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Ontario Police Chiefs Call on Ontario Government to Ensure Municipalities Pay for Policing Costing Estimates

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(London, ON) – Ontario's top police leaders concluded their 2012 Annual Meeting by calling on the Government of Ontario to require municipalities/Police Services Boards to reimburse the Ontario Provincial Police for costs associated with providing costing estimates for policing options.

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) called on the government to, "mandate that the expenses (both time and material on a cost-recovery basis) for creating a costing estimate by the OPP, or any other body, be borne by the requesting municipality or municipalities and/or their Police Services Board."

"Police costing requests are often made due to actual or potential amalgamations or on an exploratory basis with no firm intent to go forward," said OACP President Chief Steve Tanner. "The time and effort required to provide a costing estimate for the Police Services Board/Council of the municipality is extensive and at considerable expense for all involved, including the OPP. It's incumbent upon the Ontario Government to ensure costs for such estimates are borne by the party that requests them."

Ontario's police leaders also called on the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to immediately suspend a requirement for Correctional Services staff to contact the police in their jurisdiction and advise of incidents where correctional services employees have been required to use force on an inmate for non-criminal incidents.

"Requiring police services to be involved in the administration of correctional Use of Force incidents that are of a non-criminal nature is a waste of police resources. The Ministry needs to consult with Ontario's police leaders and develop a more appropriate policy that does not take police resources away from real law enforcement needs." Said Chief Tanner.

The resolutions, available at www.oacp.ca, were passed at the conclusion of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's 61st Annual Meeting held in London June 17-20.

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