

## **CITIG Representatives Accept Inaugural CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness**

The associations of NPSTC congratulate our member CITIG for this award!

Today, during the opening presentations of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) annual conference in Charlottetown, PEI, CITIG representatives accepted the inaugural CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness.

“I am honoured that the CPRC and its valued partners have been presented with this prestigious award for work on the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group,” remarked Steve Palmer, Executive Director, Canadian Police Research Centre. “Interoperability is one of the biggest challenges facing public safety providers today. Communications Interoperability plays a critical role in emergency management and preparedness and is essential to keeping both responders and citizens safe during emergencies. Receiving this award validates how the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group is having significant impact on this pressing issue. I am proud of the work done by CPRC and salute our partners as we help make Canada a safer place for first responders and the people they serve.”

Along with Mr. Palmer, the following individuals were on hand to accept the award:

- Chief Bruce Burrell, Calgary Fire Department, President, Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- Director General Steven Chabot, President, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
- Chief Michael Nolan, Renfrew County Paramedic Service, President Elect of the EMS Chiefs of Canada
- Chief Clive Weighill, Saskatoon Police Service, Co-Chair, CACP Informatics Committee

The CACP/Motorola Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness recognizes those that have demonstrated a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medicine in preparing their agencies for any subsequent response to natural or manmade disasters leading toward the contribution and dedication to the quality of life in our communities.

Thank you to all CITIG members for your continued support!

The CITIG Team

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Don't miss these upcoming events:

- **Public Safety Interoperability Regional Meeting**, August 14, 2009 in Saint John, New Brunswick
- **On Scene 2009**, October 4 to 8, 2009 in Regina, Saskatchewan
- **Northern CITIG Forum**, September 24, 2009 in Whitehorse, Yukon
- **Second annual Vendor Outreach Forum (VOF)**, October 21 and 22, 2009 in Calgary, Alberta
- **Third National Voice Interoperability Workshop**, November 15 to 18, 2009 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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