



## AVIATION SECURITY COMMITTEE



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### **Mandate**

Make recommendations, advance, and influence airport safety and aviation security through collaborative efforts

### **Link to the RCMP priorities and initiatives**

- 1) Address threats to aviation security and airport safety;
- 2) Strengthen coordination, collaboration and integration among airport safety and aviation security; and,
- 3) Address the criminal exploitation of the vulnerabilities in the aviation transportation system.

### **Accomplishments during 2015-2016**

During 2015-16, the Committee met on two (2) occasions: December 2015 in Ottawa, ON; and, June 2016 in Toronto, ON. As a result of the two meetings, the Committee successfully addressed the two following issues:

#### *Standardized Response to Critical Incidents in Aerodromes*

- With the wealth of expertise on the Committee, over the past year, members have been working to develop a baseline understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each organization when responding to critical incidents and threats. At a very high-level, Standard Operating Procedures or best practices could be incorporated into a document to highlight a harmonized approach to dealing with threats / critical incidents. This would clarify roles and responsibilities and allow for commonalities between the various jurisdictions to be identified.
- Specifically, the Committee is drafting a document outlining the appropriate response protocols, threat and risk assessment and proposed actions by all of the players in the aerodrome and aviation environment (i.e. Transport Canada, the Airport Authorities, Police of jurisdiction, CATSA, the air carriers and CBSA etc.).

## *Formulation of a Working Group for Law Enforcement to feed in Transport Canada National Threat and Risk Assessment*

- Over the course of the past two (2) Committee meetings, it was agreed that a working group would be established to properly represent threats to aviation as ascertained by law enforcement. Specifically, this working group would be primarily responsible for representing the interests of law enforcement agencies throughout the process as well as ensuring that threats directly related to the safety and security of the airport environment are addressed at the Threat and Risk Assessment exercise in Ottawa.

### **Planned initiatives for 2016-2017**

- Finalize the Standardized Response Protocol to Critical Incidents in Aerodromes in Canada thus fostering enhanced cooperation and a clear definition of mandates for all of the players in the aerodrome and aviation environment; and
- Utilize the established working-group to appropriately represent the views and concerns of law enforcement when identifying and mitigating threats in the aviation environment. Specifically, representing the CACP Aviation Security Committee at the Transport Canada National Threat and Risk Assessment Context Statement thus ensuring the proper law enforcement views are explored when identifying new and emerging trends threatening the safety and security of aviation in Canada.
- Continue to provide guidance in operationalizing a scalable response protocol for addressing the threats posed by Unmanned Aerial Systems, lasers and active assailants in the aviation environment.

### **Additional Information**

- Recognizing that aviation security is a shared responsibility, the Committee membership consists of representation from: municipal, provincial, and federal police services; Canadian airport authorities; airline security; and federal departments and agencies, including Public Safety Canada, Transport Canada, CATSA, Nav Canada and the CBSA.