District Commander Report
Western Ontario District
March 10/2024

Good Afternoon everyone! Thank you to those that were able to attend todays meeting!
Ill start with a few reminers…

1. Its not too late to submit merit hrs for your squadron. If you are having trouble, let me know and I can add them on your behalf.
2. Squadron AGMs. They are fast approaching. You should have a date set or be setting a date soon. Please let me know as I need block off time for this. Ill need Date, time and place if in person or virtual.
3. Courses. Currently only a ¼ of CPS ECP squadrons are listing/selling/hosting courses. Roughly 30 squadrons. This is not new. During covid we had about the same numbers. However, the ¼ that were selling courses were selling virtual courses like hotcakes. That has dwindled. On Joes behalf ive asked that the Virtual class button be reinstated. Since its demise, there has been a noticeable decrease in virtual classes purchased. Bob has also recently spoken with Walley wells and concurs that there is a trend similar now across Canada. We still need to do our part. We still need to try to sell courses. This is our main source of income. The well will dry up in a few years if this trend stays. Co listing courses and sharing instructors is key here.
4. Which brings me to point number 4…. Stagnant squadrons. This is something that the board and the national exec are grappling with. There are a great number across Canada that have not been educating and have gone somewhat dormant. Some have a lack of volunteers and some have other reasons. Our mandate is to teach safe boating. I need you all to do that. There cant be any wavering on this. If you are not fulfilling the mandate then there needs to be thought put into whether your squadron is viable. There is the potential that your warrant could be rescinded. While there has no clear course yet as to what will happen to these squadrons, I am hopfull that we will be preemptive. Our district faces some of these challenges and I hope they can be overcome.
5. Awards. Please put your thinking caps on for our annual District Awards! It's a great way to thank our many volunteers!
6. New tag line is coming!!! The reveal will be very soon!!!

Respectfully Submitted

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