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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 Organized Crime Committee (OCC), 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 OCC 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 OCC.

Sincerely,

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ORGANIZED CRIME COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

About the Committee

MANDATE

The CACP Organized Crime Committee (OCC) is focused on addressing the needs of the Canadian law enforcement community in combating organized crime. Governed by the imperative of public safety, security and quality of life impacting all citizens of Canada and their communities, the OCC promotes innovative law enforcement strategies and contributes to public policy and legislative change as a meaningful partner to the safety and security of Canadians and international partners.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES/OBJECTIVES

1. To explore, evaluate and promote innovative law enforcement initiatives against organized crime through leadership at both national and international levels, through:
 - o Research
 - o Best Practice/Training
 - o Legislative/Police reform
 - o International partnerships/trends
 - o Ensuring public awareness
 - o Addressing gaps and barriers
2. Public communications, awareness and education
3. To promote policy development and legislative reform to combat organized crime
4. To forge partnerships and model action plans to guide a unified law enforcement response to reduce the threat and impact of organized crime in Canada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee consists of nation-wide representation by police services at all levels and Public Safety Agencies with operational mandates that include response to organized crime.

The Committee will consist of not fewer than twelve 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 2015-2016

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

1. Third Party Rule resolution proposal to the CACP

In an effort to advance the Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime in Canada, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) and the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime (CIROC), have committed to enhancing the sharing of intelligence between its 350 plus member agencies.

A joint communique from CISC and CIROC was drafted in an effort to clarify the key features of this common understanding of the Third Party Rule. This initiative is essential if the law enforcement community is to meet its strategic and operational objectives.

On behalf of the CACP-OCC, the CACP sent an internal broadcast on the Interpretation and Application of the Third Party Rule to all CACP members in October 2015.

2. National Undercover Working Group

As a result of discussions between police forces across Canada, a National Working Group on Undercover Operations (NWG-UCO) was created under the umbrella of the OCC. This working group provides a forum for the exchange of information on trending topics, including: the Major Crime Technique, sharing resources, training, and the protection of Operator identification in court. The working group is developing a best practices template in order to help select files.

The NWG-UCO has recently established a sub-group: the National Covert Online Investigations Working Group. This sub-group discusses topics including: evolving case law, privacy concerns, one-party consent, and backstopping the identification of undercover operators.

The CACP Board of Directors passed a motion in November 2015 accepting the OCC recommendation to have the working group as a sub-committee of the OCC and approved using OCC funds to assist with meeting costs.

The working group will meet twice a year and is comprised of municipal, provincial and RCMP divisions from across the country.

3. Human Trafficking Intelligence Awareness

Following a meeting of the CIROC committee in October 2015, it was noted that there are gaps in intelligence to get a clear picture of human trafficking in Canada. As a result, the CACP-OCC, in partnership with Criminal Intelligence Service Canada, has undertaken the collection of human trafficking information from across Canada. A central repository will allow the CISC, in cooperation with the Human Trafficking Centre of the RCMP, to analyze the scope of the human trafficking situation in Canada. On behalf of the CACP-OCC, the CACP sent a message to all CACP members in January 2016 requesting that information on human trafficking be shared with provincial bureaus.

4. Work with CACP Police Information and Statistics (POLIS) Committee

The CACP-OCC provided support and endorsement for the work being done by the CACP POLIS committee to improve the quality of the Organized Crime flag reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) survey. The POLIS committee developed recommendations and best practices for the UCR organized crime flag which OCC members supported. The OCC will be presenting with POLIS to the CACP Board of Directors at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Initiatives Planned 2016-2017

Building on the work done over the past year, the Committee will pursue several initiatives in support of the Canadian Law Enforcement Community:

1. Resolution proposal on use of the Major Crime Technique

The CACP-OCC will continue to work on creating a common definition, policies and procedures for the use of the major crime technique across Canada. The committee will assess the viability of putting forward a resolution on the Major Crime Technique for 2016-2017.

2. Continue to work closely with CIROC

The CACP-OCC will continue to work closely with the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime committee to address issues of strategic importance.

3. Academic Research

The CACP-OCC committee has undertaken to conduct research into how best to combat organized crime and where the focus of operations should be. Collaboration with Public Safety will be explored, depending on funding availability. The CACP-OCC may also explore potential collaboration with the CACP Research Foundation during 2016-2017.