas CounterAttack campaigns to ensure the police have the resources they need to identify and remove impaired drivers from the roads.

**Intersection Safety Camera Upgrade Implementation** – The Intersection Safety Camera Program (ISC) digital upgrade and expansion is well underway, with the new digital cameras, remote data transmission and back end automated ticket processing testing successfully completed earlier this summer. Site selection visits have also begun with municipalities and police agencies about the proposed locations of the new cameras. Installation and back end implementation of the new ISC is now scheduled to take place in the spring of 2010.

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**Gangs and Guns Update** – One of the primary components of the provincial Gangs and Guns strategy is for the Province to take over responsibility for administering the Canadian Firearms Program in BC. Some of the other provinces have funding agreements with the federal government to run the program and BC is aiming to achieve a similar agreement.

The Gangs and Guns strategy also includes a commitment requiring all health facilities to report the treatment of any patient with gunshot wounds to police. Five other provinces have enacted very similar gunshot wound report legislation.

The Ministry is looking into the regulation of the sale and possession of body armour as part of the Gangs and Guns initiative. The Ministry invited dealers and manufacturers of body armour, and armoured car guards, security guards, security consultants and private investigators to complete a questionnaire on their sale or use of body armour. The Ministry is completing its analysis of the responses and the information will assist in developing a regulatory framework.

**Domestic Violence E-learning Project Update** – This is a two phased Elearning project for front line officers covering current recommended best practices in domestic violence investigations and risk assessment. Phase one will be released later this month and will entail three hours of online learning. The second phase has been delayed due to a government wide contract freeze.



**2010 UPDATE**

A/Commr. Bud Mercer

Bud Mercer provided an update on 2010. The Torch Run plans are well under way and they are contingency plans in place in case there are any demonstrations at the locations. As far as complaints against the police regarding 2010, there will be one phone-in number for complainants and there will be robust investigative team assigned to handle each complaint.

**LUNCH**

Recessed for Lunch

**BRAIDWOOD INQUIRY**

Sponsor: Kevin Begg

Presenter: Lynne McNally, Director, Standards & Evaluation Unit  
Gabi Hoffman, Program Manager, Standards & Evaluation Unit

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Kevin Begg advised that the Braidwood Phase 1 Report is critical of the extent to which CEW usage by law enforcement officers has slipped since the weapon's introduction and is critical of the lack of detailed provincial standards and rules regarding CEW policy, training and reporting. There are 19 recommendations in the report that cover a number of issues. Many of these recommendations concern threshold and circumstances of use, centralized policy and training as well as the need for comprehensive data collection and analysis.

Two of the report's recommendations can be implemented immediately.

- the threshold of use; and
- reporting requirements to the Province

Some of the recommendations around training will likely be resource intensive and other recommendations involving legislative and regulatory amendments will be complex and technical.

All Departments and the RCMP have received a letter from the Solicitor General informing them that the province requires all agencies immediately implement the recommendations surrounding the threshold and circumstances of use.

Cabinet fully endorsed a key theme of the report. This is what will be referred to as the Braidwood Mandate which will launch a new era of policing policy in BC. The Braidwood Mandate will lead to a shift in the predominant governance model of policing. The move will be towards greater authority for the provincial government for setting policy.

PSD has been identified as the lead for implementing the Braidwood recommendations which will include dealings with Sheriffs and Corrections.

PSD is utilizing a phased approach with a timeline of 18 months. Five separate projects have been created which PSD staff have already started. These are:

- legislative and regulatory reform
- policy standards development
- training initiatives
- use of force data collection and analysis
- consultation/communication with stakeholders

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In order to accomplish this, PSD is creating a formal Executive Advisory Committee, with several subject based working groups related to training, standards and policies, use of force data and other topics as required.

The name of the Advisory Committee is the Braidwood Implementation Advisory Committee (BIAC). The responsibilities of the BIAC include:

- providing a forum for communication and feedback between PSD and all police agencies
- assisting in the identification of police and civilian members for working groups
- providing direction to working groups
- reviewing draft materials prepared by the working groups and
- making recommendations on final draft.

The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly and will be chaired by Kevin Begg. Membership of the Advisory Committee will include, but may not be limited to, Chief or Deputy from each independent Municipal Department and the St't'at'imx Tribal Police, and the South Coast BC Transportation Authority Police Service.

