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The CACP Recognizes Excellence in Policing and Public Safety

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA – During the 113th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), the Association rewarded the accomplishments of select individuals and teams who have demonstrated initiative, innovation and exceptional service in the exercise of their duties. The following individuals have distinguished themselves among their peers for their important and exceptional contributions to policing and public safety in Canada. Their effort and dedication is commendable, inspiring and must be acknowledged.

1. **CACP Policing Partnership Award:** Awarded on August 11th to **Mr. Barry Elliott**, a retired Ontario Provincial Police Officer for *Project Chargeback*.
2. **CACP Recognition Award:** Awarded on August 12th, 2018 to **Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr**, Abbotsford Police Department, for his valuable contributions as the Co-chair of the CACP Drug Advisory Committee.
3. **CACP/Motorola Awards of Excellence in Emergency Preparedness**
 - a. **Emergency Preparedness Program:** Awarded on August 12th, 2018 to the **Perth County Emergency Management Municipal 511 Project**.
 - b. **Emergency Response Exercise:** Awarded on August 12th, 2018 to the **Ottawa Emergency Management Program Ottawa 2017 C3 Exercise**.
4. **CACP Award of Excellence for Combating Organized Crime:** Awarded on August 13th, 2018 to the **Sûreté du Québec** for their *National Strategy to Combat Organized Crime*.
5. **CACP Traffic Safety Awards:**
 - a. **National Police Award for Traffic Safety:** Awarded on August 14th, 2018 to the Ottawa Police Service's **Fatal Collision Review Committee**.
 - b. **Lifetime Achievement Award for Traffic Safety:** Awarded on August 14th, 2018 to **Inspector Doug C. Fenske**, Ontario Provincial Police.
6. **CACP International Policing Award:** Awarded on August 14th, 2018 to **Staff Sergeant James Clover**, Edmonton Police Service.

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7. Canadian Bank's Law Enforcement Awards:

- a. Individual Award:** Awarded on August 14th, 2018 to **Constable Arvind Sidhu**, Toronto Police Service
- b. Group Award:** Awarded on August 14th, 2018 to all members of the **Toronto Police Hold Up Squad** which consists of Detective Steven Campbell, Detective Constable Graham Knill, Detective Joseph Matys, Detective Constable Paul Mills, Detective Paul Moreau, and Detective Kevin Sedore.

- 8. Bank of Canada Award for Excellence in Counterfeit Deterrence:** Awarded on August 15th, 2018 to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Integrated Counterfeit Enforcement Team (ICET) Federal Serious and Organized Crime–Financial Integrity "E" Division (British Columbia): Corporal Vinh Ngo, Civilian Investigative Analyst Ms. Gayle Myette, and retired Constable Bud Bishop

For additional information on each of the above-mentioned awards and this year's recipients, please refer to the respective background document (refer to attachments).

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The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police was established in 1905 and represents approximately 1,000 police leaders from across Canada. The Association is dedicated to the support and promotion of efficient law enforcement and to the protection and security of the people of Canada. Through its member police chiefs and other senior police executives, the CACP represents in excess of 90% of the police community in Canada which include federal, First Nations, provincial, regional and municipal, transportation and military police leaders.

The CACP Policing Partnership Award



This award recognizes a partnership established between the public and private sectors to improve the overall safety and security of Canadians.

The *CACP Policing Partnership Award* is presented to an individual who has developed a partnership that has succeeded in creating a crime prevention initiative that has been beneficial to the partnership and Canadians in general.

2018 Award Recipient: Mr. Barry Elliott for *Project Chargeback*



From left to right: Mr. Yves Riopel, Mr. Barry Elliott, Ms. Johanne Crampton (RCMP and head of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre) and Mr. Dan Delaney

Mr. Barry Elliott is a retired Ontario Provincial Police Officer who worked in partnership with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) to develop and implement a new anti-counterfeiting strategy to combat organized crime. *Project Chargeback* began back in 2011 with a goal to identify and disrupt suspect merchant accounts used to facilitate online intellectual property crimes.

Initially, the CAFC implemented a Merchant Account Disruption program which began as an informal partnership with Visa and MasterCard to share descriptor information from fraud complaints that involved credit cards as the payment method.

