

**Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee  
Annual Report August 15, 2015**

**Committee Mandate:**

This committee exists to champion integrated, interoperable and unified emergency management:

- Through formal relationships with police, fire and paramedic services (CACP / CAFC / PCC);
- In consultation and collaboration with other emergency management partners and agencies;
- By promoting and providing tri-services' input in support of the emergency management framework for Canada and associated strategies and action plans; and
- Based on an 'all hazards' approach that addresses the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery pillars of emergency management.

**COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:**

- Serving as a conduit to recognized sources on emergency management related research, policy, plans and standards.
- Promoting interoperability and alignment amongst the tri-services, in collaboration with other emergency management partners and committees.
- Exploring tri-service training opportunities and requirements to enhance emergency management capabilities and capacity.
- Engaging with other emergency management partners and agencies across Canada to pursue opportunities for synergy across the broader responder community.
- Examining federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal emergency management legislative and policy issues, and to provide informed tri-service recommendations on critical and emerging issues.
- Improving understanding of the current state of Canadian emergency management

**2014/15 Priorities:**

1. To develop and execute a Tri-Service EM Committee strategy to highlight the ongoing work and successes of the committee)
2. To host a national EM conference in 2015/16.

## **Message/Executive Summary**

The CTSEMC continues to play an important role in facilitating responders' dialogue with Public Safety Canada and SOREM; advocating for the needs of first responders on emergency and disaster response concerns. The need still exists to advocate for the long-term economic sustainability of emergency management training, processes and assets.

A strong ICS/IMS governance model is required on a national basis. The Transport Canada Emergency Response Task Force (ERTF) which was formed in the wake of the Lac Megantic rail disaster also noted a lack of national standards and consistency in emergency response systems. The availability of national standardized training capacities for responders remains of significant concern to the CTSEMC.

Achieving interoperability within, and amongst various agencies and governance levels, remains on the committee's agenda.

### **The Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee:**

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

The Committee serves a unique niche focusing on national emergency management issues relevant to first responders from the tri-services. It allows a national voice to issues that first responders who operate predominantly at the municipal level, do not usually have access to. It provides an opportunity for members to (informally) communicate directly with Public Safety Canada and vice versa, each contributing its perspectives outside the confines of constitutional provincial mandates. The CTSEMC also affords a unified conduit to available research initiatives, such as offered by the Centre for Security Science's (CSS) Communities of Practice.

The necessity still exists to advocate for the long-term, economic sustainability of emergency management training and assets; such as incident management systems, the Recommended Equipment List, the Targeted Capabilities List (Capabilities Based Planning), HUSAR and CBRNE training, etc.

Challenges still persist on ensuring voices are heard from the municipal level of Emergency Responders on initiatives that impact them directly. CBRNE training is one example of this, whereby there has been no representation by Municipal Emergency Responders on F/P/T working groups

## **Committee Highlights and Activities:**

1. The co-chairs participated in a panel discussion entitled The Canadian Tri-Services Emergency Management Committee & Responders' Risks, at the CRHNET 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium in Toronto, in October 2014. This event provided an opportunity to inform the broader emergency management academic and practitioner communities of the committee's history, mission, priorities and activities. In addition, current concerns facing first responders in their goals to collaborate, coordinate and cooperate across the country were also discussed. Challenges such as operational planning (capabilities based planning and recommended equipment lists), implementing incident management systems, and achieving interoperability were all covered.
2. Thanks to committee member Dr. Kabilan Satyamoorthy, the CTSEMC Linked In page hosts many emergency management discussion topics.
3. Attended in support of the Eighth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop (CITIG 8 in Ottawa, Ontario on November 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2014).
4. Participation on the Transport Canada Task Force on Emergency Response, established in the wake of the Lac Megantic rail disaster. The group's primary focus being response to emergencies resulting from the rail transport of flammable liquids.
5. Partnered with Motorola Solutions in presenting the 2015 CACP/Motorola Emergency Preparedness Awards by judging the submissions and facilitating the awards process.

