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### **Memberships**

Membership is steadily growing and continues to be our sole source of funding. Your membership dollars are going to work in establishing our website, printing brochures, funding our incorporation, and helping to send a COPKA delegation to hearings on the new legislation.

### **Brochure**

The COPKA brochure outlines our objectives, includes a summary of the Lesage recommendations and information on how you can get involved. Contact us at (613)-757-3104 if you would like brochures to distribute.

### **CPAC**

From our inception in the fall of 2005, COPKA has attended each monthly community policing advisory committee (CPAC) meeting for the Killaloe detachment area.

### **Police Complaints System**

Justice Patrick Lesage's report on the police complaints system has 27 recommendations for change. COPKA is actively involved in ensuring that the most important recommendations are included in Bill 103, the Independent Police Review Act.

### **Taser**

In response to local incidents this summer involving Taser use by the police, COPKA researched the weapon, its uses and abuses. We asked detailed questions at two CPAC meetings. Our efforts resulted in increased public awareness of the issues involved, in-depth coverage by the local media and a new dialogue with the OPP regarding this very difficult issue. To date we know of no further incidence of Taser use in our area.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Members' Meeting**

Your steering committee invites all members to our first annual Members' Meeting, Wednesday November 22, 2006 at 7pm. The evening will include an update on our progress over the past year and an exchange of ideas on current and future initiatives. It will be held at the Friendship Club in Killaloe, and delicious refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to bring a friend.

### **Press Coverage**

COPKA very much appreciates the positive coverage in Barry's Bay This Week and the Eganville Leader over the last year.