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RESOLUTION 2012 – 1 Funding for National Police Service

WHEREAS: The Federal Government under the Ministry of Public Safety, through the stewardship of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), funds National Police Service (NPS) for the following programs;

- Canadian Police College
- Criminal Intelligence Service Canada
- Forensic Science and Identification Area (Crime Laboratories and Criminal Records)
- Canada Firearms Centre
- National Child Exploitation Centre

WHEREAS: All municipal, provincial, and federal law enforcement agencies across Canada rely on the services under the National Police Service for daily activity related to; criminal records, Canadian Police Information Center (CPIC), training at the Canadian Police College, intelligence work through the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada, services provided through the crime laboratories, and information obtained from the National Child Exploitation Center;

WHEREAS: The RCMP is currently required to fund the shortfall of funding for the National Police Service through their operating budget and cannot continue to offset funding shortages through their operating budget;

WHEREAS: There is a risk to public safety and police officer safety, if there is reduced service from the NPS due to insufficient funding from the Ministry of Public Safety;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ministry of Public Safety ensure policing across Canada maintains a level of service currently received from National Police Service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Ministry of Public Safety adequately funds the National Police Service, thus ensuring a sustainable standard required for police and law enforcement agencies throughout Canada.

RESOLUTION 2012-2 Federal Funding for Independent Municipal Police Departments

Whereas in the Province of British Columbia alone, the Federal Government transferred approximately \$57 million dollars to municipal RCMP forces in 2010;

Whereas municipal independent police forces do not receive any federal funding for policing;

Whereas municipal independent police forces contribute to integrated units, drug enforcement and port policing which are beyond the scope of municipal police departments;

Whereas 78% of municipalities in Canada, who are serviced by municipal independent police forces do not benefit from federal police funding;

Whereas Bill C-10 will impose changes to a number of previously debated *Acts* that will impact minimum sentencing for many crimes including child and immigrant sexual exploitation and Organized-Crime related drug charges as well as other victim-based reforms;

Whereas costs for the Provinces for Bill C-10, *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, will have a downstream effect on municipal independent police budgets;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, THAT the Canadian Association of Police Boards call on the provincial and federal governments to ensure that federal policing monies are equitably shared by all police services across Canada.

RESOLUTION 2012-3 Record all Firearm Transfers

WHEREAS the current Federal Gun Registry is likely being abolished, and;

WHEREAS this abolition will remove all controls from non-restricted firearms, including the requirement for an owner to hold a registration certificate for such a weapon and for stores and individuals to record transactions, and;

WHEREAS non-restricted firearms include the Ruger Mini-14 semi-automatic rifle, the Steyr-Mannlicher HS .50 sniper rifle, the L115A3 Long Range sniper rifle and the IWI Tavor TAR021 5.56mm, and;

WHEREAS all firearms should be traceable in some manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge the Federal Government of Canada to ensure point of sale and point of transfer recording of all firearm transfers, as defined in the Criminal code,

including retail purchases, gifts, transfers and private sales so that non-restricted firearms are traceable in the hands of their owners and identifiable if lost, stolen or used in the commission of an offence;

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge the Federal Government of Canada to require the recording of all firearms at the point of entry into Canada and, therefore, that all wholesale imports of weapons into the country require a complete and accurate manifest including make, model and serial number of all guns in the shipment, the source of the guns imported and the identification of the exporter and importer.

RESOLUTION 2012-4 Reclassify Firearms

WHEREAS the current Federal Gun Registry is likely being abolished, and;

WHEREAS this abolition will remove all controls from non-restricted firearms, including the requirement for an owner to hold a registration certificate for such a weapon and for stores and individuals to record transactions, and;

WHEREAS non-restricted firearms include the Ruger Mini-14 semi-automatic rifle, the Steyr-Mannlicher HS .50 sniper rifle, the L115A3 Long Range sniper rifle and the IWI Tavor TAR021 5.56mm, and;

WHEREAS these weapons are not typical hunting rifles or shotguns and should be traceable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge the Federal Government of Canada to have the Commissioner of Firearms/Canadian Firearms Program reclassify a number of non-restricted firearms as restricted firearms, through orders in council, to ensure they remain traceable in the hands of their owners at all times.

