



RESOLUTION 2018-01

Provincially Accredited Incident Response and Command Training Program

Preamble:

Emergency incidents are increasing both in number and in complexity. Emergency preparedness is a necessary priority for police services. Public expectation of police capability to respond to emergency incidents has grown. The police cannot afford to lose public trust by mismanaging emergency incidents.

Types of incidents that require this caliber of accreditation include:

- *Level 1 missing persons search & rescue*
- *Extreme event responses*
- *Public order events*
- *High risk warrant execution*

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 3/99: Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services (s. 21 (1) (iii) stipulates police forces shall include “Major incident commanders”; and requires “police officers who are major incident commanders” to have successfully completed Ministry accredited training and/or have Ministry approved equivalent qualifications and skills; and

WHEREAS in 2009 the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police resolved to adopt IMS as the recommended emergency preparedness system for its member police services (Resolution 2009-09); and

WHEREAS it was further resolved in 2009 that the OACP would work with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services’ Emergency Management Ontario and other municipal, provincial, and federal stakeholders to ensure that Ontario police services are supported by appropriate emergency preparedness standards, training, resources, and funding; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the vision of the provincial IMS Steering Committee, that Ontario will have a standardized IMS, providing functional interoperability (and increasing efficiency amongst police services), an Ontario IMS implementation strategy was developed in 2010; and

WHEREAS due to local financial restraints and a lack of ready availability of training opportunities, police services in Ontario have experienced challenges in undertaking both IMS and Incident Response and Command training; and

WHEREAS in his June 2016 penalty decision, retired Superior Court Justice Hamilton noted that Fenton’s misconduct occurred in part as a result of a lack of preparedness for the job of Incident Commander. He was noted as having virtually

no experience acting as Incident Commander of large-scale demonstrations. The limited training he received in the months before the G20 meant he was not sufficiently trained for the responsibilities of an Incident Commander of a large-scale multi-day event where violence and unrest was a strong possibility; and

WHEREAS in 2016, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police called upon the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to utilize the *Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response* for the purposes of changing the outdated standards for the purpose of establishing, modernizing and maintaining provincial training standards relating to Incident Response (Resolution 2016-04); and

WHEREAS a number Police of Services in Ontario have been collaborating in an attempt to deliver training in accordance with the Provincial Best Practices Training Guidelines for Incident Response.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls upon the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to invest in and establish an accredited Incident Response and Command training program.