



Resolution No. 11 – 01

Service Station Pre-pay Gasoline Legislation

- WHEREAS** the majority of gas drive-off investigations can be eliminated by mandating the implementation of pre-payment technology; and,
- WHEREAS** the implementation of this type of technology would significantly reduce the number of dispatched calls for service and the time spent on subsequent investigations; and,
- WHEREAS** the officer time spent on addressing these types of incidents could be re-directed to address other pro-active initiatives and improve response times to calls for service; and,
- WHEREAS** there is a reluctance on the part of service station owners to implement pre-payment systems on their own as the implementation is not supported by the major industry players; and,
- WHEREAS** this is a province wide issue that is not specific to any one jurisdiction; and,
- WHEREAS** other provinces, like British Columbia, have been able to significantly reduce the number of incidents and calls for service to the police relating to gas drive offs by enacting legislation that requires pre-payment technology; and,
- WHEREAS** mandating pre-payment technology will provide a level playing field for all Service Station providers, increase worker and public safety and reduce the call volume to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and for our front line officers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The AACP calls upon the Government of Alberta to develop legislation that will mandate the use pre-payment technology at all service stations, which will result in consistent legislation across all jurisdictions of the Province.