

Report on Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG)

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The Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG) is a provincial organization, established 1991, that exists to support Municipal Boards of Police Commissions and Advisory Boards in the province. Goals include collecting and sharing police governance information, identifying training opportunities to inform civilian members of their role and responsibilities, providing networking opportunities for civilian members and discussing policy concerns that have a provincial impact affecting police services in Nova Scotia. The NSAPG board meets at least three times a year and co-hosts an annual conference with the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association in September, each year.

The NSAPG board is composed of a member from each of the ten Municipal Board of Police Commissions and five Advisory Board members - one from each of the five zones established by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. These five represent the 29 Advisory Boards from across the province. The Executive Committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the conference, meets at least three times per year or as needed.

Meetings in 2020 met the same challenges as other organizations due to Covid 19 restrictions. The spring workshop and joint conference were postponed and board meetings were held virtually. Some positive results occurred when David Walker, President of NSAPG, was able to share information and goals with new staff members at the Department of Justice. DOJ provides speakers and at one time training, for all new members of governance boards in the province. David Walker has been working to reinstate the training modules. We are optimistic that we will see positive movement on this matter.