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Mr. Peter Cuthbert
President
Board of Directors
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Dear Mr. Cuthbert,

As the co-chair members of the Organized Crime Committee (OCC), we are pleased to present the committee's 2014-2015 Annual Report.

This report provides a synopsis of the work conducted by the committee over the course of the past year. This work sets the stage for the strategic direction of the OCC in order to respond to the needs of the law enforcement community.

We look forward to future opportunities to meet with the CACP Board of Directors to further discuss the strategic direction of the OCC.

Sincerely,

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ORGANIZED CRIME COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

About the Committee

MANDATE

The CACP Organized Crime Committee (OCC) is focused on addressing the needs of the Canadian law enforcement community in combating organized crime. Governed by the imperative of public safety, security and quality of life impacting all citizens of Canada and their communities, the 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 explore, evaluate and promote innovative law enforcement initiatives against organized crime through leadership at both national and international levels, through:
 - o Research
 - o Best Practice/Training
 - o Legislative/Police reform
 - o International partnerships/trends
 - o Ensuring public awareness
 - o Addressing gaps and barriers
2. Public communications, awareness and education
3. To promote policy development and legislative reform to combat organized crime
4. To forge partnerships and model action plans to guide a unified law enforcement response to reduce the threat and impact of organized crime in Canada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee consists of nation-wide representation by police services at all levels and Public Safety Agencies with operational mandates that include response to organized crime.

The Committee will consist of not fewer than twelve and not more than 30 voting members. Private industry may attend as observers or on an advisory basis when invited and approved by the Co-Chairs.

Significant Accomplishments 2014-2015

Over the past year, the Committee continued to strengthen communication, cooperation and coordination among the law enforcement community and key partners.

1. Third Party Rule resolution proposal to the CACP

In an effort to advance the Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime in Canada, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) and the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime (CIROC), have committed to enhancing the sharing of intelligence between its 350 plus member agencies.

A joint communique from CISC and CIROC was distributed to all 350 partners of the law enforcement community in an effort to clarify the key features of this common understanding of the Third Party Rule. This initiative was judged essential if the law enforcement community is to meet its strategic and operational objectives.

CIROC submitted this information to the CACP-OCC and the CACP-OCC committee submitted a resolution proposal to the CACP for the Third Party Rule. The CACP advised the proposal did not meet the requirements of a resolution and it will instead be disseminated as an internal direction to CACP membership.

2. Assist in the creation of the National Working Group on Undercover Techniques

As a result of discussions between police forces across Canada, a National Working Group on Undercover Techniques was created under the umbrella of the OCC. This working group provides a forum for the exchange of important information regarding the use of undercover techniques, guidelines and best practices.

Terms of reference for the working group were adopted at its inaugural meeting November 25-27, 2014 in Toronto. A budget proposal is currently being developed by the working group for further discussion with the OCC committee. Further, the OCC committee is exploring the possibility of proposing a CACP resolution in 2015-2016 on the use of the Major Crime Technique.

Initiatives Planned 2015-2016

Building on the work done over the past year, the Committee will pursue several initiatives in support of the Canadian Law Enforcement Community:

- 1. Resolution proposal on use of the Major Crime Technique**
The CACP-OCC will continue to work on creating a common definition, policies and procedures for the use of the major crime technique across Canada. The committee will assess the viability of putting forward a resolution on the Major Crime Technique for 2015-2016.
- 2. Continue to work closely with CIROC**
The CACP-OCC will continue to work closely with the Canadian Integrated Response for Organized Crime committee to address issues of strategic importance.
- 3. Working to Address issues with Canada Post legislation**
The CACP-OCC committee will be working with the CACP Drug Abuse and Law Amendment committees to address issues relating to Canada Post legislation. The OCC committee will be discussing potential changes to the legislation to address ongoing concerns within the law enforcement community.