

Canada

Public Safety Departmental Plan

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Overview

Canada's [Public Safety Departmental Plan](#), released on June 17th 2025, sets out the department's priorities and resource allocations to advance public safety, community resilience, national security, and emergency management across Canada. The plan outlines how the department will support safer communities, strengthen public safety practices, and enhance resilience to evolving threats in collaboration with federal, provincial, territorial, indigenous, and international partners. It highlights a continued investment in community safety initiatives, modernization of information technology systems to better support operational capacity and coordinated approaches to emergency preparedness.

Framework

The plan establishes an operational framework that defines how the department organizes, governs, and delivers public safety activities across its portfolio organizations. The framework provides a structured approach for coordinating policy leadership, funding, oversight, and intergovernmental collaboration.

Framework components include:

- **Agency Coordination and Leadership:** Defines how Public Safety Canada provides strategic direction, policy coordination, and leadership across its agencies.
- **Program Delivery:** Outlines how the department administers and oversees contribution programs and funding to support public safety initiatives.
- **Emergency Management Governance:** Establishes roles and coordination for federal leadership in all-hazards, emergencies, response, recovery, and mitigation, including collaboration through federal, provincial, and territorial frameworks.
- **Risk Management:** Sets expectations for identifying, assessing, and managing evolving public safety and security risks.
- **Performance Measurement:** Defines how results are tracked, reported, and evaluated to ensure programs and initiatives demonstrate value and effectiveness.

What Does This Mean for Government?

The Public Safety Plan clarifies expectations for how federal organizations within the public safety portfolio plan, execute, and demonstrate accountability for public safety activities. Departments and agencies are expected to translate departmental priorities into operational plans that are coordinated, risk-informed, and supported by clear performance reporting.

Key obligations include:

- **Performance Indication:** Ensuring programs, initiatives, and investments are aligned to the department's framework and supported by measurable indicators.
- **Coordinating delivery across the public safety portfolio:** Working within established governance structures to align activities with portfolio agencies and federal partners.
- **Applying risk-informed planning:** Integrating assessments of public safety, security, and emergency risks into operational planning, funding decisions, and program delivery.
- **Maintaining oversight:** Demonstrating financial management, compliance, and monitoring practices for funded initiatives.
- **Supporting transparency:** Providing timely and accurate reporting on outputs and outcomes to enable parliamentary oversight, public transparency, and continuous program improvement.

What Does This Mean for Industry?

The Departmental Plan signals a continued emphasis on accountable, partner driven delivery of public safety outcomes, shaping how industry engages with federal public safety organizations through funding programs, partnerships, and service delivery models. Industry partners are expected to demonstrate alignment with departmental objectives, support measurable outcomes, and operate within established governance, reporting, and risk assessment.

Key implications include:

- **Stronger alignment with departmental results:** Vendors and service providers must clearly demonstrate how their solutions support defined public safety results, performance, and program objectives.
- **Increased emphasis on accountability and reporting:** Industry partners involved in grants, contributions, or service delivery should expect greater requirements around reporting, compliance, and outcome measurement.
- **Greater focus on risk-aware and resilient solutions:** Suppliers are expected to account for public safety, security, and emergency management risks in solution design.
- **Expanded opportunities:** The plan reinforces the role of industry in supporting federally funded programs delivered in partnership with provinces, territories, Indigenous organizations, and community stakeholders.

Technology Specific Considerations

Under the plan, technology investments are expected to directly support operational readiness, information sharing, and risk-informed decision-making across the public safety portfolio. Departments and portfolio agencies must ensure digital tools, systems, and services are secure, interoperable, and aligned with federal requirements for data protection, resilience, and performance measurement.

Key technology considerations include:

- **Interoperability and information sharing:** Digital systems should enable effective data sharing and coordination across portfolio agencies.
- **Risk-informed technology planning:** Technology investments are expected to account for public safety, security, and emergency-management risks.
- **Alignment with federal digital and data requirements:** Solutions must comply with applicable government policies and standards related to cloud adoption, data management, privacy, accessibility, and responsible use of digital technologies.
- **Performance measurement and reporting enablement:** Technology platforms should support program monitoring, results reporting, and evidence-based evaluation to meet departmental and Treasury Board accountability expectations.

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