

A unique national not-for-profit organization focused on advancing public safety, by providing a consistent framework of operational supports and governance to advance and deliver viable and effective products, programs and services.

About CanOps

The Canadian Public Safety Operations Organization (CanOps) was established on September 30, 2014 by the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners (CCFMFC). The original purpose was to create an operational organization that could manage services on behalf of public safety and be nimble and responsive to the changing public safety environment. It quickly became apparent, however, that by bringing dynamic and important programs, projects and/or services under its umbrella to advance public safety in an effective, efficient, and integrated manner, and combining both the policy and technical knowledge required for success, the CanOps organizational structure also had the potential to change the face of emergency management across Canada.

The challenges brought forward by fiscal realities have been, and continue to, push public safety organizations to streamline and increase efficiency in their work, as well as to find new innovative models to meet the needs of Canadians,. In addition, Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) policy makers have increasingly been favouring a reduced government footprint. This means that everyone is being asked to do more with less.

The CanOps structure, which operates in a virtual capacity and has foundation in public safety, is well suited to address these challenges. It is a member-based and broadly representative organization, that provides a trusted framework of operational supports and related governance, and has the capability to provide public assurance without adding or maintaining direct government capacity. The not-for-profit status allows for creative funding solutions without the concern of a privatized profit driven agenda, and opens the possibility of sponsorships, advertising and other options.

Further, due to its unique composition and national scope, the governing members are able to make strategic decisions that have a collective impact. Together they can streamline and expand funding options, simplify oversight and ownership, improve efficiency, and advance effective technologies, operating models and closer integration across the Canadian public safety system.

CanOps is currently moving forward with several public safety initiatives of various sizes and scope, including the Multi-Agency Situational Awareness System (MASAS). Also, as it evolves, CanOps will be looking to bring on additional governing members, and possibly expand other membership levels as well.

CanOps Services

The services provided by CanOps may vary greatly from one product, program or service to another. Depending on the needs of the initiative the services could range from owning and managing a web domain for a national initiative, to ownership, governance, product management, service delivery, administration, support and more.

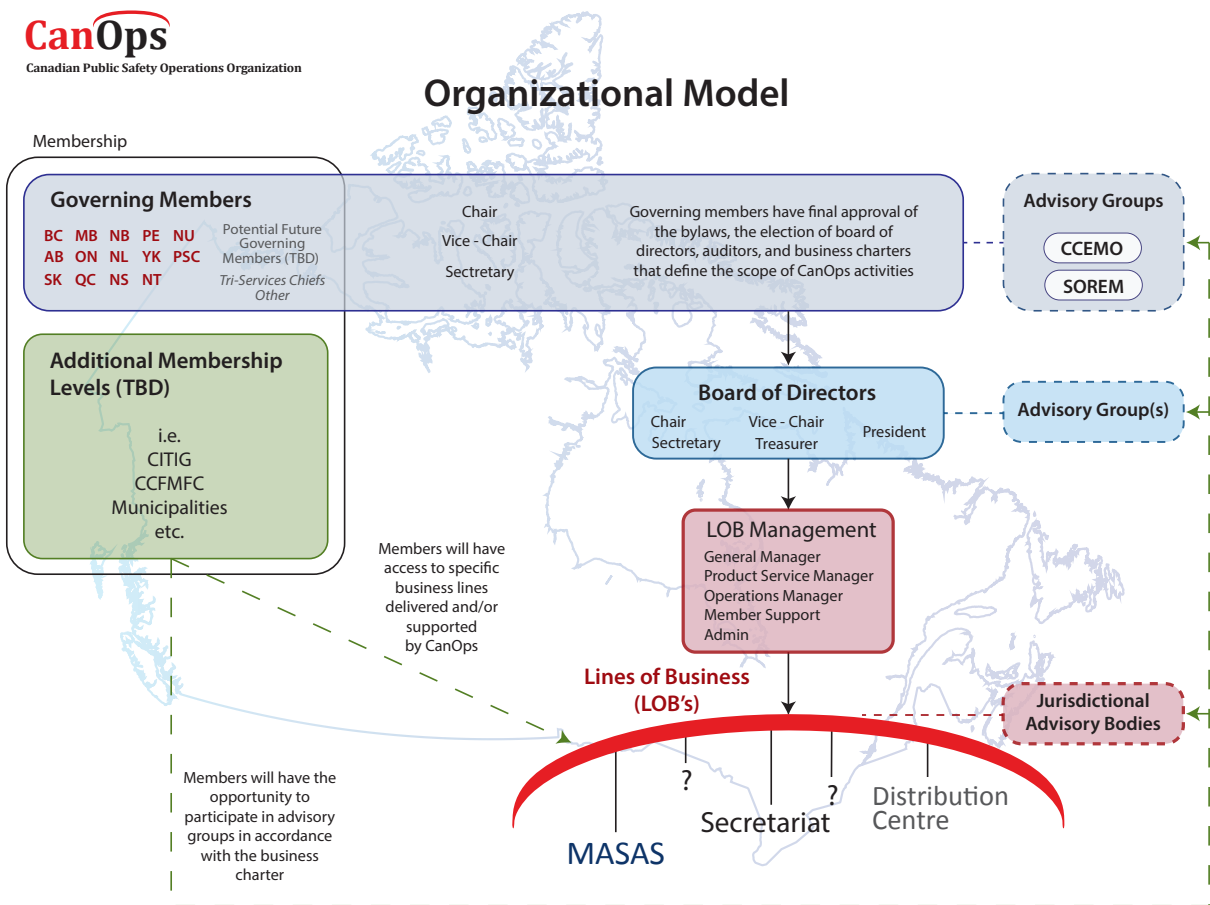
Any programs, projects and/or services brought under the CanOps umbrella are given careful consideration, to ensure they are in line with mission and goals of the organization.

CanOps Structure

CanOps is a member-based organization with an established Governing Members class that governs the organization, selects the products, services and programs that CanOps will support, and sets the nature of the CanOps role in each. In addition to this, the CanOps structure also allows for additional membership classes, as well as a Board of Directors and multiple Advisory Groups.

CanOps operates in a virtual manner, which ensures that the infrastructure costs can be kept low and the organization can operate in a scalable manner, according to the priority demands of the public safety user community.

Although CanOps is a national body, it is structured to work in cooperation with Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) oversight and advisory bodies to ensure FPT interests are considered in the development and delivery of specific lines of business.



If you are interested in learning more about CanOps, would like to become a member, or have an initiative you would like CanOps to consider please contact:

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