



International Police Training

Quick Facts

- Since 1991, International Training Services has responded to requests in 140 countries.
- As of August 2004, international training, consultative and investigative activities had been provided in the following regions:

Europe:

Balkans, Central Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey.

South America:

Brazil

Africa:

Ghana, Mali, Algeria, Senegal, Burkina Faso

Middle East:

Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Syria, Afghanistan, Iran

Asia:

Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand,

Overview

The expertise of the RCMP is often highly sought after within the international law enforcement community.

International police request the RCMP's assistance in all areas ranging from chemical and forensic expertise to drug enforcement, proceeds of crime and organized crime, terrorism, and professional development to sharing our community policing service delivery model.

In order to respond to increasing requests for police training assistance from around the world, the RCMP established International Training Services (ITS) in 1991.

Police Training Assistance Program

On behalf of the Canadian government, the RCMP administers the Police Training Assistance Program (PTAP) under the 1981 Solicitor General of Canada *Ministerial Directive D-81-1, Police Assistance to Foreign Countries*.

The goal of the program is to provide learning opportunities to personnel in the international police community and to increase their

skills and knowledge in operational and administrative matters over the long-term.

Various RCMP policy centres, divisions and other training units supply resources and other expertise for international police training programs. Funding is obtained through a variety of government and private sector sources.

Training Approach

Training provided by the RCMP focuses on areas of international law enforcement that have a direct impact on the safety and security of Canadians and Canadian interests.

The RCMP's international training philosophy is based on the notion of training the trainers. The goal is to ensure police trainers in the client country become competent, self-sufficient and eventually capable of designing, delivering and evaluating their own training courses.

The RCMP uses a community-based policing approach in its training. This approach promotes shared responsibility for problems and solutions between the police and members of the community.



International Police Training

Requests for international training

All police training assistance provided by the RCMP to the international police community begins with a request from a client country. The requests are processed through RCMP Liaison Officers stationed in different countries, Foreign Affairs Canada or the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The requests are reviewed and the International Police Assistance Secretariat will make the final recommendation.

Before providing training, ITS conducts a thorough needs assessment in the client country to determine what exists in that country and what is needed with respect to police training.

International training projects

ITS is currently developing, implementing or analyzing the need for training programs in different areas, including: human resources management, intelligence analysis, investigative techniques, forensic interviewing, advanced collision analysis, specialized investigations dealing with organized crime, human rights and democracy, witness protection, major crimes with emphasis on homicides, critical incident, equestrian training, drug enforcement and tactical incident.

Canadian Police College

International Training Services also manages a training program at the Canadian Police College (CPC) for police personnel from around the world. The CPC campus has specialized facilities for training in explosives, forensic identification, computer crime and drug investigations, among others.

For more information, please visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.