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

Dear Peter,

As the co-chair members of the Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committee (CTNS), we are pleased to present to you its 2013-2014 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 NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

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
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 response to threats to Canada's national security.

The Committee gathers partner agencies that assess and address counter-terrorism and national security related issues, either from an operational or from an intelligence perspective.

The Committee will consist of not fewer than eighteen 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 2013-2014

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

1. Counter Terrorism Guide

The CACP-CTNS committee has taken the initiative to create a Counter Terrorism Guide for the implementation of provincial counter terrorism strategies across Canada.

The purpose of the Counter Terrorism Guide is to create a tool box for the chiefs of police in Canada which would be aligned with Canada's counter terrorism strategy.

The guide will be presented to CTNS members in September at the next committee meeting. If adopted, CTNS committee members will have the appropriate tools to advocate for the implementation of the various activities listed in the Counter Terrorism Guide in every province in Canada. Further, the CACP-CTNS committee will propose the CT Guide as a resolution for 2015.

2. CACP-CTNS Forum

The Committee has been working with the CACP to host a Forum from September 16-17, 2014 at RCMP National Headquarters to provide participants with an understanding of the National Security Threat; the challenges associated with Counter-Terrorism Investigative efforts; and information on the four pillars (prevent, detect, deny and respond). It is anticipated that 80-100 law enforcement and government agency representatives will attend.

3. 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 2014 program. The committee is also in the process of completing the review of the 2013 action papers completed by last year's graduates. The committee also approved a list of action paper topics for the 2014 program.

4. Threat Assessment Overviews

At the beginning of every meeting, RCMP and CSIS 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.

5. New Members

The Committee added government agency representatives from Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the Integrated Terrorism Assessment Center (ITAC).



Initiatives Planned 2014-2015

1. Counter Terrorism Guide Resolution

The CACP-CTNS committee will propose a resolution to the CACP Board of Directors to encourage the chiefs of police in Canada to support the Counter Terrorism Guide and to assist with the implementation of the proposed activities with their respective jurisdictions.