

# RCMP

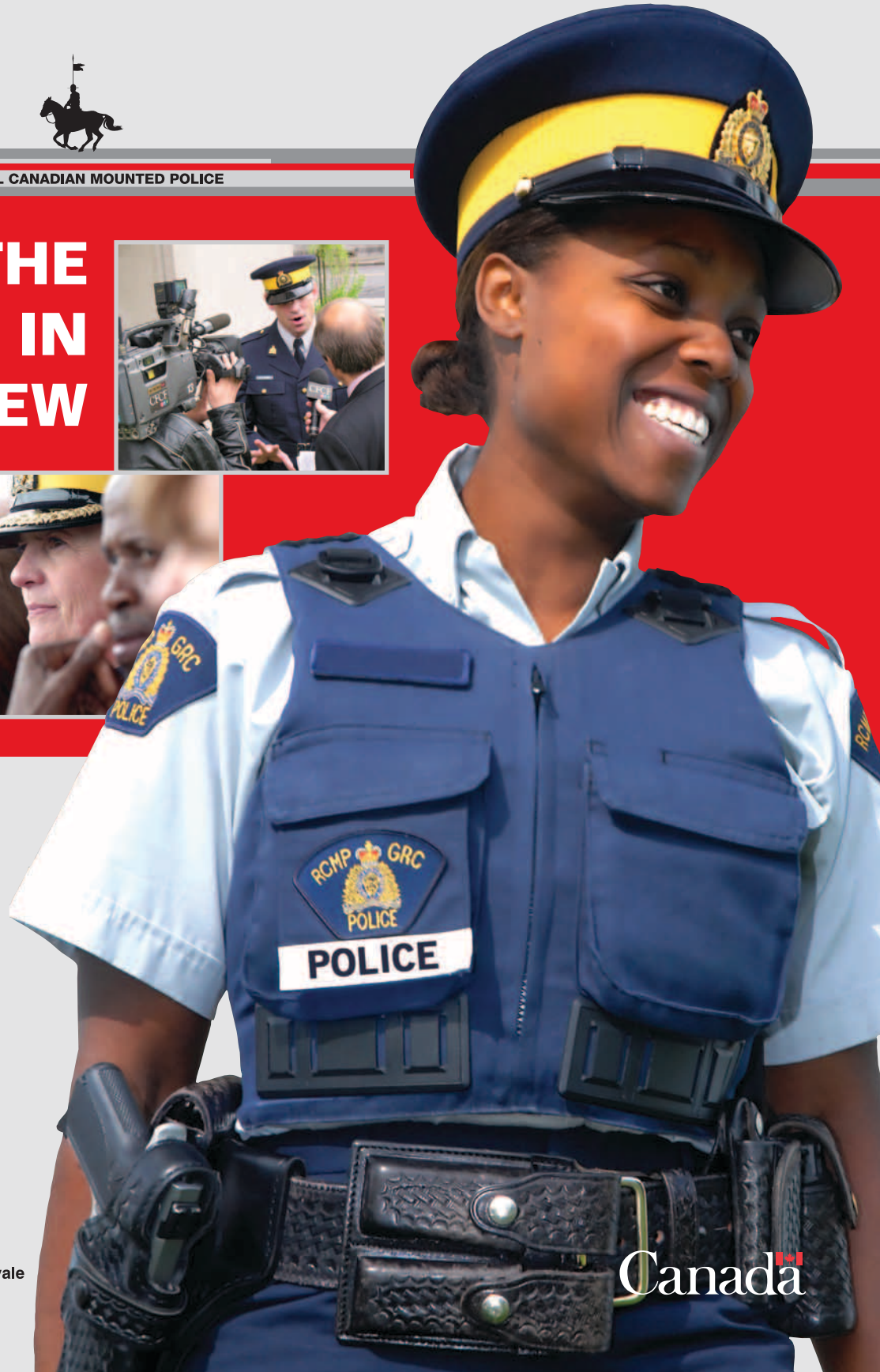


ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW



2005-2006  
"C" DIVISION



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## MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

It may be a cliché to say that our world is getting smaller every day, but clichés arise from simple truths. The fact is, a single event can now have global consequences, even if those consequences are not immediately apparent.

Take, for example, the August 2006 terrorist arrests in London, England. As a result of these arrests, many Canadians now feel a heightened sense of apprehension about flying, or even about visiting an airport.

We have seen this pattern of cause and effect many times. When a hurricane threatens the Gulf Coast, we worry about oil prices. When hopeful signs point toward stability in the Middle East, we see oil prices go down. And when criminal groups organize across international jurisdictions, as they are doing now with alarming frequency, we all feel a little less safe. The need for interconnectedness is obvious. We must work in partnership with members of the law enforcement community at the municipal, provincial, federal and international levels.