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There will be federal representation on the Advisory Committee, 2 RCMP members and a representative from Public Safety Canada.

**CIVIL FORFEITURE UPDATE**

Rob Kroeker

Rob Kroeker provided an update on Civil Forfeiture. Orientation and administrative training with a focus on criminal and civil asset forfeiture at the JI is planned. This unit has been in existence for 3 years and the results have been fantastic with 300 file referrals and conclusion on 77 files with \$7.5 M forfeited. All the concluded files have concluded without going to trial and surrendered under civil forfeiture terms. The unit is funded by their forfeitures.

**WHISTLER SLIDING CENTRE TOUR**

Has been arranged – everyone interested to meet in the lobby.

**RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day at 2:15 pm.

**RECONVENE**

Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0830 hours on Thursday, September 17, 2009

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)****INTERPOL**

Sponsor: Supt Bill McKinnon  
Presenter: Sgt. Yves Larose, Interpol Ottawa

Yves Larose provided an overview of the Interpol General Secretariat, the world's largest international police organization. Each of the INTERPOL member countries maintain a National Central Bureau staffed by law enforcement officers, civilian members and public servants which serves as the designated contact point in each country for international police liaison.

*There is a significant risk that an intoxicated person may have a potentially fatal medical crisis, either because of consumed alcohol or drugs, pre-existing medical conditions, or trauma suffered prior to being cared for by police or others;*

**AND WHEREAS**

*A sobering centre designed to care for an intoxicated person, run by trained professionals, can better provide for the medical needs of the person than police and will also be able to provide intervention and addiction services to that person;*

**AND WHEREAS**

*To be utilized by police as an alternative to police lock-ups, sobering centres must be located close by police lock-ups and placed in communities where there has been a demonstrated need;*

**AND WHEREAS**

*There is a disparity of services available to provide care to persons too intoxicated to care for themselves across the Province;*

**THEREFORE:**

*The BCACP urges the Health Ministry and the local health authorities to fund and implement sobering centres in key areas around the Province, keeping in mind the need to locate these centres close by police lock-up facilities so police can reasonably access them as an alternative when safe to do so.*

*Carried*

**2010 UPDATE**

A/Commr Bud Mercer

Bud Mercer provided an update on the most recent exercises. The Torch Run has gone fairly well with a bit of an issue in Victoria. The complaint process for the police for 2010 is underway and includes all the complaint commissioners across the country. Initially all complaints will be investigated out of the 2010 office and then passed to the chief of the jurisdiction.

**DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE**

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Fire Public Safety Advisory Group** – The Fire and Emergency Management Commissioner is setting up a group to address the fire and life safety issues of first responders to properties where there are illegal marijuana grow-ops and illicit drug labs. The advisory group is looking for representatives from the Fire Chief's Association, Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, BC Hydro, Work Safe BC, BC Ambulance Services and the police to participate with the objective being to identify and develop solutions to ensure the safety of first responders attending locations of illegal drug operations.

**Police Honours Night** – This year 38 awards will be presented at PHN at Government House, 11 for Valourous Service, 26 for Meritorious Service and 1 retired Chief Constable will be recognized for Outstanding Service.

**Police Act** – The Police Complaint Process in the *Police Act* received Royal Assent on October 29th. PSD is working on a number of regulations before the Act comes into force and PSD is hoping for an enforcement date in the spring of 2010.

**Body Armour Control Act** – In October 2009, the Province introduced the new *Body Armour Control Act* and amendments to the *Security Services Act* to regulate the



possession and sale of body armour. The Act will provide authority to the Registrar, under the *Security Services Act* to issue permits, to impose, remove or amend conditions on a permit and suspend and cancel a permit. Once the Statute is enacted, individuals and businesses currently in possession of body armour will have six months to apply to the Registrar for the appropriate permit or license.

**Armoured Vehicles** – Work is currently underway to determine what changes are required in regards to modified vehicles used by criminals.

**Domestic Violence E-Learning Project** – PSD launched an online domestic violence training course that covers the current recommended best practices in domestic violence investigations and risk assessment. All police officers in BC who investigate domestic violence or those who supervise these investigations are required to complete this course by November 2011. This particular project is an example of standardized learning for all police in BC and demonstrates the principles of the Provincial Learning Strategy in action. This course will be free for all independent municipal police, designated policing units and all RCMP within BC.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS** - Jamie Graham, as Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee, presented the Traffic Safety Awards to three officers and one group of officers.

