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CANADIAN POLICE RESEARCH CENTRE HEADQUARTERS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN REGINA

On March 19th, the Federal Government, by way of its Spring 2007 budget announced its allocation of \$10 million, over the next two years, to expand the Canadian Police Research Centre's (CPRC) activities and establish its headquarters in Regina. "*This commitment of new funds will enable us to develop the latest in police and forensic technologies, at a time of heightened concern about threats to community safety and security*", indicated Chief Jack Ewatski of the Winnipeg Police Service and current President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP). "*We are pleased that the Minister of Public Safety and the Government recognizes the importance of the CPRC to first responders in Canada*".

Over the past year, representatives of the government have worked with the CPRC's Advisory Board to bring into effect the proposed business plan developed in collaboration with the police and first responder communities as well as the private sector, to increase Canada's overall investment in public safety technologies.

For 28 years, CPRC's has focused its efforts on public safety technologies that are used every day by police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel to protect both communities and the first responders who respond in times of crisis.

"Canada is a world leader in this field, thanks in no small part to the work of the CPRC." said Chief Jim Cessford, Chief of the Delta, B.C. Police Department and Chair of the Canadian Police Research Centre Advisory Board, "Police services across Canada applaud the plan to establish CPRC in Regina and to expand it's capability to develop the new technologies we need to protect the public and our officers. A commitment to build on a long record of success is welcome news to our police officers and all First Responders."

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