The success of this disruption program led the CAFC to expand the Merchant Account Disruption Program to include complaints that it was receiving on the

deceptive marketing of counterfeit goods online. Mr. Elliott was instrumental in developing and maintaining a long working relationship with Visa, MasterCard and the Canadian banks. He created new partnerships with the Canadian companies experiencing losses due to the underground economy of counterfeit products as well as with international partners.

To date, *Project Chargeback* has registered over 10,000 confirmations where a chargeback occurred and a victim was reimbursed. It has shut down well over 5,000 merchant accounts worldwide linked to counterfeiting, fraud and intellectual property theft. The victims recovered 100% of their loss, the fraudsters lost their sale and incurred a \$25 chargeback, and the merchant account was terminated.

Other countries such as the United Kingdom, France, the United States., Switzerland, Italy, India and China have all shown an interest in implementing similar strategies following this model.

“This strategy is a great example of how law enforcement and private sector partners can collaboratively work together to disrupt illicit activities,” said Mr. Yves Riopel, from Garda World, and co-chair of the CACP’s Private Sector Liaison Committee.

Mr Elliott’s efforts have had a significant impact on crime reduction, public education and crime prevention both in Canada and around the world. His leadership, innovative spirit and ability to forge meaningful partnerships make him very deserving of this award,” added Inspector Dan Delaney, from the VIA Rail Canada Police Service, and co-chair of the CACP’s Private Sector Liaison Committee.

The CACP Recognition Award



Each year, the President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) recognizes a member in good standing who has consistently demonstrated exceptional involvement, extraordinary support, and outstanding initiative in advancing the CACP's goals and strategic priorities. Chosen by the current President, with endorsement from the CACP Board of Directors, the winner of the distinguished *CACP Recognition Award* is considered to be a leader among leaders, an individual who exemplifies the association's values of caring, courage, equity, integrity, openness, respect, transparency and trustworthiness.

2018 Award Recipient: Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr



Mike Serr is currently the Deputy Chief Constable of the Abbotsford Police Service but has been appointed to assume the duties of Chief of police on October 1st, 2018.

He was selected to receive the *CACP Recognition Award* as an acknowledgment of his leadership of the CACP's Drug Advisory Committee and his invaluable advice and direction on two of the association's key strategic priorities – the legalization of cannabis and the CACP position on opioids.

The CACP is the voice of police leaders across Canada, and the association has been privileged to have Deputy Chief Constable Serr serve as an advisor and CACP ambassador before parliamentary committees, as a keynote speaker at professional conferences, and as an official spokesperson in response to media inquiries.

"Mike Serr's ongoing support and dedication to the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the broader Canadian policing community are highly regarded," stated Directeur Mario Harel, President of the CACP. "He has shared his knowledge, experience and countless hours of his time as a CACP volunteer, making him a most deserving candidate for this award."

CACP/Motorola Awards of Excellence in Emergency Preparedness



Emergency planning, preparedness and exercising before an emergency or disaster strikes are crucial to ensuring that emergency responses are appropriate and successful in keeping communities as safe as possible.

The CACP/Motorola Awards of Excellence, sponsored by Motorola Solutions Canada, recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies the combined efforts of police, fire, and paramedic services in preparing their agencies for any subsequent response to natural or human-caused disasters.

Two awards are presented to recognize each of the following:

- An emergency preparedness program
- An emergency response exercise

“These awards are an excellent way to bring well-deserved recognition to those first responders who perform tirelessly each and every day, whether during normal operations or training scenarios,” stated Toronto Police Service Staff Superintendent Don Campbell, Co-Chair of the Tri-services Emergency Management Committee.

“By acknowledging and sharing best practices among agencies, we hope to encourage other emergency services to adopt, develop and implement new programs in the service of their own communities,” added Superintendent Mark Podgers of the Frontenac County Paramedics and Co-Chair of the Tri-services Emergency Management Committee.

Cornwall Fire Department Chief Pierre Voisine also emphasized that “It is important to recognize the leadership efforts of Canadian public safety personnel in building partnerships, integration and teamwork, to facilitate effective and efficient emergency management and preparedness.” Chief Voisine also serves as a Co-Chair of the Tri-services Emergency Management Committee.