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Capital Regional District, Integrated Road Safety Unit – The Capital Regional District Integrated Road Safety Unit (CRD IRSU) was the first integrated traffic unit developed in BC in 2005, and is comprised of officers from five independent police departments and the RCMP.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

##### **REGRETS**

D/Chief Ken Allen  
D/C/Cst. Lyle Beaudoin  
Insp. Lyle Gelinas  
Insp. Gord Wellar

C/Supt. Janice Armstrong  
Chief Constable Jim Chu  
D/C/Cst. Doug LePard

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**TRAINING  
COMMITTEE**

C/Supt. Bill Dingwall, Axel Hovbrender, Insp. Richard Konarski, C/Supt. Randy Wilson, C/Cst. Paul Hames

Bill Dingwall advised that the Training Committee met and had Kevin Begg attend. Discussion included:

- Prime Legacy Training – the PRTC is currently researching new delivery options and course redesign in reference to PRIME. Kevin Begg indicated he would support JIBC and PRTC working together on a joint business case submission to meet the training legacy demands on PRIME within BC.
- Axel Hovbrender advised that the mandatory Domestic Violence Training is just being rolled out. At the end of November there is a mental health first responders training entitled "Coming Together" being held at SFU in conjunction with the Police Academy and RCMP.
- Crisis Intervention Training Committee will be meeting later this week to look at developing a training working group regarding the Braidwood recommendations.
- Due to the recession and budget cutbacks within the RCMP training at PRTC has been significantly reduced. During the Olympics there will be no training at either the PRTC or the JIBC.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE**

Axel Hovbrender, C/Supt. Dick Bent, Insp. Mike Diack, 22(1) Sam MacLeod

No Report

**RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day at 3:30 pm.

**RECONVENE**

Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0830 hours on Thursday, November 19, 2009

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bill McKinnon outlined the results from the September 2009 meeting in regards to the motion on an independent unit on civilian oversight in the investigation of serious or sensitive incidents involving police officers and the media announcement.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)****SOLICITOR GENERAL**

The Honourable Kash Heed spoke about his vision for policing. The Wood's Report has led to amendments to the *Police Act* that enhance the powers of the Police Complaint Commissioner. Accountability is a priority for this government and the resolution out of the last BCACP meeting on a civilian led unit for investigating police has led to PSD continuing to examine all the options with much work still to be done. The recommendations out of the Braidwood Inquiry have been accepted by the government and the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the recommendations is expected soon.

The Minister's vision for policing over the next while is to enhance police accountability, working to the highest standard, transparency and trust. Consistency in standards is important for police officers with the example of the domestic violence response training. Community policing is still fundamental and the government is aware that the chiefs know

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their communities best. He is confident that together a solid foundation can be built to create the most effective policing model.

Peter Lepine presented Hon. Kash Heed with the 30 year policing pin from West Vancouver Police Department as well as a BCACP plaque.

Bill McKinnon presented a BCACP plaque to retired chief Derek Egan.

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE**

Inspector Kevin Galvin – Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) spoke on the unique model that brings Alberta's integrated policing units to strategically tackle serious and organized crime. This is an integrated approach to law enforcement making the best use of law enforcement resources. ALERT is set up as a corporation. Governance is provided through a seven member civilian board of directors with a law enforcement advisory committee. The positions usually bring their salary dollars and O&M.

Supt. Doug Kiloh, the Chief Officer of CFSEU-BC outlined the changes to CFSEU since 2008. Core funding has been received for teams in Prince George and Kelowna. June 1, 2009 was the date used for the amalgamation of the units under one umbrella. Seven Board members were appointed by Ministerial Order in the summer and they are currently looking at the strategic plan and governance model. The positions are based on secondments. Supt Kiloh provided an overview of the projects CFSEU is currently working on.

Question was raised on whether there was anything the BCACP could assist with legislative changes. BC is lagging in their use of ACIS. Through the CACP we have Clayton Pecknold involved in the law amendments committee and Doug Kiloh represents BC at CIROC.

D/Chief David Korol outlined the civil forfeiture process for Alberta. The civil forfeiture act was updated in 2008. Their legislation allows for police officers to seize the property at the time of the offence. Proceeds from the sale of seized property are used to compensate identifiable victims and organizations that support victims. The police in Alberta have formed a strong working relationship with the civil forfeiture office.

