



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Services Board Report

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**Subject:** Special Fund Request – CALEO Training Symposium  
**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board  
**Report Date:** 2023-03-08

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### Recommendation(s)

**That the Niagara Police Services Board approve a Special Fund donation of \$300.00 for operating costs associated with the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO) Training Symposium being held from April 26 to April 28, 2023.**

### Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$300.00 Special Fund donation for financial support for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual CALEO Training Symposium.
- The organization's purpose is to provide a venue that allows for the interpersonal networking of U.S. and Canadian Law Enforcement Officers and for the sharing of criminal intelligence information with a view to effectively combat organized crime and other significant criminal activity throughout respective jurisdictions.
- In 2020, the Board approved a Special Fund donation of \$250.00 for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual CALEO Training Symposium; however, the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the funds were not spent.
- If the request is approved by the Board, it will demonstrate the commitment of the Niagara Regional Police Service to CALEO and assist with the delivery of training on issues that are relevant to United States and Canadian law enforcement agencies.
- The Niagara Regional Police Service is well represented at this training symposium.

### Financial Considerations

The Board has a discretionary pool of funds, which it uses for grants and donations. Disbursements from the fund are in accordance with guidelines provided in the Police Services Act, and with Board By-Law 392-2021 Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 132(2) of the Police Services Act establishes that the Niagara Police Services Board has the sole authority for spending the proceeds from the sale of property which lawfully comes into the possession of the Police Service. The Act stipulates that "the Chief of Police may cause the property to be sold, and the Board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest." These

funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.

This request for \$300.00 will assist CALEO to offset ever-increasing costs relating to audio/video equipment for presentations, and guest speaker transportation, accommodation, and meals. This request falls within the guidelines of the Police Services Board By-Law 392-2021 – Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to the Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO).

### **Analysis**

After a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CALEO is hosting its previously cancelled 27th Annual Training Symposium at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario from April 26 to April 28, 2023.

CALEO was established in 1978, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Its purpose is to provide a venue that allows for the interpersonal networking of U.S. and Canadian Law Enforcement Officers and for the sharing of criminal intelligence information with a view to effectively combat organized crime and other significant criminal activity throughout respective jurisdictions including the Region of Niagara.

The CALEO symposium is co-sponsored by our partners; the Ontario Provincial Police, the Mid Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN), United States Attorney's Office-WDNY, Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO), United States Secret Service, United States Coast Guard, and several other international Police Services. It is attended by approximately 175 international police officers from almost 55 separate agencies.

As in past years, upwards of 20 police officers/crime analysts from the Niagara Regional Police Service will be in attendance.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

To not support this request.

### **Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities**

This symposium informs and develops creative solutions to policing concerns.

### **Relevant Policy Considerations**

By-Law 392-2021 – Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines.

## **Other Pertinent Reports**

30.2020 – Special Fund Request – Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO) – Training Symposium.

*This report was prepared by Inspector Dave Gomez, Executive Officer to the Chief, and reviewed by Chief Bryan MacCulloch.*



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### **Appendices**

Not applicable.