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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



Message from AAPG Chair Terry Coleman

Good day,

I trust police governance and oversight is functioning well and/or is progressing in your respective commissions, committees and municipalities. The following is to bring you up to date on two important AAPG matters.

Historically our Provincial Government has provided the AAPG with an annual grant of \$50,000. This is our primary funding source. The grant enables us to function for the benefit of both the Provincial Government and our members. For example, it enables us to interact with the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and the Solicitor General's office on your behalf. It also enables the AAPG to stage the annual conference, which provides learning and networking opportunities for our members.

As of yet, we have not received a grant for 2019. We understand the numerous grant applications received by our Provincial Government are still under review. Based on our mandate, strategic objectives and past performance, we are able to make a strong case for the grant. When we have more information, we will advise all members.

A recent example of the AAPG working closely with the Alberta Solicitor General's office concerning police governance and oversight is the AAPG's active participation in the consultations for the *Police Act Review*. Substantial progress was made during these consultations last Fall and early this year. AAPG looks forward to building on that.

However, we have learned that the *Police Act Review* is on hold. When it will resume is not clear as our Provincial Government is working on other issues for the near future. When we hear that they are ready to continue, we will advise our members. Your AAPG Directors will again be active participants providing input and feedback on behalf of our members.

Finally, as Chair, on behalf of your AAPG Board of Directors, I wish everyone a great holiday season and New Year.

Best wishes

Terry G. Coleman, MOM, PhD.

Chair: Alberta Association of Police Governance



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AAPG 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!!

Hosted in Brooks, Alberta
Friday April 24th & Saturday April 25th

Supporting excellence in civilian governance and oversight of police services in Alberta by providing our members, and potential members, with an enjoyable opportunity to learn, network, and connect.

We invite all those participating in community policing oversight to attend!

This year our venue at the Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre includes free WiFi, on-site restaurant, lounge, bar, fitness room, indoor tropical atrium and Koi pond, so bring your spouse or family! (Be sure to add-on your significant other as a Banquet guest during registration).

Must call the hotel to make your reservation and reference AAPG discounted rooms.

Block of reserved rooms are limited - book early! All rooms include daily breakfast.

Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre | P. 403-362-6666

Standard - Basic Queen Room \$110 + applicable fees & taxes

Premier - Updated Queen or King Room \$115 + applicable fees & taxes

Heritage Inn & Suites | P. 403-362-8688

Located next door to Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, this hotel has amenities including indoor pool and hot tub.

Elite - Updated Spacious Queen Room \$118 + applicable fees & taxes

Junior Suite - Queen and King Beds, Jacuzzi, and Living Area \$171 + applicable fees & taxes

Along with a schedule filled with Educational Presentations and Round-table sessions, we have prepared the following **Experience Events**:

Thursday Evening *Optional add-on!*

Mobsters Inc. Escape Room: Play the starring role in your own great escape and walk away with the experience of a lifetime! *MUST register here in ADVANCE* www.mobstersinc.com/

Friday 11am to Noon: **RCMP Air Services Helicopter** interactive display!

Arrive early & tour the helicopter.

Friday Evening Gala Banquet Extraordinaire!

Networking Reception event with **Beer, Spirits & Mocktail TASTINGS** by local distillers/brewers, **4 Artists painting** acrylic/watercolour/pencil of Policing themed canvases while you watch (**to be auctioned off at the end of the evening**), Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon supper with wine, local youth violinist & cellist music! **Test your BAC with Breathalyzers** during the evening!

Saturday Evening *Optional add-on!*

AJHL Brooks Bandits Play-off game: See this "NCAA pipeline for hockey talent" in action!

MUST purchase tickets here in ADVANCE www.tickets.brooksbandits.ca/

****This event is contingent on the Bandits playing in Brooks on Saturday evening.**

REGISTER NOW at www.aapg.ca and click on the Conference tab.
Early Bird Registration discount of \$25 pp valid until January 31st!
Purchase 3, get the 4th registration for \$175!

On-line payment of registration fees, e-transfer, and invoicing available.

Thank you to our Conference Sponsor MNP LLP!!!

Conference Program Highlights

Along with New Member Orientation and Round-table Discussions:

ASIRT Investigations; Understanding the ASIRT roles, Processes and What to expect.

Presented by Sue Hughson Q.C., E.D. of ASIRT

POSITIVE PROGRAM EXAMPLES PANEL:

Community Safety:

SORCe Calgary, presented by Frank Cattoni E.D.

REACH Edmonton, presented by Jan Fox E.D.