Rob Kroeker spoke on the British Columbia perspective and noted that as soon as the file is turned over the civil forfeiture office picks up the costs.

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D/Commr Gary Bass advised that not much progress has been made on the independent led investigation unit since the last meeting. Kevin Begg advises that the Minister has been briefed and research has been provided on the Ontario and Alberta models but nothing definitive has been developed.

**ELECTIONS 2009**

Pursuant to the BCACP Constitution Article III, Election of Officers, Officers are to be elected annually by a majority vote of members present at the last meeting of the Association of the current calendar year. November is the last meeting of the current calendar year. The positions to be filled are President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer and will take effect January 1, 2010.

**President**

Clayton Pecknold was nominated for the position of President and he allowed his name to stand. Bill McKinnon called for further nominations for the position of President. Seeing no other nominations, Clayton Pecknold was elected, by acclamation, to the position of President of BCACP for the 2010 year.

**Past President**

Bill McKinnon will assume the position of Past President.

**Vice President**

Tonia Enger was nominated for the position of Vice President. Bill McKinnon asked for further nominations for the position of Vice President. Seeing no other nominations, Tonia Enger was elected, by acclamation, to the position of Vice President of BCACP for the 2010 year.

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Peter Lepine was nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Bill McKinnon asked for further nominations for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Seeing no further nominations, Peter Lepine was elected, by acclamation, to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the 2010 year.

**Directors at Large**

Requests for the two positions of Directors at Large, one municipal and one RCMP member.

Brad Parker was elected, by acclamation, to the position of Municipal Police Director at Large.

Jeff Lott was elected, by acclamation, to the position of RCMP Director at Large.

**NEW BUSINESS****Private Member's Bill**

Peter Lepine has received a Private Member's Bill from 22(1) asking for endorsement on legislation. With private member's bills, even though the BCACP might support the idea sometimes the wording is not succinct. After discussion it was agreed that the Drug Committee would review. Peter Lepine will ensure the correspondence is sent to the BCACP membership.

**HOST/LOCATION FOR 2010 BCACP MEETINGS**

June 23 & 24, 2010 Kelowna

As a follow-up to the June 2010 meeting a streamlined version of the recommendations was presented. All jurisdictions responded to the survey.

Two recommendations were put forward today.

*It was Moved and Seconded:*

*That the BCACP endorse the recommendations and they be implemented on January 1, 2011.*

*Carried*

#### DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Police Honours Night** – 58 awards will be presented, 22 officers for Valorous Service and 36 for Meritorious Service. 29 Municipal members and 29 RCMP will receive awards. All guests are to arrive between 5:00 and 5:15 and all seating has been re-assigned. A reminder that the Loyal Toast will be proposed after the main course plates have been cleared. Government Houses advises that it is a breach of protocol to leave your seat to the Loyal Toast being proposed.

**Enhanced Enforcement Program** – The ICBC/PSD Enhanced Traffic MOU is in effect until March 2012 – however, negotiations are underway to extend the MOU and PSD hopes to reach a satisfactory conclusion in the near future.

**Legislation** – PSD is in the early stages of developing the legislation for the IIO.

**Braidwood Update** – An amendment to the Police Act has been approved that allows the province to set binding Provincial Policing Standards. These Standards have the same effect in law as Regulations. Progress on the development of Standards to address Braidwood's recommendations continues. This list of Standards includes:

- CEW Medical Assistance Standard
- BC Intermediate Weapon Approval Standard
- Threshold and Circumstances of CEW Use Standard
- CEW Operator Training Standard

- Internal CEW Controls & Monitoring Standard
- CEW Testing Standard
- Crisis, Intervention and De-Escalation training Standard
- Use of Force Data Collection Standard

Three of these Standards received final sign-off from the Braidwood Recommendations Implementation Committee. The rest are close to completion. By the end of the year it is anticipated that all of the Braidwood related Standard will be in final draft form.

**RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day.

**RECONVENE**

Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0830 hours on Thursday, November 17, 2010

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)****CHIEF CORONER**

Dr. Diane Rothon MD. Chief Coroner

Dr. Rothon spoke on the close relationship that the Coroner office has with the police. She is awaiting the ongoing work of the Domestic Violence Committee.

**CACP**

Chief Blair, President CACP

Peter German introduced both Chief Bill Blair and 22(1) Chief Blair is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his term and had been meeting with all the Associations across the country.

