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Canadian Law Enforcement to Host Twitter Chat about Organized Crime ***Follow the discussion: #orgcrimechat***

Victoria (B.C.), August 21, 2014 — Over 25 senior law enforcement leaders are gathering in British Columbia tomorrow to discuss the threat and harm posed by organized crime in Canada. Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Commissioner Bob Paulson will preside as Chair at the National Executive Committee (NEC), which meets face to face every year with a common goal of focusing operational capabilities against the most significant organized crime threats in Canada.

The goal of the NEC is to open the lines of communication, share information and to shed light on all the assets, activities, and associates of organized crime across Canada. Through these formal information sharing practices, policing partners are working together to weaken the influence and scope of criminal groups and expose their vulnerabilities.

Following the NEC meeting, committee members will be participating for the first time in a joint one-hour Twitter chat with the media and public. Using the hashtag #orgcrimechat, RCMP Commissioner [Bob Paulson](#) will host the Twitter chat along with Ontario Provincial Police Deputy Commissioner [Scott Tod](#), who is also Co-Chair of the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime (CIROC). The goal of the chat is to respond to questions and promote awareness about organized crime in Canada.

A [backgrounder](#) on the organized crime trends is also now available on the website of [Criminal Intelligence Service Canada](#) (CISC) and will serve as the basis for tomorrow's Twitter chat. The backgrounder outlines the NEC's Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime, which is supported by CISC and CIROC. A number of recent investigations are also profiled to help Canadians understand the magnitude and impact of organized crime in Canada.

The vast majority of Canadians have no direct involvement in organized crime but it has a direct impact on society within and beyond Canada's borders. Tomorrow's first time Twitter chat on this topic is key to helping Canadians avoid being victims or unwitting supporters of organized criminal activity.

Join the conversation! The Twitter chat begins at 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) on August 22 using the hashtag #orgcrimechat.

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About Criminal Intelligence Service Canada

CISC is a strategically-focused organization that facilitates the timely production and exchange of criminal information and intelligence within the Canadian law enforcement community. CISC's nearly 400 members include police agencies from the federal, provincial, regional and municipal levels as well as various law enforcement, intelligence and regulatory agencies. With 10 Provincial Bureaus and a Central Bureau in Ottawa, this membership represents a truly national criminal intelligence network that promotes integrated, intelligence-led policing in Canada.

About the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime

The Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime (CIROC) was formalized in June 2007, as the operational component of the Canadian Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime. The Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Organized Crime is a collaborative initiative between the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and the Criminal Intelligence Service of Canada (CISC) to coordinate a strategic plan for tackling organized crime through a unified Canadian Law Enforcement community at the municipal, provincial/territorial, regional and national levels.

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