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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS ANNOUNCES THE INAUGURAL FUNDING FOR CYBERPOL, THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR SECURING CYBERSPACE

CALGARY, AB – Ian Wilms, President of the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB), announced at their annual general meeting the inaugural procurement of funding to establish a law enforcement presence in cyberspace.

“Crime in cyberspace has run rampant since the Internet was opened to the public,” Mr. Wilms told the CAPB at their annual meeting. “In the absence of reliable global statistics, it is very likely that actual losses due to cyber-crimes have reached into the billions of dollars and conceivably the tens of billions when lost sales and recovery costs are factored in.”

The CYBERPOL Global Center for Securing Cyberspace will be a joint public, private and academic institute. The facility will house international law enforcement agencies and computer experts from around the globe. The mandate of CYBERPOL will be to achieve cyberspace safety and security and to secure protected global communications amongst all citizens of the world.

Foreign law enforcement personnel posted at the center will conduct investigation of cyber crimes originating in their home countries and collaborate with other foreign law enforcement officers to find new ways to prevent crime and prosecute cyber criminals. The collaboration capabilities of the center will allow law enforcement personnel from around the world to follow a perpetrator wherever they may go.

Computing and information technology specialists will assist all global law enforcement officers with the technical aspects of their chase. Technical insights from investigations will be used to develop counter-measures and detection strategies that protect computer systems and networks, as well as individual users while aiding investigators.

Mr. Wilms has met with senior law enforcement officials around the world who have, at least in the exploratory stages, committed support for the concept of an international law enforcement organization that will seek out, investigate, and bring charges against cyber-criminals. “Our goal with this centre is to promote cooperation and collaboration against cyber crime.” Explains Mr. Wilms.

When asked why governments and police agencies have been so slow to respond to Internet crime, other than child exploitation, Mr. Wilms responded by saying, “there are two major impediments to fighting crime in cyberspace; first, cyber-crime easily spans

jurisdictions and boundaries – local, regional and international and second, the cyber-criminals are well aware of this factor and take full advantage of it.

“Another major barrier to fighting cyber crime is funding. Tight budgets for law enforcement agencies have resulted in reluctance to fund enforcement if criminals are committing crimes from outside the police agency’s jurisdiction.” States, Mr. Wilms.

Decisions regarding the Centre’s site have yet to be made. Although, the Centre’s Steering Committee does intend to have the facility located on the grounds of a major University. The University of choice will have supercomputing capacity in order to give global law enforcement personnel access to high quality technical support.

Mr. Wilms, who leads the Steering Committee for the CYBERPOL initiative, is Chairman of the Calgary (Alberta) Police Commission, a Business Development Executive with IBM Canada and President of the CAPB. The Steering Committee consists of senior representatives from major corporations, police agencies, and academia.

Representatives of the British High Commission, in Ottawa, and the United States Consulate General, in Calgary, were present at the announcement on Saturday and have been in discussions regarding participation in the project.

Canada’s CYBERPOL strategic initiative will launch a new era of peace keeping in cyber space. The CYBERPOL Center will become a protectorate of the Internet and the first line of defense against terrorists who use the Internet to communicate and initiate attacks.

About CAPB (Canadian Association of Police Boards)

The Canadian Association of Police Boards is an organisation of police boards and commissions across Canada. Police boards or commissions are generally the civilian governance agencies of Canadian municipal police forces. Board or commission members are volunteers appointed from their communities.

Announcement of the inaugural funding for CYBERPOL Center occurred:
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