The committee work is important at the CACP level. They have looked at the governance of CACP to be truly representative of the whole country and BC now has a 2<sup>nd</sup> representative.

**BC POLICE MEDALS FOR VALOUR AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS**

Sponsor: C/Cst. Jamie Graham

Presenter: Cst. Paul Spencelayh, Victoria Police Department

With changes to the Police Honours Awards, an effort is being made to ensure that past recipients of Valour and Meritorious Service receive the new medals now presented for these two decorations. The administrative process of grandfathering these two medals must be carried in a way that is both accountable and fiscally viable. The process was outlined in the attachment to the agenda.

**FORENSIC SCIENCE & IDENT SERVICES**

Sponsor: Supt. Russ Nash

Presenter: A/Commr Peter Henschel

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They provided an overview and highlighted the key issues on the Forensic Services Transformation.

**ELECTRONIC COUNTER MEASURE DEVICES**

D/C/Cst. Warren Lemke

Deleted from the agenda



Bob Rich was elected, by acclamation, to the position of Municipal Police Director at Large.

Jeff Lott was elected, by acclamation, to the position of RCMP Director at Large.

#### POLICE HONOURS NIGHT (Thursday morning)

Kevin Begg outlined the background on PHN. As a result of the number of recipients at the award ceremony being larger this year and Government House is not able to accommodate this many recipients it was decided to split the event into two evenings. The second evening would be in February 2009. The criteria for recipients will be reviewed and possibly look at different ways of doing the event. Large investigations with multiple recipients are what have brought this to light. Therefore, the next BCACP in February 2009, will be held in Victoria.

#### DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE (Thursday morning)

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

Consult with Ministry

Police Pursuits – PSD has set a working group whose purpose is to enhance current police pursuit guidelines by developing policy that can be uniformly applied across the province.

AVR Regulation - Following jury recommendations from the Bush Inquiry, the Solicitor General ordered development of a Standard regarding video surveillance recording in police departments. The RCMP agreed to follow this Standard. The Provincial Standards pertaining to video surveillance in police buildings will be turned into a *Police Act* Regulation. The Regulation is to ensure a video surveillance and recording system is present, and is used appropriately, in all interview rooms and areas of police buildings where detained persons routinely interact with police personnel.

PORF – The working group met to discuss the governance model and agreed on an organization chart for the Organized Crime units that would fall under the new umbrella unit. The terms of Reference for the Board, including the mandate, meeting requirements and Chief Officer criteria were also discussed. There are differing views on whether the Chief Officer should be seconded or not.

Road Safety – PSD is beginning the evaluation of the Fraser Valley IRSU. The evaluation format will be similar to the CRD IRSU evaluation and will explore the context, outputs, outcomes and public and police values arising from the integrated model.

#### LUNCH

Recessed for lunch. – Presentation to 22(1) on moving to 'F' Division as 22(1) and 22(1) on his retirement from 22(1) RCMP.

#### UPDATE ON CIVIL FORFEITURE

Rob Kroeker provided a background on the *Civil Forfeiture Act* coming into effect in 2006. The goal was to remove the economic incentive to engage in criminal activity by working collaboratively with law enforcement and for the office to be self-funding within 3 years and they have achieved that goal already. Rob advises that their office will provide a training session to anyone who requests. Kudos were received from both the RCMP and Municipal perspective for the office of civil forfeiture.

**BANK PHOTOGRAPHY**

Sponsor: D/Chief Bob Rolls  
Presenters: 22(1), Provincial Crown  
Sgt. Mark Johnstone, VPD Financial Unit

Bob Rolls introduced 22(1) and Sgt. Mark Johnstone. 15(1)

The argument of privacy will be an issue. 22(1) advised that this has to go to the Canadian Bankers Association. 15(1)

*It was Moved and Seconded*

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*Carried*

**FEDERAL PAROLE OF NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS**

Sponsor: D/C/Cst. Bob Rolls  
Presenter: 22(1) Provincial Crown

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Clayton Pecknold advised that a review was done and the CACP had a resolution originating from Vancouver regarding chronic offenders, their sentencing, early release and credit for time served.

Clayton Pecknold will take this to the Law Amendments Committee for further discussion.

**SEARCH OF LAW OFFICES**

Sponsor: D/C/Cst. Bob Rolls  
Presenter: Insp. Mike Cumberworth, VPD

Insp. Cumberworth briefed the BCACP on the need for a protocol and the implementation of a province-wide standard to address searches and seizures of documents from law offices. The issue of who is responsible for costs associated with appointing a referee needs to be considered. Peter German noted that this is an important area; as Commercial Crime is constantly doing searches.