In Quebec and south-eastern Ontario, we look at the international reality and channel our energies towards protecting Canada's financial integrity, helping to maintain national and border security and combatting organized crime.

To this end, we undertake major investigations that can extend over several years. In fact, a number of major and complex Canada-wide cases are carried out right here in "C" Division. Our investigations all have one thing in common: they are international. As we know, criminal organizations do not confine their illicit activities to one city or one geographic region, or even one country. They are structured networks, most of which have contacts in other parts of the world. That is why we rely on our expertise, criminal intelligence and partnerships to thwart these organizations. We also have some 30 liaison officers who help us develop relationships worldwide, beyond our Canadian borders.

Targeting the leaders of criminal rings and eliminating their sources of supply will destabilize these organizations and, in turn, disrupt the circle of crime. For example, by intercepting drug shipments to criminal organizations, we prevent these drugs from reaching the streets – and our children.

In short, the RCMP plays a crucial role in Quebec and south-eastern Ontario to ensure safe homes and safe communities. Citizens have the right to demand nothing but the best from us. And we have a duty to devote all our energy to reaching this goal. Every day, we accept this challenge with pride.



# OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## PROTECTIVE POLICING

“C” Division has demonstrated its ability to deliver protective policing services – a key business line within our federal mandate. Protective Policing encompasses protecting VIPs and their spouses, including Canada’s Prime Minister and Governor General, foreign heads of state and dignitaries while they are in Quebec. Drawing on several decades of experience, our officers perform high-risk work with professionalism and thoroughness.



## FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Whatever shape or form they take, crimes motivated by greed are crimes with far too many victims: they rob or divert funds away from citizens, businesses and institutions. In “C” Division, we rely on criminal intelligence, partnerships and the expertise of our investigators to enforce federal statutes and fight financial crime, also called “white collar crime”, nationally and internationally.

## NATIONAL SECURITY AND BORDER INTEGRITY

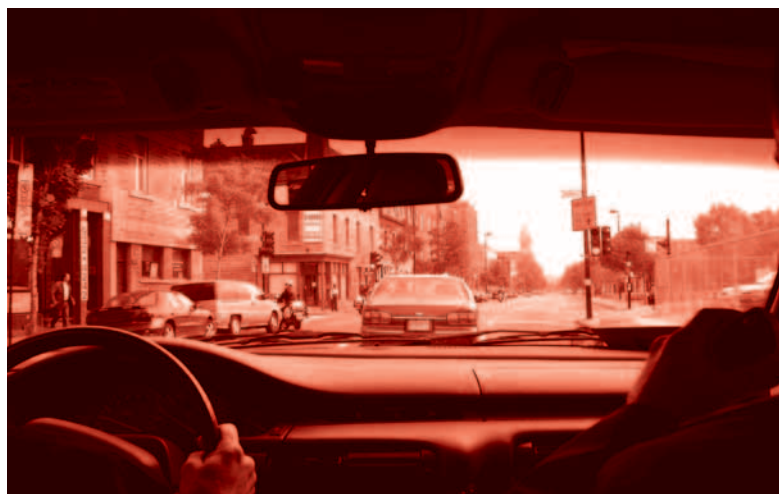
In “C” Division, we are committed to protecting our citizens against criminal activities related to national security, terrorism and land, air and sea border security. Using an intelligence-led, integrated approach, we succeed in preventing, deterring and detecting illicit activities within our jurisdiction.

