# Implementing Successful Internal Audit Programs

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## **Key Components**

- Roadmap
- Collaborative Philosophy
- Financial Support
- Excellence in Deliverables
- Metrics/Evaluation

# Roadmap

#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Internal Audit function is to assess risk and internal processes in order to create a more efficient and effective operational environment that lends to the delivery of the highest quality public safety services.

### Roadmap

#### **Public Sector Auditing**

The Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org

- Organizational Independence
- A Formal Mandate
- Unrestricted Access
- Sufficient Funding
- Competent Leadership/Staff
- Stakeholder Support
- Professional Audit Standards

# Collaborative Philosophy

- Stakeholders
- Customers
- Financial Support
- Risk Assessment
- Audits
- Staff
- Communication Plan

# Financial Support

- Staffing
- Budgets
  - Personnel
  - Operational
    - Training
    - Travel
    - Audit Software
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#### Excellence in Deliverables

- Standards
- Risk Assessments
- Audit Reports
- Case Management for Action Items & Recommendations Implementation

#### Formalized Risk Assessment Process

	Step 1-Context	Objectives, values,	envirament)
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Step 2 Risk Identification		Step3 Risk Analysis		Step4 Risk Evaluation & Prioritization		Step5 Strategies & Action Plans				
Risk(Treat)	Rsk Factors (Areas of Vulnerability)	Risk Consequences (What would Happen)	<b>Likelihood</b> 12,3,4,5	<b>Impact</b> 12,3,4,5	Risk Level	Accept Risk (ALR) or Take Action (TLA)	Priority #	Action	Who's Responsible	TimeFrame
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Risk Management Workbook – Ontario Internal Audit, 2005 Courtesy of Peel Regional Police

#### **Overview of Audit Process**

- Planning Phase
- Audit Program
- Fieldwork Phase
- Reporting Phase
- Audit Report
- Response to Recommendations
- Recommendation Implementation

# Metrics/Evaluation

- Reporting Audit Results to Leadership
- Re-Audit Areas of Concern
- Measure Program Outcomes
  - Recommendations
  - Compliance Rates
  - Customer Service Surveys Post Audit

# Additional Functions of Internal Audit Units

- Administrative Reviews
- Critical Incident Review
- Use of Force Review
- Claims
  - Lawsuits, Insurance
- Inspection Programs/Management Self Assessments

#### **Audit Resources**

- Government Accountability Office (GAO) www.gao.gov
- The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) www.theiia.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) www.acfe.com
- Association of local Government Auditors (ALGA) www.governmentalauditors.org
- Law Enforcement Inspections and Auditing Group (LEIAG) www.leiag.org

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