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SUPPORT CHALLENGES TO CADET TRAINING

To Cadets, Parents / Guardians and Staff,

With cadet corps and squadrons across the region having returned to face-to-face activities in September we have been encountering challenges in acquiring the materiel and service support necessary to deliver the Cadet Program. These challenges have recently resulted in the cancellation and/or rescheduling of training activities due to service providers, in particular vehicle rental agencies and school bus companies, not being able to provide the buses and/or support vehicles as required.


These issues are being felt by the Cadet Program across the country due to industry-wide staffing challenges and ongoing shortages within national and global supply chains that are a result of the COVID pandemic and other global events. It is anticipated that these challenges are going to remain well into 2023, which will continue to impact our ability to deliver the program as desired. This may result in further training activities being modified, cancelled or postponed.

Rest assured that the staff at our Area offices are working diligently with our service providers to ensure support requirements are in place for each supported training activity. We further recognize that many of these challenges obtaining support are outside of their control and we ask for your patience and understanding where planned activities may be required to change on short notice due to support requirements not being available. Staff will make every effort to identify such shortfalls in a timely manner so the Area Officer Commanding can make informed decisions regarding alternate solutions or adjustments to training dates/timings. There may be occasions where we will not be able to secure transportation, as such will be reliant on cadet parents/guardians to drop-off and pick-up their cadets at the training location.

If, at any time during the cadet training year, you have questions regarding cadet training and these challenges, please contact your corps or squadron. The mission of our Area offices and local commanding officers is to deliver the Cadet Program, while ensuring we are compliant with all applicable contracting policies and procedures for the Department of National Defence and the Treasury Board Secretariat.

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Thank you in advance for your understanding as we endeavour to deal with these supply chain challenges throughout this training year.



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