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Mandate

- Governed by the Imperative of public safety, security and quality of life impacting all
 citizens of Canada and their communities, the OCC undertakes to lead and strengthen
 cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies in the fight against
 organized crime.
- The Committee proposes to invite, evaluate and promote innovative law enforcement initiatives against organized crime through leadership in both national and international levels, through public communications, awareness and education and through advocacy with regard to policy and legislation.
- Through strategic decisions guided by information and intelligence from the greater law enforcement community and beyond, the Committee will promote policy development and action against organized crime.
- The Committee determines to forge partnerships and model action plans to guide a unified law enforcement response to the threat of organized crime in Canada.

Introduction

As the voice of the Canadian law enforcement community with respect to the CACP OCC objective of reducing the threat and impact of organized crime, this year significant progress in advancing the Organized Crime strategy was made. The strategy spans its initial conception in May 2004 to the point where a governance structure has been established to fully operationalize integrated CISC Provincial Threat Assessments and complementary National Threat Assessment within the 2007 calendar year.

Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime - Milestones

- In March 2006, provincial chiefs selected a senior law enforcement official to represent their respective provinces on an intelligence-led Enforcement Priorities Group, now called the Council of Public Safety (CoPS).
- The provincial law enforcement representatives (confirmed via video conference in July 2006) play a dual role: one, to chair the integrated intelligence-led provincial enforcement group; and secondly, represent their respective provinces at CoPS.

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- In August 2006, the Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime was presented to the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) National Executive Committee
- CISC NEC requests that CACP OCC table a position paper and Resolution for their next meeting.
- In November 2006, the CACP OCC membership unanimously support the Strategy.
- In March 2007, the CISC NEC adopts the CACP OCC Strategy.
- On June 1, 2007, CACP OCC co-chairs and ADG, Sûreté du Québec, gave a presentation on the Strategy at the International Conference of the Federal Provincial Territorial Ministers and Deputy Ministers Meeting.
- On June 14/15, 2007, First Meeting of the Council on Public Safety
 - At the national level, it was agreed that existing Integrated Organized Crime Investigative Units (IOCIU) would be suitable bodies to coordinate national enforcement priorities in line with enforcement priorities identified at the provincial level and that Chief Superintendent Derek Ogden, RCMP, in his capacity as coordinator of the IOCIUs nationally, would chair the CoPS.
 - The first meeting of the CoPS was held on June 14/15, 2007, integrating representatives from Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland as well as representatives at the national level. At the outset, representatives shared their local/provincial realities in order to allow for a clear picture of challenges and gaps from coast-to-coast.
 - The meeting concluded with members endorsing terms of reference for the CoPS. Furthermore, participants agreed to submit their complete OC priority lists and their top three provincial priorities. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25/26, 2007.

2007 Progress by OCC Working Groups

- Progress achieved during the current year on the initiatives implemented in order to achieve the objective and the overarching goal of reducing the impact of organized crime in Canada is highlighted in the attached document entitled: "2007/08 Strategic Implementation Spreadsheet". This document is aligned with the five OCC working groups (Governance (Governance document adopted at November 2007 meeting), Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime, Legal Reform, Communications and Information and Intelligence)
- May 14th has been dedicated Official Organized Crime Day during the National Police Week.

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Membership

The OCC consists of fair and equal nation-wide representation by municipal, provincial police services, the RCMP and representatives of public safety agencies. Other public safety agencies and private industry may sit on the Committee on an ad hoc basis. The CACP is represented by the law enforcement community as follows:

Federal

- RCMP Deputy Commissioner
- RCMP A/Commr. Criminal Intelligence

Québec

- RCMP "C" Division CROPS¹
- · Sûreté du Ouébec
- · Montréal Police Service

Ontario

- RCMP "O" Division CROPS
- · Ontario Provincial Police
- Toronto Police Service

Atlantic

• RCMP CROPS representing the Council of CROPS for the Atlantic Provinces

British Columbia

- RCMP "E" Division CROPS
- Vancouver Police Department

Alberta

- RCMP "K" Division CROPS
- Edmonton Police Service
- Calgary Police Service

Manitoba

Winnipeg Police Service

Saskatchewan

• RCMP "F" Division CROPS

Municipal Police Services

A total of five seats for (5) Municipal police services,

Exclusive of those already named - Three of which will be from Ontario

Public Safety Agencies

- CSIS Canadian Security Intelligence Service (non-voting)
- CISC Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (voting)
- CBSA Canada Border Services Agency (non-voting)
- CSC Correctional Services Canada (non-voting)

Resolutions submitted in 2007

- 1. Resolution highlighting 9 recommendations supporting the Manitoba Attorney General and Minister of Justice legislative reform recommendations presented to the to the PT and FPT Meeting of Ministers responsible for Justice in October 2006.
- 2. Resolution requesting support for the Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime.

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Looking to the future

- The Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime migrates toward and international model.
- Together, members of the Organized Crime Committee and the Law Amendments Committee will continue to build, expand, integrate and leverage relationships and resources with internal and external law enforcement partners to enhance the community's ability to provide high quality service to Canadians, and the CACP's role in providing advice and guidance.
- CACP OCC will diligently pursue strong national and International efforts and partnerships to reduce the impact and threat of organized crime.

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