

Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee Annual Report August 1, 2018

MISSION

This committee exists to champion an integrated, unified tri-services leadership role in emergency management in Canada. We will accomplish this by:

- Bringing together Police, Fire & Paramedics Chiefs' Associations to identify shared emergency management priorities (ensuring appropriate committee membership & technical advisors)
- Promoting interoperability amongst tri-services and other partners and agencies
- Informing respective leadership of the work/emerging issues in emergency management
- Guiding and influencing national policy
- Guiding and influencing research & development priorities
- Identifying & advocating for first responder needs in the area of training and equipment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

1. Identify shared priorities
2. Promote interoperability amongst tri-services and other partners
3. Ensure appropriate committee representation
4. Guide/influence research and development in emergency management
5. Guide/influence national policy and inform respective leadership of emerging issues.
6. Identify and advocate for first responder needs in the areas of training and equipment

2018/19 Priorities:

1. Confirm Association Boards' approval of committee's strategic plan
2. Confirmation of CACP Motorola Award criteria
3. Implementing the action plans for strategic initiatives identified at the 2017 strategic planning session
4. Supporting the ICT Committee and CITIG in public safety initiatives

Message/Executive Summary

The committee last met in December 2017 in conjunction with the CITIG 11 workshop in Ottawa. 2018 will see one full meeting of the committee adjoining the CAFC's AGM in Ottawa, in September.

Achieving interoperability within, and amongst various services and governance levels, remains high on the committee's agenda, along with identifying and advocating for first responder needs in the area of training and equipment.

The Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee:

The CTSEMC is governed by the three national Chiefs Associations through their designated co-chairs and supported administratively by CITIG. This committee remains dedicated to strategic level, functional interoperability amongst first responders across Canada.

Its membership is derived from subject matters experts in emergency/disaster management throughout the country, serving a unique niche focusing on national emergency management issues relevant to first responders. It brings a national voice to issues that first responders, who are predominantly at the municipal level, do not usually have access to; providing the opportunity for all of its members to (informally) communicate directly with Public Safety Canada and vice versa. Each able to voice its perspectives beyond the confines of constitutional provincial mandates.

The committee also provides a unified conduit to available research initiatives, such as offered by DRDC and the Canadian Safety Security Program (CSSP).

Committee Highlights and Activities:

1. PCC Co-Chair Bik Chawla moved on from the committee in late 2017. Frontenac County Paramedics, Superintendent and CEMC, Mark Podgers took on the co-chair's position on behalf of PCC.
2. In January, CAFC Co-Chair Pierre Voisine visited Co-Dot at the University of Laval, in Quebec City. As a research organization, Co-Dot focuses human cognitive and stress effects/reactions in the areas of interoperability. They are always interested in conducting research projects in this field and from a long term perspective; I see some incredible opportunities here in terms of conducting research.
3. they essentially have a scenario operating on a wall of screens, while monitoring the individual incident manager's responses, both cognitively and through biomedical evaluations. OVA, is a result of one of these projects. It is the product of a program to develop a training/evaluation product to evaluate first responders.
4. Partnered with Motorola Solutions in presenting the 2018 CACP/Motorola Emergency Preparedness Awards by judging the submissions and facilitating the awards process.

Meetings:

- December 2017 – Ottawa at CITIG annual workshop
- September 13-14, 2018 – Ottawa at CAFC AGM

2018 CACP/Motorola Awards:

Now in its tenth year, the CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness was launched in 2009 and is a prime example of the success of public and private sector partnerships in advancing the goals of emergency preparedness. This program was established to recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of police, fire services, and paramedic services in preparing their agencies to respond to natural or man-made disasters. This award not only highlights preparedness, but also recognizes the efforts being made specifically toward response exercises

Committee members of the judging panel included:

- Donald Campbell, Co-Chair, CACP, Toronto Police Service
- Pierre Voisine, Co-Chair, CAFC, Cornwall Fire Service
- Mark Podgers, PCC, Superintendent – Operations, Frontenac County CEMC

2018 Emergency Preparedness Program Winners:

Perth County Emergency Services Municipal 511 Project - early adopters of an economical, web-based and easy to use two-way data sharing tool that captures crowd sourced public data. Applicable to multi-agency needs and allows for layering of private, agency specific information. A great example of public-private partnership contributing to emergency preparedness

2018 Emergency Response Exercise Winner:

City of Ottawa Full-Scale C3 Exercise – testing cooperation, coordination, and communication, this multi-sited earthquake scenario involved all three levels of government along with multiple critical infrastructure agencies, totalling over 200 participants from 40 agencies. The broad scope and complexity of this exercise, that took place over a 17 hour time frame, not only allowed for testing staffing changes within the exercise itself, but also encompassed three levels of decision making: incident command post, departmental command centres and the EOC.

Committee Members & Technical Advisors as of August, 2018:

There have been a few changes in membership over the past year as some members moved onto other positions within their agencies, others retired and new members came on board. The CTSEMC will continue to review membership to ensure regional and appropriate

professional representation from the three first responder agencies through each respective Chief's Association.

Bastien, Mathieu	Commander	Montreal Police Service
Campbell, Donald	Staff Superintendent	Toronto Police Service, CACP Co-Chair
Connors, Kim	Executive Director	CIFFC
Doucette, Gerry	Police & LE Portfolio	DRDC - CSSP
Drolet, Stephan	Chief Superintendent	Burnaby BC RCMP
Dore, Michel	President	CDN Risks & Hazards Network
Durand, Stephanie	Director General	Emergency Management Policy, Public Safety Canada
Ford, Mark	Superintendent	Ottawa Police Service
Gillespie, Cathie	Inspector	Barrie Police Service
Goodyear, Perron	Director Territorial EM Disaster Services	Salvation Army
Jeffers, Fred	Fire Commissioner NS	Canadian Council of Fire Marshals/Fire Commissioners
Jevons, Alison	Superintendent	Ontario Provincial Police
Kabilan, Dr. Satyamoorthy	Director	National Security & Strategic Foresight, Conference Board of Canada
Mullally, Tanya	Prov. EM Coordinator	ICS/IMS Canada (alternate)
Podgers, Mark	Superintendent – CEMC	Frontenac County Paramedics
Poirier, Pierre	Chief, Security & EM	City of Ottawa
Ritchie, Bob	Deputy Chief	Calgary Police Service

Schriemer, Gerry	Chief of EMS, C.O.O	M.D. Ambulance Care, Alberta
Solecki, Greg	President	International Association of Emergency Managers, Canada
Turcotte, Andre	Inspecteur	Ville de Quebec Police Service
Voisine, Pierre	Fire Chief	Cornwall Fire Service CAFC Co-Chair
Young, Michele	Chief Superintendent	RCMP Operational Readiness