“These awards represent a standard of excellence highlighting the combined efforts of first responders and their partners in preparing for disasters,” stated Alison Jevons, Bureau Commander with the Ontario Provincial Police who attended the award presentation.

“As a leader in mission-critical communications, Motorola Solutions understands the importance of communications and interoperability when fire, police and paramedic personnel arrive on the scene of a major incident. We are proud to support the Awards for Emergency Preparedness and to recognize first responders and the best practice models to be emulated and adapted by other emergency services to improve community safety and security across Canada,” added Michael Martin, Senior Director with Motorola Solutions Canada.

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients of the CACP/ Motorola Awards of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness.

Recipient of the 2018 Award for an Emergency Preparedness Program:

Perth County Emergency Management Municipal 511 Project

The goal of this project was to create a 'Common Operating Picture' for first responders when dealing with major events such as ice storms, blizzards and other severe weather that generally result in road closures, poor road conditions and other hazards that can potentially lead to life-threatening delays to emergency responses.

Perth County Emergency Services was one of the first organizations to adopt the Municipal 511 system to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations in dealing with both day-to-day and major incidents.

Municipal 511 is a cost effective web-based service for managing and communicating current and future road work, restrictions and conditions. This meant adopting a faster, more nimble and responsive web-based system to replace the manual, traditional, rigid and inefficient system that was in place. This involved a modest financial investment that now allows municipal staff and emergency response agencies to acquire and/or share information simply by logging into a common website from their office, home, or mobile device. As a result, they are able to better coordinate their efforts, plan alternate routes, anticipate issues and challenges, and prepare accordingly to address an emergency incident that may emerge. As early adopters, Perth Emergency Services were also able to influence the enhancements and functionality of the system which will no doubt benefit future adopters of the Municipal 511 system.

Recipient of the 2018 Award for an Emergency Response Exercise:

Ottawa Emergency Management Program: Ottawa 2017 C3 Exercise



The City of Ottawa Emergency Management Program planned a full scale exercise in preparation for the significant planned events in celebration of Canada 150. With funding received from the Government of Canada's Canadian Safety and Security Program, the Canadian Army Simulation Centre was contracted to develop and facilitate the full scale exercise which came to be known as the 'C3 Exercise' which stands for "Cooperation, Coordination and Communication".

From left to right: Mr. Michael Martin (Motorola Solutions Canada), Chief Superintendent Alison Jevons, Ms. Paola Parenti, Mr. Pierre Poirier, Fire Chief Ken Stuebing

The 'C3 Exercise' involved subject matter experts from seven municipalities to evaluate the various decision centres' processes and operations: a first in Canada. The full scale exercise was intended to validate and evaluate multiple functions at multiple sites. The exercise involved having players at multiple locations, utilizing plans, policies, procedures and training in responding to a simulated large-scale emergency. With the exception of physical locations being exercised, all other messages, personnel and equipment movement was simulated.

Once the exercise was completed, an *After Action Report* was produced and shared with all participating agencies. Several of the observations were turned into corrective actions, thereby leading to improved operational capability.

CACP Award of Excellence for Combating Organized Crime



Over the last quarter century, we have seen the proliferation, unparalleled growth and prosperity of organized crime in Canada and around the world.

Sponsored by Information Builders Canada Inc., this award is intended to recognize and reward the contributions of individuals and/or teams who have exhibited excellence, innovation and initiative to detect, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations.

2018 Award Recipient:

The Sûreté du Québec: *National Strategy to Combat Organized Crime*



From left to right: Deputy Chief Thomas Carrique, Inspector Benoit Dubé, Mr. John Ramoutsakis, Assistant Commissioner Joanne Crampton

The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) implemented a new strategy with a goal to maintain constant pressure on organized crime. As part of this new strategy, two National Organized Crime Units (NOCU) were established to specifically target organized crime leaders. Regional Task Forces (RTF) were primarily focused on targeting clubs/prospects, while Organized Crime Investigative and Coordination Teams (OCICT) handled narcotics files at the local level. This three-tier approach allowed the police to tackle the entire organized crime structure in a simultaneous and coordinated manner.

