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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
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February 27th, 2007

Madame Diana Rheaume
Secretary General CRTC
Canadian Radio and Television Commission
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Madame Rheaume:

Re: Letter of Support Article 7 of CRTC 2007-1
Application Numbers 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0509-0

I am writing in support of the above applications related to *Avis de Recherche TV* and *All Points Bulletin TV*.

When challenged to provide the community with information in relation to urgent police or community matters, the police generally turn to the media to deliver the message.

Some communities, such as Midland, generally rely on the print media with limited circulation of bi-weekly editions, to communicate policing issues to our citizens.

Access to the broadcast media can be more problematic due to time deadlines, distance and competition with other current news items.

Police have recently begun to embrace other methods of communicating with the public. The use of the Internet and particularly You Tube are examples of this. I feel a dedicated broadcast channel for police and emergency issues would be extremely helpful as an accessible communication tool, and would build on current programs such as Amber Alert.

For these reasons, I hope that the CRTC will see the value of this dedicated communication tool and grant the licence applications.

Sincerely,

Paul Hamelin
Chief of Police