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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 Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee (CTNS), we are pleased to present the committee's 2015-2016 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 CTNS 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 CTNS.

Sincerely,

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COUNTER-TERRORISM AND NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

About the Committee

MANDATE

The Counter Terrorism and National Security (CTNS) Committee is mandated to harmonize the work of the Canadian law enforcement community in identifying, preventing, deterring, investigating and responding to criminal activities related to terrorism and national security threats.

The threat from terrorist criminal activity necessitates a global and integrated approach to policing. All levels of Canadian law enforcement play critical and complementary roles in national security, from community engagement to preventing, detecting, denying and responding to the threat.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES/OBJECTIVES

1. Promote collaboration and integration among law enforcement agencies and with appropriate public/private security and intelligence partners;
2. Improve ability to operate in a cooperative and integrated manner with the view of addressing emerging trends;
3. Develop processes and facilitate strong communication at all levels;
4. Recommend legislative reforms and;
5. Promote education and training in matters of counter-terrorism and national security.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee consists of nation-wide representation by police services at all levels and government agencies with operational mandates that include responding to threats to Canada's national security.

The committee gathers partner agencies that assess and address counter-terrorism and national security-related issues, including terrorism financing.

The committee will consist of not fewer than eighteen and not more than 30 voting members.

Co-chairs must approve the addition of new committee members.

Private industry may attend as observers or on an advisory basis when invited and approved by the Co-Chairs.

Significant Accomplishments 2015-2016

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

1. Provincial/Territorial Counter Terrorism Guide

To encourage a cohesive approach within the law enforcement community, the CACP-CTNS committee created a Provincial/Territorial Counter Terrorism Guide to support efforts in developing counter-terrorism strategies at the regional, provincial and territorial level.

The 11 key activities in the Guide should be considered in the development of a provincial/territorial counter-terrorism strategy and adapted to the policing realities of each province. Fundamentally, such strategies should address the threat in each of the four elements of Canada's national counter-terrorism strategy: *prevent* individuals from engaging in terrorism; *detect* the activities of individuals and organizations who may pose a terrorist threat; *deny* terrorists the means and opportunity to carry out their activities; and *respond* proportionately, rapidly and in an organized manner to terrorist activities, and to mitigate their effects. Each activity outlines its definition, benefits, risks of not implementing, main components, best practices, references and contact information.

The Guide was introduced at the CACP Annual Conference in August 2015 in Quebec City and was distributed by the CACP as an internal direction to membership in November 2015. The Guide will be updated annually to maintain the most current information and will be redistributed by CACP as an internal direction to membership.

2. Provincial/Territorial Integrated Response Structure

The CACP-CTNS co-chairs have been meeting with provincial and territorial chiefs of police across Canada to develop integrated provincial/territorial structures in each province and territory in order to investigate and respond to a terrorist event. The goal of the presentations is that each province and territory will work internally to develop and initiate a provincial/territorial framework through which agencies can work together.

Representatives from Quebec (RCMP, SQ and Montreal Police) have also been participating at these meetings to discuss the provincial counter-terrorism framework in place in Quebec as an example of a best practice from which to model.

The goal of these meetings is that working groups will be established in each province/territory comprised of representatives from

municipal/provincial/territorial agencies to develop a provincial/territorial model. These working groups will provide feedback and updates to the CTNS committee, which will be tracking the progress of all the provinces/territories.

The hope is that the co-chairs will have the chance to meet with each province/territory by the end of 2016.

3. Countering Violent Extremism Sub-Committee

The CACP-CTNS committee approved the establishment of a Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) sub-committee in August 2015. The CVE sub-committee will focus on building training material that is consistent, looking at research gaps and what is missing as well as developing an evaluation tool to determine if an approach is successful.

A draft strategic plan has been developed by the sub-committee. There are five subgroups that have been formed as part of the strategy, including: community engagement and empowerment; communication; risk assessment; information sharing; and research. The strategy will be finalized in the Fall of 2016.

The CVE sub-committee will be organizing a CACP endorsed CVE conference likely in the Fall of 2016.

4. Work with CACP Victims Committee

The CACP-CTNS committee and the CACP Victims Committee will be working together to determine what procedures are in place for victim assistance. This will be an ongoing effort between the two committees.

5. CACP-CTNS Forum

The CACP-CTNS committee and the CACP hosted a second Forum from November 17-18, 2015 at RCMP National Headquarters which provided participants with an understanding of the national security threat; lessons learned from managing terrorism incidents; and how different communities are working to prevent radicalization. It was attended by approximately 180 law enforcement and government agency representatives.

Given the success and demand in 2015, the CACP-CTNS committee is planning another Forum from November 16-17, 2016 at RCMP National Headquarters in Ottawa.

6. Involvement with the Leadership in Counter-Terrorism (LinCT) program

The committee has assisted the Canadian Leadership in Counter-Terrorism (LinCT) Program Manager by assessing and selecting the candidates for the 2016 program. The committee also approved a list of action paper topics for the

2016 program. The committee continues to receive copies of completed action papers for situational awareness.

7. Threat Assessment Overviews

On a rotational basis, the RCMP, CSIS and ITAC have representatives provide committee members with an overview of the current threat environment in Canada. This is a standing agenda item to generate discussion on issues affecting all CTNS member agencies.

Initiatives Planned 2016-2017

1. CACP-CTNS Forum

The committee has been working with the CACP to host another forum from November 16-17, 2016 at RCMP National Headquarters. It is anticipated that 100-150 law enforcement and government agency representatives will attend. The committee took into account comments and feedback from the 2014 and 2015 Forums to develop the agenda. The 2016 forum will bring together international and national experts to discuss strategic CT issues affecting the policing community.

2. Working with CACP-Victims committee

The CACP-CTNS committee decided that there was a need for the CACP-Victims and the CACP-CTNS committees to work together in order to ensure that victim needs/issues are being coordinated amongst all three committees. Deputy Chief Skinner agreed to be the lead on this item. This will be further discussed by the committee during 2016-2017.

3. Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Sub-Committee Forum

The CVE sub-committee has committed to organizing a CACP endorsed CVE conference likely in the Fall of 2016. The CACP-CTNS committee has supported this initiative.

4. Update Provincial/Territorial Counter Terrorism Guide

The Provincial/Territorial Counter Terrorism Guide will be updated annually to maintain the most current information. It will be redistributed by CACP as an internal direction to membership once the update has been completed.

5. Continue to Support Provinces/Territories in the Development of Integrated Response Structures

The CACP-CTNS committee members will continue to communicate with provincial/territorial partners for updates on the status of the integrated response structures. Committee support for provincial/territorial partners will be provided as needed.