Project Objection, the first major initiative conducted as part of the

National Strategy to Combat Organized Crime, combined with the regional initiatives that followed in its wake, led to the infiltration of the Montreal and South Hells Angels Chapters. This was achieved by taking control of a large part of the narcotics distribution networks in territories located in eastern Ontario and New Brunswick, by way of various regions of the province of Quebec. In total, *Project Objection* led to the arrest of 89 individuals, including four members of the Hells Angels and 85 members who were part of their network. In addition, more than \$2.3M, 21 kg of cocaine, 200,000 tablets, and 34 firearms were seized.

One of the first organized crime investigative teams managed to gather information related to, among other things, the trafficking of narcotics, prostitution, and Outlaw biker gangs. The team has received much positive feedback from tenants and staff indicating that police actions have brought peace of mind to both the establishments and their clients.

“Outlaw motorcycle gangs have expanded their criminal influence across Canada through the creation of new support clubs and/or new chapters and their extensive ties to other criminal organizations, including street gangs and traditional organized crime. *Project Objection* sends a strong message that police officers across Canada are committed to disrupting the criminal activities of the Hells Angels and their associates,” stated York Regional Police Service’s Deputy Chief Thomas Carrique, Co-Chair of the CACP’s Organized Crime Committee.

The RCMP’s Assistant Commissioner Joanne Crampton, Co-Chair of the CACP’s Organized Crime Committee added that “No community is immune from the effects of organized crime. It is by forging partnerships and adopting a unified law enforcement approach that we can combat the threat of organized crime in Canada.”

John Ramoutsakis, Vice-President of Sales with Information Builders Canada Inc. also added that “Our company is built around ‘actionable analytics based on trusted data’. The same can be said for law enforcement agencies gathering information and analyzing evidence to bring criminals to justice. We are proud to support the *CACP Award of Excellence for Combating Organized Crime* and congratulate the Sûreté du Québec for their focused enforcement efforts to keep our streets and communities safe from organized crime.”

Video footage pertaining to the *CACP Award of Excellence for Combating Organized Crime* is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCqWpjsJYhE&feature=youtu.be>

CACP Traffic Safety Awards



Whether accidents are caused by alcohol-impaired, drug-impaired, fatigue-impaired, distracted or aggressive drivers, impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death and injury in Canada.

Sponsored by Accident Support Services International Ltd., the Traffic Safety Awards are presented to recognize excellence, dedication and initiative of police officers across Canada whose efforts have helped improve road safety through education, enforcement, training and/or community-based programs.

Two awards are presented to recognize each of the following:

- National Police Award for Traffic Safety
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Traffic Safety

“The impact of the efforts, dedication and initiatives of the award winners have no doubt saved the lives of many drivers who have traveled Ottawa and Ontario’s roadways,” stated Ontario Provincial Police Chief Superintendent Chuck Cox, Co-Chair of the CACP Traffic Safety Committee.

“While the efforts of this year’s recipients may have been concentrated in Ontario, they offer career and operational best practices that should inspire officers and police services across Canada,” added Sûreté du Québec’s Captain Paul Leduc, Co-Chair of the CACP Traffic Safety Committee.

“As a professional collision management solutions company, we share two important goals with the police services: improving road safety and increasing service levels. This is why we are so proud and honored to sponsor the *CACP Traffic Awards* and acknowledge individuals or teams who have demonstrated innovation and dedication to improving safety on Canada’s roads,” added Steve Sanderson, President of Accident Support Services International Ltd.

Congratulations to the following 2018 recipients of the CACP Traffic Safety Awards.

Recipient of the 2018 National Police Award for Traffic Safety:

Ottawa Police Service Fatal Collision Review Committee



The Fatal Collision Review Committee (FCRC) is a multi-agency initiative comprised of the Ottawa Police Service, the City of Ottawa and the Eastern Regional Supervising Coroner's Office. The committee's purpose is to facilitate the sharing of information and to create a shared vision and strategy following fatal collisions within the municipality. This committee, comprised of various essential stakeholders in traffic safety, is believed to be a first of its kind in Canada.

The FCRC met as a group after each fatal collision (24) to review the incidents and discuss the probable causes, contributing factors, as well as possible solutions. An annual report is produced which provides valuable data collected from every fatal collision, including; time of day, day of week, month, age, gender, contributing factors and other notable details.

