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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 Organized Crime Committee (OCC), 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 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,

James Malizia  
Assistant Commissioner  
Federal Policing Operations  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Co-Chair

Mark Saunders  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Special Operations Command  
Toronto Police Service  
Co-Chair



## ORGANIZED CRIME COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

### About the Committee

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#### **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 2013-2014**

Over the past year, the Committee continued to strengthen communication, cooperation



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and coordination among the law enforcement community and key partners.

**1. Resolved Issue with Canada Post**

In 2012, the Canadian Intelligence Service Canada prepared a Postal Assessment for the OCC committee which was subsequently shared with Canada Post. Canada Post sent a letter to the CACP expressing their concerns with the report. A member of the OCC committee wrote a response letter to the CACP President Jim Chu advising that Canada Post's concerns were appropriately dealt with and both the CACP OCC committee and Canada Post have committed to enhancing their working relationship and focusing on collaboration and cooperation in the future.

**2. Collaborators of Justice Program**

The CACP OCC committee has facilitated work being done by Correctional Services Canada and RCMP "E" Division on potential solutions to increase housing capacity for cooperating witnesses. A temporary facility has been functional since January 2014 and is expected to be fully operational over the coming months. CSC and RCMP (E Division and NHQ) will continue to meet regularly in order to deal with all issues that arise in order to ensure mandates and responsibilities are respected as this new and important initiative moves forward. The CACP-OCC committee continues to provide guidance as this initiative develops.

**3. Inventory of Organized Crime**

Across Canada there are more 30 national, provincial, regional and local committees composed of law enforcement, government and other security officials. These committees have various mandates associated to investigation, intelligence and government response at targeting, disrupting and disabling the threat of organized crime in our communities.

It is evident from the review of the many committees that there is a duplication of effort at all levels, poor opportunities to share information and best practices, and the need for a coordination of efforts at all levels involving innovation and technology.

The CACP OCC inventory of the many organized crime related committees across Canada proposes recommendations for consideration by members of the CACP and governments at the federal, provincial and municipal level. The CACP-OCC committee will review the final results and discuss the way forward at the next committee meeting.

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***Initiatives Planned 2014-2015***



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

**1. Third Party Rule resolution proposal to 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 distributed to all 350 partners of the law enforcement community in an effort to clarify the key features of this common understanding of the Third Party Rule. This initiative was judged essential if the law enforcement community is to meet its strategic and operational objectives. CIROC submitted this information to the CACP-OCC during 2013-2014 and the CACP-OCC committee will be proposing the Third Party Rule as a resolution for 2015.

**2. Continue to work closely with CIROC**

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