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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 2012-2013 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,

James Malizia,  
Assistant Commissioner, RCMP  
Co-Chair

Scott Tod,  
Deputy Commissioner, OPP  
Co-Chair



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**Counter-Terrorism & National Security Committee**  
**Comité de contre-terrorisme et de la sécurité nationale de l'ACCPC**  
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## **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.

### *Membership*

The Committee consists of law enforcement agencies and other government agencies with operational mandates that include response to threats to Canada's national security.

The Committee consists of nation-wide representation by police services at all levels and government agencies.

A complete membership list can be found in Appendix A.

### **Priorities**

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.

## **Significant Accomplishments 2012/2013:**

### *Counter Radicalization initiatives*

The three documents developed by the IACP Committee on Terrorism's (COT) Working Group on Counter Radicalization, have been approved. Radicalization 101, Community Outreach and Engagement Principles, and Counter Radicalization Lexicon will be translated and distributed to Canadian law enforcement in mid September 2012.

The COT Working Group initiatives complement and assist CTNS by providing law enforcement agencies in Canada with a uniform framework for addressing radicalization.

Continuing its prevention efforts, CTNS is also seeking the assistance of the RCMP to develop key messages around radicalization, to be made available to community policing officers and assist in prevention / awareness.

### *Sovereign Citizens/FOTL – Awareness Initiative*

CTNS has taken a lead approach regarding Freedom of the Land (FOTL) which remain a major officer safety concern, and had mandated the RCMP to work with the OPP to prepare awareness material that was introduced at the 2012 CACP Annual Conference.

The awareness pamphlet details the background and ideology of the Movement and, in addition to the distribution to all Conference participants, it will be available via the CACP website to all members for further distribution to front line officers in all agencies.

CTNS also held a panel on Sovereign Citizens at the Annual Conference to increase awareness and educate law enforcement senior officials to recognize the indicators of this ideology. The presentation by the panel did include leading practices on how to manage the response to the tactics employed by Sovereign citizens.

## ***Initiatives Planned 2013/2014:***

### *CACP Conference – Counter Terrorism*

Hosting a CACP Conference on Counter-Terrorism to increase the understanding (of the Canadian Law enforcement Community) of the threat environment and the challenges associated to CT investigative efforts.

### *Counter Terrorism Guide*

Prepare a Counter Terrorism Guide for all Provinces (through the Provincial Association of Chief of Police). The guide will set common base of understanding to allow greater

cooperation in CT /NS among provinces when required.

Its objectives are to provide common guidelines to address the four pillars of the Canadian CT Strategy, share the tools available across the country and best practices from existing frameworks.