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## Ex-Officio

Dennis P. Butler Chief of Police Ottawa Police Department Members of The Ottawa Police Foundation were pleased to attend the Ottawa City Commission meeting on February 16 at 9:30 a.m. to announce the purchase of state-of-the-art police policy management software that was granted to the Ottawa Police Department. The software, PowerDMS, was acquired from Innovative Data Solutions, Inc. This new software is an online policy management manual for employees who no longer have to crack open an overflowing file cabinet or briefcase. The software organizes and distributes policies and procedures in a completely online, fast, paperless environment. This newly enhanced policy system is designed to distribute documents collaboratively, message employees, capture electronic signatures, and more. Special thanks go to the Ottawa Wal-Mart Distribution Center for their support of this initiative.

Why is this document management software important? This policy management software will help move the police department another step closer to becoming a nationally accredited police department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Go to www. calea.org to learn more about this organization's role in law enforcement accreditation. Moreover, this software is an ideal tool for dissemination of information in a timely manner that ensures employee accountability, improves efficiency and saves paper. It is designed to provide the police department with accurate documentation needed in the future to demonstrate compliance with CALEA standards.

The Mission of the Ottawa Police Foundation is to raise awareness and community support for the Ottawa Police Department. If you would like to know more, or to provide support, go to www.ottawapolicefoundation.org. Also, feel free to contact any of the members of Board for more information.

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