

Organized Crime Committee

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Mandate:

To combat Organized Crime by supporting the need of the Canadian Law Enforcement community Governed by the imperative of public safety security and quality of life impacting all citizens of Canada and their communities, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Organized Crime Committee (OCC) promotes innovative law enforcement strategies and contributes to public policy and legislative change as a meaningful partner to the safety and security of Canadians and international partners.

Strategic Priorities/Objectives:

1. To reduce the threat and impact of organized crime.
2. To explore, evaluate and promote innovative law enforcement initiatives against organized crime through leadership in both national and international levels, through research, best practice, legislative police reform, international partnerships, trends analysis, public awareness, and addressing gaps and barriers.
3. To promote policy development and action against organized crime;
4. To promote public communications, awareness and education and through advocacy with regard to policy and legislation;
5. To forge partnerships and develop action plans to guide a unified law enforcement response to the threat of organized crime in Canada; and

Significant Accomplishments 2011 - 2012:

- Building on the Criminal Intelligence threat assessment of the Trucking industry emerging threat, the committee has made efforts to enhance law enforcement's knowledge and understanding of the scope and impact of organized crime infiltration in this industry.
- The OCC initiated a compilation of an inventory of existing national workgroups and committees dealing with Organized Crime issues, in order to explore and identify potential contributions and opportunities for a nation-wide exposure of issues that impact on Canada.
- Over the past year, the OCC, has engaged in dialogue with Canada Post, and worked with CISC and the RCMP Criminal Intelligence Directorate to conduct an analysis of the use of the postal system by organized crime groups to conduct their criminal activities. An assessment report is being finalized for discussions will likely take place in the coming year.
- Formed a sub-committee to study corruption by Organized Crime; focusing on Corruption of Public Officials, Construction, Marine Ports and Securities.
- Engaged with Transport Canada to obtain information on its security clearances in support of Airport Security project SPAWN.

Initiatives Planned for 2012/2013

- Conduct three committee meetings in 2013-2014
- Over the course of the coming year, the OCC will maintain its focus on pursuing priority items of the Strategic Action Plan but will also include some new items to address key issues related to Organized Crime.
- Work in collaboration with Transport Canada to improve the security clearance processes.
- Continue to strengthen communication, cooperation and coordination amongst the policing community and key partners.
- Work with the committee to explore innovative ways to expand information sharing practices amongst the police, private and public sector.