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TONY CANNAVINO WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

OTTAWA - After five years as President of the Canadian Police Association (CPA), Tony Cannavino will not be seeking re-election. This announcement was made to the CPA Board of Directors today, stating that he will be leaving his position upon conclusion of his actual term in August 2008.

Mr Cannavino explained that "the time had come to take a break before taking on some new challenges". He is leaving after devoting 36 years of service to policing, twenty of these years as a representative for members of various police forces, and the last five as President of the Canadian Police Association.

In making this announcement, Mr Cannavino took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the 57 000 members of the Canadian police community for their support, and mostly for the devotion and professionalism they show in the execution of their daily duties. Furthermore, he expressed his gratitude to the members of the International Council of Police Representatives Associations as well as to the executives and personnel of the every Police Association from coast to coast. Finally, he extended his most heartfelt thank you to the Board of Directors for the constant support they have shown him while he was at the presidency of the Canadian Police Association. He also acknowledged the Parliamentarians and the media with whom he has worked in close collaboration during the past few years "allowing the Association as well as myself, to promote and stand up for the policing community at a national level".

Mr Cannavino is proud of his achievements as President of the CPA. "We have become an important key player among key decision makers. Furthermore, our track record demonstrates our capacity to handle matters pertaining to the Canadian police force as well as to public safety issues".

Tony Cannavino wished all the best to his successor who, he says, will be inheriting a successful and strong organization that will continue to promote the interests of Canadian police personnel and law-abiding Canadians.

The CPA is the national voice for approximately 57,000 police personnel serving across Canada. Through our 170 member associations, CPA membership includes police personnel serving in police services from Canada's smallest towns and villages as well as those working in our largest municipal cities, provincial police services, members of the RCMP, railway police, and First Nations police associations.

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