## ORGANIZED CRIME

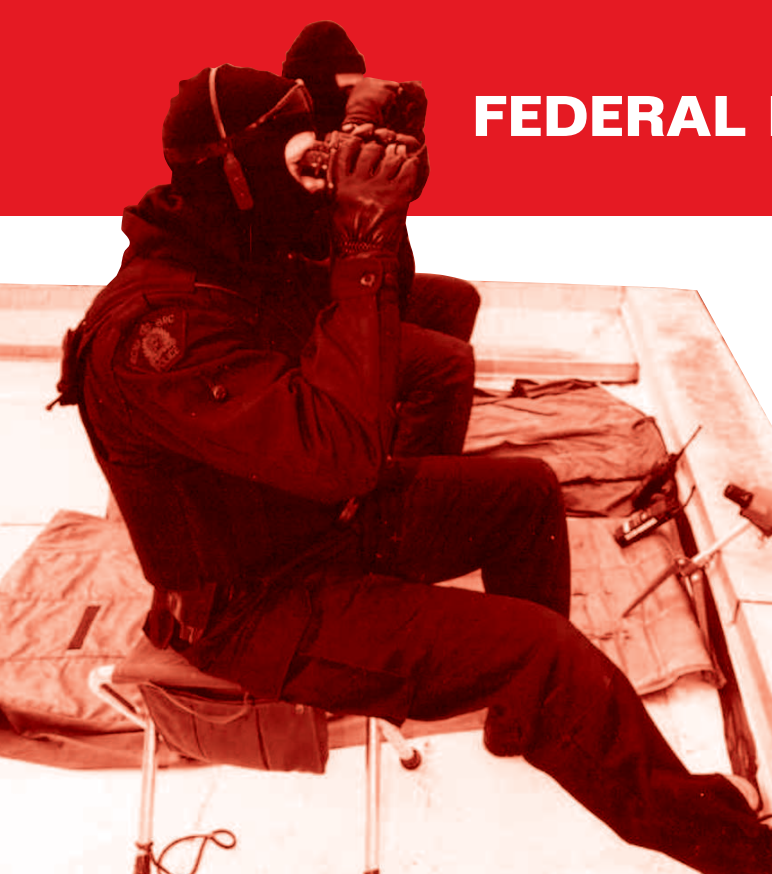
What is “organized crime”? According to the *Criminal Code*, it is a crime committed by a group of three or more people mainly for the purpose of obtaining financial gain. While organized criminal networks are a global scourge, each and every citizen is affected, directly or indirectly, by the illicit activities of these groups. In “C” Division, the sharing of information and the co-operation of the public and our national and international law enforcement partners are key to our fight against organized crime.

## CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Criminal intelligence is crucial for our officers. By collecting, compiling and analysing intelligence on the criminal elements within our jurisdiction, we are able to target the highest levels of these organizations. We use intelligence to develop a comprehensive picture of organized crime, establish our divisional priorities and conduct threat assessments.



# FEDERAL POLICING SERVICES



Again this year, our investigators did an excellent job of enforcing Canadian laws and keeping you safe and secure across our Division. In co-operation with our partners, we are constantly expanding our scope of action to prevent criminals from finding new opportunities for profit. The following is a brief overview of the operations carried out in 2005-2006.

## NATIONAL SECURITY AND BORDER INTEGRITY

- Two individuals were arrested for defrauding Canadian citizens of Iranian descent by charging them fees ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000 under the false pretence that they would help their families immigrate legally to Canada.
  - Six Montréal residents, including one immigration lawyer and two immigration consultants, were charged with misrepresentation and forging identification documents to help immigrants claim refugee status.
  - The principal of a Montréal private school was charged with producing false report cards and school attendance certificates for people abroad. These documents could be used to obtain Canadian citizenship or as proof of residence for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident status.
- In their efforts to prevent illegal entry in Canada, our investigators and their partners apprehended the captain of a freighter who failed to report the desertion of three of his sailors to the authorities. The man was sentenced to a \$9,000 fine and was deported from Canada.
  - In 2005-2006 at the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, our officers and their colleagues from other agencies seized a total of 11.5 kilos of hashish, 10 kilos of cocaine, 14.5 kilos of marihuana and 514 kilos of khat. The drugs, often concealed in false-sided suitcases, came from various countries including Great Britain, Haiti, South Africa, Costa Rica and Jamaica.



- Across Quebec and south-eastern Ontario, more than 350,000 cartons of cigarettes and 18 metric tons of tobacco were seized by our officers and their partners. They also apprehended more than 200 individuals and seized various quantities of drugs. It should be noted that 70% of the illegal cigarettes and a total of US\$1,500,000 were seized by our officers in the greater Cornwall-Valleyfield area.
- In co-operation with our partners in Quebec, we participated in Project C-KPOL (Monopole), a major Canada-wide law enforcement operation aimed at combatting tobacco smuggling. The one-year investigation culminated in 80 searches conducted simultaneously and resulting in the seizure of approximately 30 vehicles, large amounts of money and tobacco. The operation was carried out in various locations in the province of Quebec, as well as in Calgary, Hamilton and Vancouver.
- Together with our partners from Canada Revenue Agency and *Revenu Québec*, we launched an extensive awareness campaign aimed at 11,000 tobacco product retailers in Quebec. The purpose of this campaign was to provide retailers with information on illegal tobacco products, the fines and penalties associated with selling such products, and the several impacts of this illegal trade.





## FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

- In co-ordination with law enforcement authorities in 11 countries, we participated in a major international operation targeting criminal organizations involved in Internet software piracy and the illegal distribution of copyrighted works. The United States, Canada, Belgium, Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Korea, Poland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom timed their actions to carry out this operation called Site Down.
- An investigation by our officers and their partners resulted in the arrest of a Montréal resident who used as many as 20 false identities to alter and fraudulently cash money orders totalling \$236,000.
- The dismantling of a fraud ring which cloned bank cards in Montréal and Laval gas stations resulted in the arrest of 15 individuals and the seizure of 3,000 blank magnetic cards as well as approximately 20 computers and \$60,000 in cash.
- Our investigators and their partners arrested two individuals who were part of a ring involved in Canadian currency, credit card and passport counterfeiting. They seized more than 9,000 blank magnetic cards and \$280,000 in counterfeit bills.



- A man, who had mailed \$30,000 to fraudsters, recovered his money thanks to the quick action of our officers and their partners, who managed to intercept the money. Thinking that he had inherited a large sum, the victim fell prey to a scam commonly known as the West African letter scam.



- All over Quebec, our officers recovered a wide range of counterfeit goods, including batteries, equipment used to steal telecommunications services, pharmaceuticals, software, etc. The total value of the goods seized exceeded six million dollars. Among other things, our investigators and their partners dismantled a ring that sold counterfeit clothing under the brand names Versace and Armani. They also seized more than 21,000 illegal CDs and DVDs of films, music, video games and software.
- Two high-profile cases captured the attention of the public and the media in the last year: the federal government sponsorship program and the Norbourg investigations. These are considered priorities by our Division. Our officers are actively pursuing their investigations with thoroughness and professionalism.
- In co-operation with the Bank of Canada, we planned the first-ever Forum on Counterfeiting to raise our partners' awareness about the role of the various agencies engaged in the fight against counterfeit money, emerging fraud trends and the new bank notes processing system.

# FEDERAL POLICING SERVICES

## ORGANIZED CRIME

- A large criminal ring involved in cannabis production and exportation to the United States was dismantled. Forty-two people were arrested thanks to Project Cure. Several properties, buildings, farm lands as well as a helicopter and other vehicles were seized.
- A first in Canada! Our investigators thwarted a Montréal criminal organization claiming on their Web site to be the North American supplier for indoor and outdoor cannabis production. Project Courriel culminated in the seizure of 200,000 cannabis seeds and the arrest of seven persons. This amount of seeds could have made it possible to operate approximately 500 cannabis greenhouses of 400 plants each, potentially leading to the sale of 42 million joints on the street.
- Our officers and their partners dismantled a criminal organization involved in the distribution of cannabis to 12 Aboriginal Communities in Northern Quebec and Nunavut. More than 40 individuals were charged with organized crime, drug trafficking, conspiracy to traffic in drugs and money laundering offences. Approximately \$95,000 in cash, a cannabis greenhouse and various weapons were seized during the searches.



- An LSD distribution ring was dismantled thanks to our investigators and their partners. A total of 5,067 LSD blotters and some hashish and cannabis were seized, and three individuals were arrested. The drugs were imported from the Netherlands and transited through Vancouver for final distribution in Quebec.

## VIP SECURITY

Our Protective Services experts perform high-risk work protecting VIPs in the province of Quebec. These officers receive advanced driving and firearms training and their work requires accuracy, concentration, diplomacy and an excellent sense of organization. Their professionalism and vast knowledge of the customs of foreign dignitaries ensure that VIP visits meet the highest standards.

- In 2005-2006, we ensured the protection of the President of Haiti, Princess Margaret of the Netherlands, the Prime Minister of Vietnam and former United States President, Bill Clinton. In addition, during the last federal election campaign, the longest in Canadian history, rigorous planning around the party leaders' tour was undertaken by our protective service team.
- The 11th United Nations Conference on Climate Change was held in Montréal in December 2005. We acted as the co-ordinating agency for the security of this international event.





# PARTNERSHIPS



For some, partnership is nothing more than a buzz word. For us, it's an essential tool that truly makes our organization more efficient and stronger. In the fight against highly sophisticated organized groups, building partnerships with other police forces, governments, agencies and communities is crucial. This allows for the sharing of our expertise and resources as well as quality criminal intelligence. It provides the impetus, the drive to work towards a common goal: ensuring safe homes and safe communities across our jurisdiction.

Information obtained from the public – our most valued partner! — is essential to our fight against crime in all its forms. By acting as our eyes and ears, the community often sparks major, complex investigations. Across Quebec and south-eastern Ontario, thanks to our partners and the public, we are weaving an invisible web to entrap criminals.



## A NEW MARINE PARTNERSHIP : THE MARINE SECURITY ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Marine Security Enforcement Team was created in the summer of 2005 to further enhance national security and strengthen Canada's response to potential threats. This new team is led jointly by the RCMP and the Canadian Coast Guard. This partnership provides us with an unparalleled patrol and enforcement capacity and increases police presence all along the St. Lawrence Seaway.

# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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