It was agreed that the working group Mike Cumberworth is working with continue discussions and report back to the BCACP with any new developments.

**DATA DOT TECHNOLOGY**

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP cover the cost of lunch on Wednesday for the quarterly meetings.*

*Carried*

#### DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Video Surveillance Regulation** – It is anticipated that the Regulation will be finalized in the Fall of 2009. When the Regulation is passed it will come into force one year from that date. PSD will spread the implementation period over three years.

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**Domestic Violence E-Learning Project Update** – PSD has been working towards creating a standardized and performance based online training program on domestic violence investigations. There is a domestic violence training project being piloted at the Langley RCMP in conjunction with the BC Domestic Violence Crown Office. The Langley project is intended to inform development of Crown policy on domestic violence charge approval.

The province has decided that the introductory course of Domestic Violence Investigations (3 hours) should also be mandatory. This is necessary to ensure all officers meet the Standard being set in the province for Domestic Violence Investigations. There will be a second course on Domestic Violence Threat Assessment and Risk Management (2 hours). Compliance timelines for these courses has been extended to two years instead of one year as originally announced. All 5 hours of e-learning must be completed by front-line officers and supervisors by June 2011.

**Police Record Checks Working Group Updates** – In June 2008, BCACP approved a working group to review current police record check practices. Police Record Checks have not been reviewed provincially since 1999 and there have been significant technological changes. The working group has developed a survey of current practices that will be forwarded to each policing agency in the near future. Once this information is compiled, recommendations of best practices will be presented.

**Provincial Metal Theft Strategy Update** – Metal theft has become a significant policing issue in recent years. The Ministry has created a Provincial Metal Theft Working Group with representatives from: BC Hydro, BC Transmission Corporation, Coast Mountain Bus Lines, SkyTrain, CP Rail, Telus, Kinder Morgan and UBCM. The RCMP is represented on this working group and an invitation is extended to the independent municipal police to participate as well.



- ATTN: Consult
- The long term goal is working on the right targets and showing successes
  - There is a concern for everyone over the last couple of weeks with the spike in violence. Criticism is pointing at the justice system and the need to look at regionalization. This is distracting from what needs to be handled now.
  - A mid-term goal is to look at legislative changes
  - BCACP needs to develop a strategy to handle the metro force/regionalization as this is just a distraction from the real work. It would be wise for someone from *this body* to speak to the media, avoid the topic of regionalization or speak to the integration of units that are currently in place.
  - The message that needs to get out to the media is "Our primary concern right now is for public safety".
  - Need to have a positive message and show what law enforcement is doing collectively

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP issue a statement designed to reassure the public that the police are united in focusing their efforts to target gang violence.*

*Carried*

#### **RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day at 3:55 pm.

#### **RECONVENE**

Day 2 of the meeting reconvened at 0830 hours on Thursday, February 19, 2009

#### **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

The media was present and after CACP President, Minister van Dongen and BCACP President spoke there was a question and answer with the media.

#### **CACP PRESIDENT – DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL STEVEN CHABOT**

CACP President, Deputy Director General Steven Chabot offered support to the BCACP in their fight against the growth and proliferation of street gangs. He offered condolences to those British Columbians who have been touched by the gang violence. He spoke about how the CACP advocates continuously are before the federal government for reforms to the laws and spoke specifically about electronic surveillance and reform of the law in reference to disclosure.

#### **MINISTER JOHN VAN DONGEN**

Consult Ministry  
Minister van Dongen addressed the BCACP on the recent announcements made by the Premier last Friday. He referenced the 168 additional members and the 10 new prosecutors. He spoke how all levels of law enforcement are working together to ensure public safety. He advised that he would be attending Ottawa in the near future to lobby the federal government for changes.

#### **BCACP PRESIDENT – SUPT. BILL MCKINNON**

*Response to Premier's Announcement on Gangs and Guns*

**COMMITTEE**

C/Cst. Bob Rich, Supt. Peter Lepine, Insp. Doug Wheeler, D/C/Cst. John Ducker, Chief Officer Ward Clapham, Insp. Scott Thompson, Jane Naydiuk

Bob Rich advised that the committee has been active with their primary focus on crisis/intervention training and Jane Naydiuk at PSD is assisting with e-learning packages. They are reviewing studies on wait times at hospitals. When Vancouver PD completed their study the results showed that 1 in 3 calls was related to mental health. Abbotsford PD is finding that 1 in 10 is related to mental health with 1 in 4 in downtown Abbotsford. This requires further research.