Connecting Police with Community (2019 winner Community Justice Award) Taber Police Service

COMMITTEE ONLY: Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention:

"Ground breaking" framework & strategies to reduce rural crime by identifying responses to problems driving prolific criminal behaviour & increasing RCMP Provincial collaboration with stakeholders (health, education, corrections & social supports). Presented by Jean Bota E.D. of ACCPA & Jan Fox E.D. of REACH

COMMISSION ONLY: Governance Checklist

Developed through National Governance studies of Board/Commission. Core functions framework, policy choices, service delivery & primary function of the Chief. Presented by Dr. Gordon McIntosh

REALITY FACING FIRST RESPONDERS: Banquet Presenter, Staff Sergeant Tom Pickard

ROADSIDE BREATHALYZER TESTING: What is tested, how it works and reliability. Presented by Kerry Blake, Provincial Breath Testing Coordinator

ALERT-CAC UPDATE; Paul Goranson, AAPG Associate Member Advisory Committee & ALERT-CAC member

LGBGTQ2+ Diversity and Understanding; Breaking down the alphabet soup of LGBGTQ2+, understanding the terminology and lived experience. Presented by John McDougall, AAPG Treasurer & Edmonton Police Commissioner

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All-Member Call with ADM Sweeney

with ED of Law Enforcement Oversight, Marlin Degrand, &
Manager of Police Oversight, Karyn Popplestone

NOTES:

Senior Assistant Deputy Minister Bill Sweeney:

- Cautiously optimistic police grants will be stable.
- Police costing model consultations are complete and recommendations being formulated. Minister will press for measured approach to introduction, contingent on collecting from approx 20% of communities not currently contributing. Proceeds invested in service levels for RCMP. Most municipalities currently paying for policing are supportive. Wait to see budget this week and final cabinet decisions.
- Government change in priorities, after platform commitments are complete the reintroduction of Police Act review will resume.
- Platform commitments affecting policing:
 - Human trafficking; 9 point action plan with human trafficking taskforce to help inform Government on how non-government and Government agencies can better coordinate activities to better serve victims. Taskforce will be 3-dimensional, with sexual exploitation predominate concern, followed by Labour, then organ trafficking. Another element is legislation, which will be modeled on Ontario's Legislation, and will create different types of protection orders, torts or civil actions for those victimized in human trafficking. Draft Legislation is ¾ done using Ontario model, likely Government will want to seek the advice of the taskforce before introduction.
 - Victims of crime legislation review, as victims of crime predominate in Rural Crime Report, published in July 2018 titled "Towards a safer Alberta", recommended reading, provides insight into Government priorities. Report identified the need to review victim's programs and services, and victim's financial benefits. Current victims of crime fund extends to approx 50 million per year, currently has approx \$70 million in account. Reserve fund to be created from these funds equal to 1yr operating, as may lose some Federal funding.
 - Working on enhancements to ALERT, I-TRAC & ICE profiles, and creation of an Opioid Enforcement team. Cautiously optimistic budget 2021 will see these enhancements materialize.

Executive Director of Law Enforcement Oversight Branch Marlin Degrand:

- Peace Officers and communications with RCMP, specifically movement to new AFRASH radio system and encryption of signals causing a lack of ability for CPOs to communicate directly with RCMP. Considerations were made around information privacy act restrictions tightening access for non-law enforcement (media & scanners), unfortunate effect of loss of CPO access. Conversations have been heard around impact, and Commanding Officers will look at municipal test pilot on ways to manage privacy balanced with CPO communications where personal/operation safety is addressed. No details specifically, but hopeful.
- CPO duties being looked at, evaluating Lethbridge model, RCMP looking at pilot program to manage on broader level to start soon. Hopeful results in a few months. CPO training has been a moving target. All trained as level one or restrict enforcement duties when in public. A couple years to allow transition to one approach or another (restrict duties or enhanced training). Original concept for accommodating enhanced training was in-house, capacity may be an issue, now looking at opportunities for other agents to conduct the approved training, with a couple large CPO employers and approved 3rd party groups interested. This, combined with modest training provided by the academy, should meet the need.



2020 Membership Renewal and Contact Update

Members make it possible for AAPG to be an effective community of police governance organizations who together build capacity and strength through a common voice for the provision of effective and accountable policing services across Alberta.

Your membership fee ensures AAPG can provide personal assistance to our members (when needed), access to sample procedures, advocacy with stakeholders, and an affordable provincial conference. Without your community support there would be no AAPG.

The first week of January we will email renewal invoices for 2020 membership along with a Contact Update form. This past year we noticed changes to some of our members contact information and ask that you *please complete and return the update form!*

If you are not currently a member, but would like to join – please email:

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association 2020 Symposium
Grande Prairie, February 21st 21nd 2020**

<https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/news-events/bulletin-board/2020-provincial-symposium>

**Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA)
2020 Conference May 4th to 7th, Edmonton AB**

<https://www.albertacrimeprevention.com/2020-conference/>

Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Conference, August 21st to 23rd 2020

First Nations Police Governance Council (FNPGC) Conference, August 20th to 21st

Victoria, BC

<http://capgconference.ca/>

Alberta Association of Police Governance

The AAPG supports excellence in civilian governance and oversight of policing services in Alberta. Through AAPG, members are provided with educational opportunities, access to best practices, forums for liaison with other members and related agencies, and proactive representation in order that police oversight in Alberta speaks with one voice when advocating for change to law or policy.

Contact us about becoming a member. With membership cost starting at just \$100, it is affordable to join and collaborate.

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