



June 22, 2015

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 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 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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Co-Chair

**COUNTER-TERRORISM AND NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015**

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 2014-2015

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 has taken the initiative to create a Provincial/Territorial Counter Terrorism Guide to support efforts in developing counter-terrorism strategies at the regional, provincial and territorial level.

The proposed 12 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 will be introduced at the CACP Annual Conference in August 2015 in Quebec City and will be distributed by the CACP as internal direction to membership shortly thereafter.

2. CACP-CTNS Forum

The committee and the CACP hosted a Forum from September 16-17, 2014 at RCMP National Headquarters which provided 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 was attended by approximately 135 law enforcement and government agency representatives.

Given the success and demand in 2014, the CTNS is planning another Forum from November 17-18, 2015 at RCMP National Headquarters in Ottawa.

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 2015 program. The committee is also in the process of completing the review of the 2014 action papers completed by last year's graduates. The committee also approved a list of action paper topics for the 2015 program.

The LinCT Global One Event was hosted in Canada May 21-29, 2015 and a

number of CTNS members were involved in the event - by attending the closing reception and/or providing presentations to the group.

4. 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.

5. Broadcast on current threat environment

The CACP-CTNS committee recognizes the importance of providing Chiefs of Police across Canada with messaging about the current threat environment. As a result, the CTNS Committee is currently working on key messaging on the current threat environment that will both inform and assist Chiefs of Police in answering questions relating to the current threat and our integrated response. The messaging will be sent out through the CACP in the near future.

6. Membership Updates

The committee now has representation from RCMP Criminal Operations Officers from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec on the committee. This is now reflective of the INSET structure across Canada.

The committee added the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) as an observer on its membership list. The RCMP Director General of Federal Policing Criminal Operations now sits on the CTNS as an observer as well.

Initiatives Planned 2015-2016

1. CACP-CTNS Forum

The committee has been working with the CACP to host another forum from November 17-18, 2015 at RCMP National Headquarters. It is anticipated that 80-100 law enforcement and government agency representatives will attend. The committee took into account comments and feedback from the 2014 Forum to develop the agenda. The 2015 forum will bring together international and national experts to discuss strategic CT issues affecting the policing community.

2. Working with CACP-Emergency Response and CACP-Victims committees

The CACP-CTNS committee decided that there was a need for the CACP-Emergency Response, 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 2015-2016.