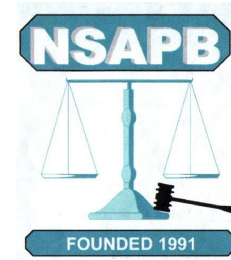


**NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 9<sup>th</sup> 2007**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

I am writing to provide an update on what has been happening with the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB).

The Executive has been very active and involved in Police Board matters for the Province since the last report. The Conference (2006) that was held in Sydney was a tremendous success and the evaluation forms that were collected indicated the same.

In October, the Board met with the Chiefs' Association of Nova Scotia and the Department of Justice. One of the scenario's was, where will Nova Scotia be in 2012 with integrating policing? There was good discussion on this issue and as your President, my position was made very clear, and I am pleased to report that the Chiefs were in agreement.

In 2012 the Province of Nova Scotia should have only one Force, that being a Provincial Force, with Civilian Oversight. In other words, the same oversight as Municipal Forces now have at present, not an Advisory Board. A Police Commissioner has a very responsible position with considerable responsibility.

The NSAPB were very supportive with the decision of the Minister of Justice, the Honorable Murray Scott, to fulfill an election promise with the "Boots on the Streets initiative". The Province has committed to the hiring of 250 new police officers with sustainable funding. To date 80 new officers across Nova Scotia have been hired throughout the province, and we will continue to push for the remaining 170 officers.

As a Director with the Canadian Association of Police Boards, along with Robert Angel of Amherst, we are pushing for the Federal Government to live up to their election promise of 2500 new Municipal Officers and 1000 RCMP, this certainly will be an election issue when the Federal Election is called. It is my opinion a promise made is just that.

In February the Board met in Truro to meet with Department of Justice representative, George Lahey to discuss Workshops for Commissioners throughout the Province.

You should have received this information from the Department Of Justice. In speaking with Mr. Lahey and David Horner from the Department Of Justice, I can assure you that there will be a total of three Workshops, two will be held starting in September, 2007, one in Truro and one in Cape Breton. There is also one planned for June in Dartmouth at the Interpretation Center, 54 Locks Road. The first topic at the Workshop will be roles and responsibility of a Police Commission. This will focus on the major change in the *Police Act* where civilians and Provincial Representatives were appointed to the Commissions. It will provide insight that you will require in carrying out your duties as a Police Commissioner.

In March the Executive met with Minister Scott and several staff of the Department Of Justice. There were twelve questions that were asked of The Minister and as of this date the Minister has not as yet responded, but I do expect that it will be forthcoming very soon.

The questions were directed toward Organized Crime, Disclosure, Witness Protection, *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, Integrated Policing, Pros, EMO Gas Masks, Provincial Appointments to Police Boards, Police Leadership Former Report, and Public Complaints- *Police Act*(sec.79 (1)D).

There was another major concern that was discussed with the Minister, that being the length of the term as a Police Commissioner. This will require a change in the *Police Act*. The Executive, as well as some Chiefs, when we met in Truro, felt that the position of a Police Commissioner requires considerable educating on the *Police Act* as well as the roles and responsibilities, unlike other Committees of Council. This issue was moved at the Executive level and presented to Minister Scott as follows:

- ✓ That the term of appointment for Councillors be for their four year term,
- ✓ That the term of the appointment for citizens be for a four year staggered term,
- ✓ That the term of appointment for the Department of Justice member be at the discretion of the Province.

In the next Newsletter I hope to have the response from the Minister from our meeting in March.

Wishing you and yours a very happy and safe summer hoping to see you in Truro in September at our annual joint conference.

Sincerely,  
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**NSAPB/NSACP 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMBINED CONFERENCE**  
**TRURO-SEPTEMBER 26-28,2007**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Boards and Police Chief's conference will be held in Truro, Wednesday September 26-28,2007 at the Glengarry Hotel. The theme of the conference is **RISK MANAGEMENT**. The Shirlen Seamone Memorial golf tournament will be held on Wednesday at 12:00 noon from the East Mountain Golf Club followed by a steak dinner. The conference will begin on Thursday morning.

**Book your reservations now. Glengarry Hotel toll free 1-800 567-4276**  
**Information on registration and a detailed conference program will be listed on the NSAPB web page in the near future. Go to: [www.gov.ns.ca/just/nsapb](http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/nsapb)**

**Any Police Commission that has a resolution they wish to present at the Annual General Meeting is asked to submit it to NSAPB secretary David Walker by Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS( CAPB)**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference of the CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS, will be held in Calgary August 18-20, 2007. The theme is **RISK MANAGEMENT**.

The CAPB 'Best Ball' Golf Tournament at Eaglesquest Douglasdale Golf Club will be held from 12:00 am - 4:00 pm followed by a BBQ Dinner and Prize Presentation.

Members of all Police Commissions, RCMP



**N.S.-CAPB Reps Jim MacLeod, Ian Wilms (Pres. CAPB) and Robert Angel discussing the Nunn Report.**

Advisory Councils, CAO'S as well as Councillors, Wardens and Mayors are encouraged to attend the conference.

Conference speakers will include: **Dr. Gordon Graham:** a renowned presenter in the area of Risk Mangement,Civil Liability. Professionalism and Ethical Decision Making

**The Honourable Stockwell Day:** Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada. and **Ms. Sheia Fraser:** Auditor General of Canada, (keynote speaker)

**For a list of Concurrent workshop Sessions, Panel discussions and a conference application form go to the CAPB web page at [www.CAPB.ca](http://www.CAPB.ca).** The Westin Hotel, at this date, has a few rooms available .West Jet has allocated 50 seats to Calgary with a 10% discount for the CAPB conference.

## **MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)**

## **STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (SADD)**

The Amherst Police Department through Co-Operative Insurance has access to a go-cart style car that will be used at Amherst Regional High School and other High Schools throughout Cumberland County to simulate the effects of driving while impaired. This vehicle may also be available to other High Schools throughout the province by request.

Students will drive the car through a pre set driving range following various driving signals and signs. They will then use a set of fatal vision goggles, donated by Scotia Bank, to drive the course. The goggles can be set to simulate three different levels of intoxication. Students will use the goggles to drive the same course and will have their driving infractions recorded each time. For safety purposes a kill switch has been installed. It can be activated by the go cart supervisor at any time. The maximum speed of the car is 10 mph.

The vehicle was purchased by Cooperative Insurance Co. and the trailer to transport the go cart by the Bordertown Chapter of MADD. For further information on this program and to request possible use of the car contact Wendi Chase of Co-Operators Insurance,11 Industrial Park Drive, Amherst N.S. (Phone 902-667-7236) or Const. Francis Smith, Community Liaison Officer, at The Amherst Police Department. e-mail: [fsmith@town.amherst.ns.ca](mailto:fsmith@town.amherst.ns.ca). Phone (902) 667-6336.



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