



**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Madame Diane Rhéaume  
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Dear Ms Rhéaume:

**Re: Article 7 of CRTC 2007-1;  
Application # 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0509-0 by Avis de Recherche Inc.**

The Ontario Association of Emergency Managers (OAEM) would like to ensure that the CRTC registers our strong endorsement of the proposal by Avis de Recherche Inc. for the Public Security television network to be granted the status of Public Interest Service.

OAEM represents over 350 emergency managers in communities, private enterprise, and non-governmental organizations across the province. Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our citizens, employees, and clients, as well as ensuring common, superior standards in dealing with emergencies.

We have been aware of the proposal and approve of the service as a valuable source of safety and security information. Most emergency managers depend on accurate and rapid dissemination of information bulletins on pending and actual emergencies. As we have expressed to the CRTC in the past on other public alerting projects, emergency alerting and notification must be done through a variety of tools, not through a single point. A service such as the one offered by Avis de Recherche Inc. is one more tool at our disposal to reach our audience with such messages. We also see a benefit to the service in that it will allow for additional public education opportunities about personal and corporate emergency preparedness.

We therefore hope that the CRTC will register our support and grant the request.

Sincerely,

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