As a result, the group has provided relevant information and recommendations concerning education campaigns, engineering modifications and/or enforcement initiatives. The recommendations were meant to be acted upon without delay to promote road safety, plan safer roads, and reduce future fatal collisions occurring with similar trends and factors.

The committee also proposed several traffic studies (e.g. pedestrian traffic count, speed readings, intersection re-engineering) to ensure that roads are engineered and designed in the safest way possible and to address problematic factors in order to prevent future incidents.

The FCRC provided some recommendations to the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario (OCC) to aid in their implementation of *Standardized Investigative Templates* into investigations involving death in order to improve the collection of relevant, accurate data and therefore, a better understanding of road fatalities.

Recipient of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award for Traffic Safety:

Inspector Doug C. Fenske, Ontario Provincial Police



From left to right: Captain Paul Leduc, Chief Superintendent Chuck Cox, Inspector Doug C. Fenske, Mr. Steve Sanderson

Inspector Douglas C. Fenske began his career with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in 1994 where he was posted to the Caledon Detachment. In 1995, Inspector Fenske transferred to the Greater Toronto Regional Headquarters (as it was known at the time) located in Aurora, ON where he began his lifelong career in traffic. For the past 23 years, Inspector Fenske has dedicated himself to enforcement, education and training in relation to all traffic-related matters, regardless of his position or rank.

Inspector Fenske is a leader and advocate for traffic safety and has delivered training on all aspects of road safety including commercial motor vehicles, traffic collision reconstruction, traffic management, as well as drug and alcohol testing. He has mentored many officers along the way, leading by example, and is as committed to

traffic safety in 2018 as when he started back in 1994. He continues to be passionate about improving highway safety through enforcement, education, working with road safety stakeholders and mentoring new members.

He has investigated over 1000 serious life threatening or fatal collisions, writing reports and giving expert evidence at all levels of Ontario court of collision causation. In 2008, he organized, developed and provided oversight for the first OPP Highway Enforcement Team (HET) consisting of ten members focused on Criminal Interdiction, weapons, drugs, stolen vehicles and other crimes on GTA highways. Since then, the successful HET concept has been expanded province-wide. From 2013 to 2017, he provided oversight for the Drug Recognition Evaluation and Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) programs for the OPP and was actively involved in making this training available via the Ontario Police College.

CACP International Policing Award



This award recognizes the important contributions made by Canadian police services in global matters. It acknowledges Canadian law enforcement personnel for their exceptional dedication and initiative in using Canadian policing skills to contribute to a safer world, and seeks to encourage more Canadian police services to contribute to and work on the international scene.

2018 Award Recipient:

Staff Sergeant James Clover, Edmonton Police Service



From left to right: Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Staff Sergeant James Clover

For over 20 years, Staff Sergeant James Clover has been sharing his personal knowledge, best practices and police experience with international partners. The impact and influence of his expertise and contributions in the areas of the mental health and safety of police officers, community safety, and a movement to highlight the intersection between public health and crime, are acknowledged around the world.

Very early in his career, Sergeant Clover was deployed as an undercover operator for a joint-forces investigation that targeted weapons trafficking in Alberta. His two years as part of this unit had a significant impact on his health and well-being. After a diagnosis of combat stress disorder (pre-PTSD), Sergeant Clover focused on healing himself and educating the police industry on the risks of emotional casualty for employees in covert work. He bridged the disciplines of academia, health practitioners and managers within law enforcement to employ improved screening and support services for those officers deployed in long-term operations. He has shared his research and experiences with police agencies in Canada and around the world to improve the training and after-care of officers involved in covert operations.

In 2006, Sergeant Clover was introduced to community corrections where he advocated for collaborative policing efforts and a multi-disciplinary approach to offender management and public safety. As the team commander for the Behavioural Assessment Unit within the Edmonton Police Service, this award-winning police leader delivered new responses to manage risk that offenders transitioning out of incarceration posed to themselves and the community. He leveraged alternative funding solutions and well-established international partnerships to deploy several programs including transitional beds for those high-risk offenders not under immediate governmental care, the use of electronic monitoring as an additional source of guardianship and leveraging Peace Bonds and community treatment orders to aid offenders in their recovery and improvement plans.

