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**TOPIC:** Emergency Management in Canada

**SPEAKER:** Mr. Daniel Lavoie, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Management and National Security Branch of Public Safety Canada

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Daniel Lavoie is currently the Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of the Emergency Management and National Security Branch at the Department of Public Safety Canada. Mr. Lavoie has taken on these responsibilities as of September 2008. He joined the Department in April 2004 as Director General of Communications.

As Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, he is responsible for the coordination of the federal response to emergencies across Canada, he oversees the development of policies relating to CBRNE, science and technology; exercises and business continuity for the Government of Canada. Mr. Lavoie co-chairs the Committee of Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management, as well as the Assistant Deputy Minister Emergency Management Committee.

Prior to joining Public Safety, Mr. Lavoie worked at various government departments and agencies; such as the Treasury Board Secretariat, Human Resources and Development Canada and the Human Rights Commission. He also served as Chief of Internal Communication at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Mr. Lavoie holds a B.A. in Communication / Arts from Concordia University in Montreal.

### Meeting Summary

**Our first Chapter meeting of the Fall season, held on October 7, 2010, received rave reviews by those in attendance. Our Guest Speaker, Daniel Lavoie, provided an overview of how the Federal Government is organized to deal with emergency situations, and then brushed aside formalities to lead an impromptu, interactive session.**

**His charisma, poise and gutsy approach to even the most sensitive of questions and discussion points earned him respect, with several members asking whether he would consider returning to a future meeting. Thank you, Mr. Lavoie.**

Meeting held: Thursday, October 7, 2010

Time: 5:00-9:00 pm

Venue: Army Ottawa Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Downtown Ottawa