**GAMING COMMITTEE**

C/Supt Dick Bent, Larry Vander Graaf, Terry Smith, D/C/Cst. Steve Sweeney, Insp. Wayne Holland

Consult with the Ministry  
Al Macintyre advised that since the last meeting there has been direction from PSD to abandon the Gaming Investigative Unit. Kevin Begg advised that the funding was from the BC Lottery Corporation a

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**CRIME STOPPERS**

D/C/Cst. Steve Sweeney, Supt. Jim Begley

Jim Begley advised that the committee has not met recently. 22(1) suggested revitalizing the Crime Prevention and Crime Stoppers Committees, as one committee, and this is something that the two committees can have discussions on in the near future.

**FAMILY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM &**

**EMERGENCY PLANNING** C/Cst. Bob Rich, A/Commr. Peter German, Insp. Dennis Erickson

Bob Rich suggested that this committee could be dissolved. The emergency planners will continue to work on this. Al Macintyre advised that with the recent H1N1 Flu, Health Services at the RCMP are providing reports every 14 days. As information is provided Al Macintyre will share this information with the municipal departments.

**LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE**

C/Cst. Bob Rich, Supt. Bill McKinnon, Supt. Norm Gaumont, Insp. Chris Kennedy, C/Supt. Dick Bent

Bob Rich advised that the committee met this morning and they have had a meeting with the Solicitor General. The items brought to the table were gang legislation, body armour, mandatory reporting of suspicious wounds, armoured vehicles, Bar Watch, and suppression of members' home addresses. PSD is working on all these issues.

**FORENSIC CRIME LAB  
ADVISORY**

Supt. Russ Nash, D/C/Cst. Lyle Beaudoin, Kevin Begg, C/Supt. Craig Callens, C/Cst. Paul Hames, Supt. Rob Rothwell, 22(1)

No Report

Letter advising of the acceptance as an Associate Member of the BCACP

**Letters to and from Ministry of Solicitor General**

Letters regarding the MiniSTRA DNA Analysis Project

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Update on Joint Meeting with Alberta Chiefs of Police** -- Bill McKinnon has had contact with Chief Boyd, President of the AACP. The executive of the AACP is planning on attending the BCACP meeting in Whistler.

**BCACP - Meeting Expectations** -- Peter German advised that through the sub-committee's research they suggested that the membership look at 2 websites of other associations similar to the BCACP (Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Washington State Sheriffs and Police). The BCACP meetings could start with a dynamic speaker. This is something that the membership can contemplate and have discussions at future meetings.

**KEEP OF PRISONERS' PROGRAM**

Bob Rich advised at the BCAMCP meeting there was discussion regarding the funding model for the keep of prisoners program. This agreement has not had any changes for seven years and the BCAMCP feels that the rates should be increased and is hoping the BCACP would address this with the Province. Kevin Begg advised that this has been discussed with TB and he suggests it would be timely to write the Minister to keep the topic on the table.

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*That the BCACP write to the Solicitor General requesting that the Keep of Prisoners' Program Contract be opened for review*

*Carried*

**CORONERS AGREEMENT**

Bob Rich advises as a point of interest and for information that

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**DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES UPDATE**

Kevin Begg provided an update from Police Services.

**Development of New Medals** -- PSD is working to develop new medals for BC police officers for Long Service and Meritorious Service. PSD has been in contact with the Chancellery of Honours in Ottawa regarding having the Valour Service medal recognized within the Order of Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals. This would allow medal recipients to wear their Valour Service Medal on their left breast alongside



other national honours. This request was made initially in 2006, however a policy review at the federal level has postponed any decision by the Honours Policy Committee.

**Preliminary 2008 Official Crime Statistics** – In July 2009, the CCJS will be publishing their annual Crime Statistics in Canada Report in which they release the nation's crime data for 2008. This year there are significant changes in the CCJS release. They are going to introduce the Crime Severity Index which provides a measure of the seriousness of crime. Other changes include improvements to the UCR data reporting in which counterfeit currency offences and robbery offences have been adjusted to better reflect accuracy in reporting. Soon after the CCJS release, PSD will release BC's 2008 official police reported crime statistics annual publications including the overview of BC Crime Trends and the Regional Profiles. PSD does not have the final dataset at this time but the preliminary data indicates that in 2008 overall crime decreased by approximately 7% resulting in a 9% decrease in the crime rate. PSD expects to release their police-reported crime publication on the Ministry website by August 2009.