RESOLUTION 2012-5 Theft of Electricity

WHEREAS organized crime and illegal drug grow operations routinely steal utilities, and;

WHEREAS this utility theft often results in identifiable spikes on utility meters and safety threats, and;

WHEREAS utility companies are well placed to assist police in identifying organized crime and illegal drug grow operations through technology that can identify these operations, and;

WHEREAS there is a disincentive for utility companies to identify and eliminate utility theft due to the current utility marketplace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge the Federal Government to penalize the activities of utility companies who enable organized crime through inaction.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge its members to lobby their Provincial Government to be part of a standardized national solution to:

consult with key stakeholders and other provinces on best practices;
require utility companies to be transparent about line loss;
implement and use current technology to identify line loss and theft; and
monitor lines for theft, and disclose theft to police and other appropriate agencies/organizations, in an effort to reduce electricity theft and close down organized crime and illegal drug grow operations.

RESOLUTION 2012-6 National Protocol for the Management of Inter-Jurisdictional Offenders

WHEREAS the supervision of offenders in the community is a shared responsibility and is essential in preserving the public's safety, and;

WHEREAS a portion of federal offenders under the care of the Correctional Service of Canada are subject to detention during the period of statutory release and not paroled, however, sections 810.1 and 810.2 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* assist in securing the "good conduct" of persons feared, on reasonable grounds, to pose a risk of harm to the public, and;

WHEREAS there is no national protocol that provides clarity as to how police agencies and other responsible stakeholders in Canada make applications, monitor and transfer the supervision of offenders bound by 810.1 and 810.2 recognizance between agencies and Provinces, and;

WHEREAS without a national protocol there exists a gap in the inter-operability of offender management in Canada, particularly with offenders subject to detention during the period of statutory release, which elevates the risk to the community in that an offender may lack any supervision, appropriate supervision, or continuity of supervision.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Association of Police Boards urge the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to ratify a national protocol to set out a uniform process to coordinate an inter-jurisdictional response to offender release at the expiry of sentence, and promote a greater

clarity in both the use of section 810.1 or section 810.2 and which jurisdiction will be responsible for the same.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION #2012-7 Legislative Amendment to Address Banning the Re-activation of Stolen Cellular Phones

WHEREAS the number of cell phone robberies has increased significantly over the past few years; and,

WHEREAS the increase in cell phone thefts reflects a market for purchasing stolen cell phones that can be re-activated; and,

WHEREAS there is currently no legislation, in Canada, directed towards banning the re-activation of stolen cellular phones; and,

WHEREAS successfully implemented legislation to ban the re-activation of cellular phones has positively impacted numerous jurisdictions including the United States of America and the United Kingdom;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Police Boards recommends that the Government of Canada create legislation to specifically address *banning the re-activation of stolen cellular phones and introduce legislative change that would compel cellular phone service providers to provide technology which would permit the disabling of a cellular phone after it is stolen and that the Federal Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Industry work with wireless telecommunication providers to facilitate the creation of a functional cellular device registry;*

AND THAT the Canadian Association of Police Boards recommends that the Ministries request that telecommunications service providers adopt the following strategies to deter smartphone theft and protect personal data;

- *Implement Databases to Prevent Reactivation of Stolen Smartphones*
- *Notify Consumers of Features to Secure/Lock Smartphones with Passwords*
- *Educate Consumers of Features to Secure/Lock Smartphones with Passwords*
- *Inform Consumers about Applications to Remotely Lock/Locate/Erase Data from Smartphones*
- *Educate Consumers about Smartphone Theft, Protections and Preventative Measures*