## **Meetings:**

- November 29-30<sup>th</sup> 2014, Ottawa, Ontario (CITIG Conference)
- February 23, 2015 co-chairs' teleconference
- August 15-16<sup>th</sup> 2015, Quebec City (CACP AGM)

## **2015 CACP/Motorola Awards:**

Now in its seventh 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 law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services in preparing their agencies for response to natural or man-made disasters. This award not only highlights preparedness, but also recognizes the efforts being made specifically toward response exercises

CTSEMC Committee members of the judging panel included:

- Donald Campbell, Co-Chair, CACP, Toronto Police Service
- Kim Ayotte, Co-Chair, CAFC, Ottawa Fire Service
- Bik Chawla, Co-Chair, PCC, Toronto Paramedic Services
- Eric Torunksi, Executive Director , CITIG
- Scott Holland, Manager Alberta Health Provincial Planning & Preparedness
- Mark Podgers, Community Emergency Management Coordinator County of Frontenac Paramedics

**2015 Emergency Preparedness Program Winner:**

Edmonton Police Service for their School Resource Officer Unit Lockdown Portfolio. What this small grass roots unit was able to accomplish and to share well beyond its original mandate is truly impressive.

**2015 Emergency Response Exercise Winner:**

Ottawa International Airport Authority for Exercise Silver. The partnerships involved, comprehensiveness of the exercise, first of its kind ever conducted in an operational Canadian airport terminal and willingness to share the lessons learned and resulting training video.

**Committee Members as of August, 2015:**

A number of membership changes occurred throughout 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.

Anderson, Gordon	Asst. Deputy Fire Commissioner	Canadian Council of Fire Marshals/Fire Commissioners
Ayotte, Kim	Deputy Chief	Ottawa Fire Service, CAFC Co-Chair
Campbell, Donald	A/Staff Superintendent	Toronto Police Service CACP Co-Chair
Chawla, Bikram	Commander	Toronto Paramedic Services, PCC Co-Chair
Connors, Kim	Executive Director	ICS/IMS Canada
Donovan, Gary	Director General	National Emergency Preparedness Directorate, Public Safety Canada

Dube, Michael	Fire Chief (Retired)	JTF Central EMO Regional Liaison
Durand, Stephanie	Director General	Emergency Management Policy, Public Safety Canada
Ford, Mark	Inspector	Ottawa Police Service`
Holland, Scott	Provincial Manager Planning & Preparedness	Alberta Health
Howe, Angie	Chief Superintendent	Ontario Provincial Police
Kabilan, Dr. Satyamoorthy	Director	National Security & Strategic Foresight, Conference Board of Canada
Kratzig, Greg	Law Enforcement Chair	CSSP Communities of Practice
Kuban, Dr. Ron	Co-President	Cdn Risks & Hazards Network
MacGillivray, Ernie	Co-President	Cdn. Risks & Hazards Network
McKay, Duane	Commissioner,	Canadian Council Emergency Management Organizations
Morin, Serge	Inspecteur/Commandant	Ville de Quebec Police
Mullally, Tanya	Prov. EM Coordinator	ICS/IMS Canada (alternate)
Neadles, Bill	Superintendent	Toronto Police Service
Neily, John	President Consulting JDNeily	(Retired) RCMP Assistant Commissioner
Nystedt, Scott	Superintendent	Ottawa Police Service
Mark Podgers	Supervisor	Community Emergency Management Coordinator County of Frontenac
Poirier, Pierre	Paramedics Chair	CSSP Communities of Practice
Valcour, Lance	Vice President	Public Safety & Emergency Management Cdn Advanced Technology Alliance
Wade, Rebecca	President	International Association of Emergency Managers, Canada
White, Blair	Inspector	Calgary Police Service

White, Ross	Chief Superintendent	RCMP Operational Readiness & Response