STRENGTHENING THE PARTNERSHIP

TALKING POINTS

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding

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- The MOU was designed by DND/CF in conjunction with the Navy League, the Army Cadet League and the Air Cadet League.
- The MOU was signed by the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (VCDS) and the three National Leagues presidents on December 1, 2005 and will take effect on July 1, 2006.
- Its purpose is to describe the roles and responsibilities agreed upon by each Participant to ensure the proper and efficient delivery of the Cadet Program.
- Changes to existing procedure can be seen mainly within the area of volunteer management.
- Beginning July 1, 2006, the leagues will manage all civilian volunteers. This will include the recruitment and screening of all volunteers in order to create a pool from which to draw. Currently, the leagues have several different screening arrangements and work is progressing on arriving at a simplified, unanimous process.
- In the area of funds management, public monies through DND (contingency and band grants) and monies raised by the Leagues or sponsoring committees will be assembled in one bank account which will be controlled and administered by the local leagues or sponsoring committees.
- The MOU does not have the force of law but depends on the will of the Participants to respect the scope, intent, and meaning of this agreement.

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