In 2013, Sergeant Clover shifted his focus to exploring policing as a contributory agent to the collective public health with the strong belief that *a healthy community is a safe community*. As a keynote speaker and advisor around the world, Sergeant Clover has been promoting the humane and supportive benefits for treatment sentences for offenders managing substance abuse, sexual deviance, or other mental health issues.

“It gives me great pleasure to present the *International Policing Award* to Staff Sergeant James Clover of the Edmonton Police Service for his global outlook and contributions to policing,” said Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Co-Chair of the CACP International Committee. “Internationally, policing is going through a tremendous change. More and more, we need leaders like Staff Sergeant Clover who thrive on fostering partnerships, navigating successful multinational initiatives, and acting as true ambassadors for Canada abroad.”

Canadian Bank's Law Enforcement Awards



Protecting the security and safety of its employees and customers is a priority for the Canadian banking industry. Crimes affecting Canada's banks range from robbery to high tech and highly organized fraud operations. Together, financial institutions and law enforcement agencies continue to partner in combating crime every day.

The *Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award* recognizes outstanding police performance in fighting crime against Canadian banks. Recipients of this prestigious award have gone above and beyond the call of duty while preventing and investigating crimes against Canada's financial institutions.

Source: [Canadian Bankers Association website](#)

"This year's recipients are to be commended for their resourcefulness and tenacity in the conduct of their investigations which led to the arrest of key individuals who were threatening the integrity of Canada's financial system," stated Gatineau Police Service Directeur Mario Harel, President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.



From left to right: Police Constable Arvind Sidhu, Detective Steven Campbell, Detective Constable Paul Mills

Recipient of the 2018 Individual Award: Police Constable Arvind Sidhu, Toronto Police Service

The diligent investigation of Police Constable Sidhu resulted in the arrest of an individual who had fraudulently applied and used credits cards from a number of banks across Canada and the United States with financial fraud totaling in excess of \$1 million.

Recipient of the 2018 Group Award:

Toronto Police Hold Up Squad, Toronto Police Service

Detective Steven Campbell, Detective Constable Paul Mills, Detective Joseph Matys, Detective Paul Moreau, Detective Constable Graham Knill, and Detective Kevin Sedore were recognized for the arrest of the "Mercedes Bandits", a pair of men who robbed two financial institutions at gunpoint in the Toronto area using a silver Mercedes as a getaway car.

To learn more about these awards, please refer to the [news release](#) issued by the Canadian Bankers Association.

Bank of Canada Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Counterfeit Deterrence



This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of criminal justice professionals and educators involved in the prevention and deterrence of bank note counterfeiting in Canada.

It is intended to acknowledge the determination, commitment and sound investigative techniques used to disrupt, dismantle and shut down counterfeiting operations.

2018 Award Recipient:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Integrated Counterfeit Enforcement Team (ICET) Federal Serious and Organized Crime – Financial Integrity “E” Division (British Columbia)



From left to right: Ms. Maureen Carroll, Corporal Vinh Ngo, Chief Adam Palmer

Corporal Vinh Ngo is the “E” Division Counterfeit Coordinator, supported by Civilian Investigative Analyst Gayle Myette and retired Constable Bud Bishop. This team is responsible for conducting crime prevention initiatives by educating retailers, bankers, police officers and justice studies students on counterfeit law, fraud and the security features of Canadian and American bank notes.

This team collaborated with the Bank of Canada on training sessions throughout the Lower Mainland, delivering over 100 training sessions for law enforcement services at the municipal and RCMP levels, and over 90 different sessions for retailers. In doing so, they developed a great network of contacts throughout British Columbia. This is an ongoing proactive effort with the Bank of Canada.

Through the review of “no-case seizures” sent to the team by various financial institutions, as well as police database files, counterfeit notes were brought to Corporal Ngo’s attention. The team worked with various websites and businesses to facilitate a positive result and better detection of counterfeit currency.

Chief Adam Palmer of the Vancouver Police Service and President of the CACP stated that “Cash is an important and convenient method of payment for Canadians. We are proud of the role law enforcement plays in preventing the production and circulation of fake currency in Canada.”

“The Bank of Canada works very closely with police agencies and prosecutors to monitor and respond to counterfeiting activity. Thanks to law enforcement efforts such as this, Canadians can continue to use bank notes with confidence,” added Maureen Carroll, Deputy Managing Director, Currency, at the Bank of Canada.