**Use of Force Aggregate Data Collection** – PSD collects data on the use of force and deaths in custody. The RCMP and municipal departments are piloting the SBOR data collection template, there is still a need for the province to receive the aggregate use of force data. It may be some time before SBOR data collection parameters are conclusively established and may also take time for everyone to have access to the data. PSD continues to request the aggregate data from the RCMP and Municipal departments.

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**Federal Legislation** - Bill 14 an amendment to the Criminal Code proposes creating a new offence to help prevent individuals from fleeing a province in order to avoid prosecution; streamlining the identification process in police stations by allowing the fingerprinting and photographing of persons in lawful custody who have not been charged or convicted of specific offences; improving the application procedure for search and seizure warrants by providing both peace and public officers with greater access to telewarrants; enhancing the expert witness process to allow parties more time to prepare their response to expert evidence in criminal matters; updating rules related to the use of "agents" in criminal proceedings, to provide the provinces with greater flexibility on this issue and ensuring better representation of accused individuals by agents; and expanding the list of permitted sports covered under the current prize fighting provisions and updating Canada's pari-mutuel betting system.

The federal government is considering amendments to the Sex Offender Information Registration Act that will in turn reform the National Sex Offender Registry.

Amendments to the Code to further restrict the use of conditional sentencing for serious property and violent crime. These reforms will add requirements to further restrict when a conditional sentence can be imposed.

**Provincial Update** - One of the government's initiatives to combat gang and gun violence is to address the problems of gangsters wearing body armour. The province is also looking at developing legislation to address the problem of gangs armouring their vehicles.

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**Firearms Program** - In February 09 the Premier confirmed the Province would work with the federal government to repatriate the Firearms Regulatory Program under provincial responsibility on behalf on the federal government. The province will not take on this responsibility unless the program is properly resourced and properly funded by the federal government.

**Traffic Enforcement** - Government has formed an internal working group to identify and risk-manage issues flowing from R v. Miller. This case could have an impact on traffic enforcement and information contained on violation tickets has come under scrutiny - specifically the issue of penalty points associated to non-moving violations. The government will be appealing this decision.

**Accident Reports** - Officers who attend a collision must complete an MV6020 and forward to ICBC- this is especially important in the case of a fatality or serious injury. MV6020 provides the province and police with critical data about motor vehicle fatalities and serious injury crashes which in turn provides intelligence on where and when to target specific issues.

**Pilot Project** - A pilot project called RID 911 (Report Impaired Drivers, call 911) targeting impaired or dangerous drivers is being launched in Nanaimo.

**Domestic Violence E-Learning Project** - The pilot online training program on domestic violence investigations and domestic threat assessment and risk management has been moved to launch in September.

#### CELL PHONE USE

Sponsor: C/Cst. Jamie Graham  
 Presenter: Allan Lamb, Executive Director of the Traffic Safety Foundation  
 Dr. 22(1) Vancouver Coastal Health

Jamie Graham opened discussions on the use of cell phones while driving. Dr. 22(1) provided evidence on the dangers of cell phone use while driving, including hands free devices as compared to chatting between vehicle occupants. Cell phone users have higher collision rates than non-users. After discussion it was decided that the issue was not just cell phones but all electronic devices. Kevin Begg noted that this requires an extensive education program. ICBC and BCAA are on board with this initiative. There are members of the public that see nothing wrong with using their cell phones while driving and some businesses have a need for constant communication. This is an opportunity for the police leaders to show their strength and put this motion forward. BCACP should recommend to the Provincial government that they develop provincial legislation to ban drivers of motor vehicles from using electronic devices including but not limited to all cell phones (hands held and hands free) texting devices, PDAs and blackberries.

*It was Moved and Seconded*

*Whereas: Safe driving of a motor vehicle requires full attention and traffic related deaths have occurred as a result of drivers being distracted*

*Whereas: Both experimental and observational evidence show an important increase in risk of collisions due to electronic device use while driving and those drivers pose a high risk to themselves and others.*