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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Commences 112th Annual Conference – “Policing in a Digital Society,” Award Presentations**

**Montreal, Quebec** – The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) commenced their 112th Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec by welcoming approximately 400 delegates and 146 exhibitors to the annual meeting of Canada’s policing leadership. The conference is co-hosted with the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM).

**Theme: “Policing in a Digital Society – Risks and Opportunities:”**

CACP President Directeur Mario Harel and SPVM Directeur Philippe Pichet, met with media to discuss the theme of this year’s conference: “Policing in a Digital Society.”

“It is with great pleasure that we bring Canada’s policing leaders together here in Montreal on the occasion of this city’s 375th anniversary. Society is changing. Crime is changing. Technology is changing. This conference will serve as an opportunity to discuss the challenges caused by the emergence of new forms of crime in cyberspace and the vulnerability of hundreds of clients in this respect,” stated Directeur Pichet.

What are some of those challenges facing police and public safety leaders?

- **Building public trust and confidence** have become a major focus for policing and new techniques are necessary to accomplish this. How do we quickly and accurately respond to the many questions that the public has when an event occurs? How will we achieve this in our communities?
- The **expanding scope of policing** is an impactor as well. Many calls for service to police realistically fall outside of core service abilities of police, and this is unlikely to change significantly. The Opioid Crisis is an example of how expectations on first

responders can change. How do we carefully analyse trends in calls for service and the requirements of those calls so as to respond with appropriate measures that protect our citizens?

- **Flood of digital evidence** (digital tsunami). Police agencies face a tsunami of digital evidence in the form of photos, videos, unstructured data, and many other digital assets like social media. In part this is attributable to the global proliferation of smartphones and increased video monitoring. When a major event occurs, police agencies suddenly must manage thousands of photographs and endless video, all of which must be reviewed, processed for evidence, and managed through the entire court process.

“Increases in digital evidence are happening in the shadow of the Supreme Court decision *R. v Jordan* which provides shorter timelines for the completion of criminal cases. The digital tsunami is very real and combined with ‘encryption’ and ‘going dark,’ it will pose significant challenges to law enforcement. We must anticipate the impact and respond,” stated Directeur Harel.

“Professional development sessions will focus on facing and managing disruptive change, building trust by communicating with the community, creating organizational resiliency and making good decisions for policing the digital society, the imperative to create technology advantages for policing, and creating an action plan for chiefs,” he continued.

In addition, police leaders will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on a number of policing priorities, including Marijuana Legislation and Regulation, Drug Reform (Fentanyl/Opioid Crisis), MMIWG and Mental Health and Wellness of Police Personnel.

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## **CACP Awards**

### **Minister of Justice Canada’s National Youth Justice Policing Award**

The Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Award recognizes police officers and others involved in police-led initiatives who, individually or as a team, develop innovative approaches or promising practices that go beyond the formal court system when dealing with youth in conflict with the law. It celebrates innovative policing and serves to inform the police and wider community about creative responses to youth crime.

This year’s recipients are:

Lieutenant Serge Boivin and Constable Robin Pouliot of the Service de police, Ville de Saint-Jérôme for the creation of an innovative intervention project on “sexting” among youth.

Since the launch of the awareness campaign in late 2016, over 10,000 students have learned of the legal, moral and physical risks associated with “sexting”

A news release will be issued on the Justice Canada website at: <http://www.justice.gc.ca>

### **CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness:**

The CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness has been established to recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of police, fire, and emergency medical services in preparing their agencies for any subsequent response to natural or man made disasters leading toward the contribution and dedication to the quality of life in our communities

The 2017 recipients of this award are:

Emergency Preparedness Program: The District of Squamish and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) - Together, they have worked to create a single and unified emergency management partnership fundamental to improving collective resilience across both communities. They have created frameworks for response, while acknowledging and upholding the jurisdictional authority of each government.

Emergency Response Exercise: Comité aviseur antiterrorisme de Montréal (CAAM) for Exercise 360, a very complex, large-scale, multi-site, and multi-agency anti-terrorism exercise encompassing both operational and strategic levels of decision-making. The objectives of this exercise were comprehensive and wide reaching – emphasising interoperability and communication amongst responding organizations.

### **CACP Recognition Award:**

The CACP is very proud to recognize one of its members for outstanding voluntary service to the CACP and law enforcement throughout Canada. This year’s recipient is: Trevor McCagherty.

Trevor began his career in 1962 and served with the Toronto Police Service, Oshawa Police Service, and the Durham Regional Police Service where he progressed to the Chief of Police. He was the president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and served as Canada’s representative to the Board of Directors for the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

After retiring as the Chief of the Durham Regional Police Service he provided his expertise to a number of policing organizations including his involvement with the CACP, which began in 2000. At that time he was engaged as confidential executive support to the President and Board of Directors for the CACP and filling in for a short span as Executive Director.

Trevor was a co-founder and senior advisor of the Institute for Strategic International Studies now known as the CACP Executive Global Studies Program under the auspices of the CACP. His official duties with the CACP will conclude on July 17, 2017.

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The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police was established in 1905 and represents approximately 1,000 police leaders from across Canada. The Association is dedicated to the support and promotion of efficient law enforcement and to the protection and security of the people of Canada. Through its member police chiefs and other senior police executives, the CACP represents in excess of 90% of the police community in Canada which include federal, First Nations, provincial, regional and municipal, transportation and military police leaders.