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DAY 1 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025	
7:30 – 8:55	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:55 – 9:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Assistant Commissioner Brigitte Gauvin, RCMP Federal Policing National Security; Co-Chair, CACP Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee
9:00 – 10:30	<b>The COM Network</b>  <b>Description</b> The “COM”, shorthand for “Community”, is an immense international online network of individuals that aims to engage in or advocate for a broad range of criminal activity, including real world violence. The “COM” is composed of individuals that organize themselves into numerous groups focused on particular types of crimes, themes or nefarious activities. In this presentation, the RCMP will define the network and how the network’s actions fit the definition of terrorism and ideologically motivated violent extremism.  <b>Presenters</b> RCMP Federal Policing National Security - Operational Analysis Team  <b>Sponsor</b> Assistant Commissioner Brigitte Gauvin, RCMP Federal Policing National Security
10:30 – 10:50	<b>Network Break</b> <i>Refreshments will be served upstairs</i>
10:50 – 12:20	<b>From Loss to Insight: How the Our London Family Attack Informs a New Counterterrorism Narrative</b>  <b>Description</b> Hate crimes are not isolated acts — they are assaults on entire communities and on Canada’s social fabric. The RCMP and police responses to hate carry cultural weight,

	<p>shape trust, belonging, and public confidence. Recognizing the reasons behind hate is essential to ensure that the response reflects the gravity of the crime. Dr. Ali and Hina Islam, uncle and aunt of Madiha Saman - one of a family of four killed in a targeted vehicle attack on June 6, 2021, in London, ON, will share their lived experience as victims of terrorism to inform a new counterterrorism narrative.</p> <p><b>Presenters</b> Dr. Ali Islam</p> <p>Dr. Hina Islam</p>
12:20 – 13:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Participants will be escorted to the Mess where lunch will be served</i></p>
13:20 – 14:30	<p><b>RCMP Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism Investigation</b></p> <p><b>Description</b> A case study on the RCMP national security investigation that targeted an ATOMWAFFEN DIVISION cell in Canada. The investigation targeted more specifically Patrick MACDONALD, a prolific propagandist known online as “Dark Foreigner”. The case study will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation on the violent extremism framework with emphasis on the ideologically motivated violent extremism (IMVE) sphere;</li> <li>• An overview of the investigation as well as the different investigative techniques deployed and how complex metadata analysis became crucial to the success of the investigation;</li> <li>• The nexus between national security offences and hate crime offences;</li> <li>• The challenges faced and best practices that were established during the course of the investigation.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenters</b> RCMP Federal Policing Eastern Region - Montreal Integrated National Security Enforcement Team</p>
14:30 – 14:50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Network Break</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Refreshments will be served upstairs</i></p>
14:50 – 15:50	<p><b>RCMP Terrorist Financing Investigation</b></p> <p><b>Description</b> Between March 2021 and July 2023, the Terrorist Financing (TF) Team of GTA/SW INSET investigated YOUSUF as part of Project SABIN (2021-351), who was believed to be raising funds and supplying financial and recruitment support to the Islamic State, contrary to s. 83.03 and 83.18 of the Criminal Code. TF members worked in concert with the Spanish Guardia Civil, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (NY) and Knoxville offices, the Maldives Police Service and the UK Metropolitan Police Service and other countries to investigate and dismantle this international terrorist financing network.</p>

	<p>The RCMP and FINTRAC will showcase both the complexity of this case from an investigation perspective and the significant role that FINTRAC's financial intelligence played in accelerating and supporting RCMP investigations into the largest terrorism financing conviction in Canada involving cryptocurrency, money transfers, and online crowdfunding to fund Daesh.</p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p>Sergeant Tarek Rabie, Royal Canadian Mounted Police RCMP Federal Policing National Security</p> <p>José Harvey, Manager, FINTRAC</p> <p>Gavin Ward, Analyst, FINTRAC</p>
15:50 – 16:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Deputy Chief Rob Johnson, Toronto Police Service; Co-Chair, CACP Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee</p>

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025	
7:00 – 8:55	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:55 – 9:00	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Deputy Chief Rob Johnson, Toronto Police Service; Co-Chair, CACP Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee</p>
9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Killer Drones - The Evolution of sUAS and the Implications on Security, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness: Preparing Your “Ground Game” for the “Air Domain” Event</b></p> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p>The Evolution of Commercial Drones and Security is an awareness and educational update on the precipitous growth of the sUAS ecosystem, specifically the commercial drone platform and its implications on military, government, and private-sector security, safety, and emergency preparedness professionals and the concept of building the “air domain” into comprehensive security program development. Security professionals are at a point now where consideration for the “air domain” should be a major factor in their programs. The presentation will highlight commercial drones through the lens of recent conflict zones and private sector actions, creativity, and innovation. This evolution has proven and shown that technology is a security concern and creates risks that have not been addressed properly across all verticals. The presentation will describe the short history of the commercial drone, highlight the negative implications for conflict and society,</p>

	<p>address what the future may hold, and recommend simple frameworks to support a security professional's understanding of the risk. The presentation will highlight the drone expansion in Ukraine and Gaza. Attendees will walk away with an appreciation for the security implications and begin their journey to understanding how to mitigate the risk. Lastly, the presentation will address the current shortfalls in regulation and law surrounding drones and describe the difficulties with the counter uncrewed aerial system (CUAS) technologies and authorities implementing them.</p> <p><b>Presenters</b> Colonel (Rtd.) Bill Edwards, Phoenix 6 Consulting LLC</p>
10:30 – 10:50	<p><b>Network Break</b> <i>Refreshments will be served upstairs</i></p>
10:50 – 12:20	<p><b>Shared roles, Shared goal: Police, Community and Health United with and for Youth to Resist Violent Extremism</b></p> <p><b>Description</b> This session will explore the phenomenon of youth vulnerability to extremist movements, with a focus on the complex interplay of personal vulnerabilities, social dynamics, and the role of AI and social media extremist and nihilistic narratives. We will also explore the documented negative impacts of securitization of youth, which can reduce trust, increase marginalization and risk rather than reduce them. Participants will learn about the unique Canadian model of multisectoral collaboration that brings together police, community actors, and health professionals, each with distinct but complementary roles in prevention.</p> <p><b>Presenter</b> Dr. Ghadya Hassan, Université du Québec à Montréal</p>
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15:50 – 16:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> Assistant Commissioner Brigitte Gauvin, RCMP; Co-Chair, CACP Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee</p>