Mission 20/20

International Police
Peace Operations
Program

CANADA'S POLICE...
building a more
secure world

Canada's Police in International Peace Operations

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

About the program

- First deployment of 100 RCMP officers to United Nations mission in Namibia in October 1989.
- Since then: 2,500 deployments of 2,000 police to 52 missions in 29 countries.

About the program

- Canadian police have served in Africa, the Americas, the Balkans, the Middle East, the Pacific and Southwest Asia
- Municipal and provincial police services joined the program in 1995.
- A total of 47 partners have participated in the program.

About the program

- Today, around 158 police are deployed to 15 missions in 12 countries. (20 New in Sudan)
- Afghanistan, Haiti and Sudan are our three key missions.
- Women account for approx 10% of all deployments – 175 women have done 205 deployments.

About the program

- The demand for Canadian police to serve on missions has never been greater.
- Canada may be called upon to deploy up to 500 police in the next five years.
- Deployments up to 180 by end of 2009.
- Looking for: candidates willing to serve in Afghanistan; more female candidates.

Responding to foreign requests

- **Program goal**: promote international peace and security
- Making unstable countries safer makes Canada safer
- How do we respond to request?

Afghanistan

- Since June 2003
- Advise, mentor and train the Afghan National Police
- Current operations:
  - PRT
  - CSTC-A
  - EUPOL Mission
  - Embassy of Canada, Kabul

Afghanistan

Roles:

- Front-line training on wide variety of police skills
- Designing training programs
- Mentoring Afghan police chiefs
- Advising Canadian officials

Haiti
MINUSTAH

- 2004 to present
- **Mandate:** mentoring, restructuring and reforming the Haitian National Police

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Roles:

- Training on spectrum of police skills
- Monitoring - elections
- Investigations
  - Narcotics
  - Border integrity
  - Major crimes

Sudan
UNMIS/UNAMID

- May 2006 to present
- **Mandate:** advise, train, mentor and support the restructuring of the South Sudan Police Service

Advantages of Participation

- Help fragile communities
- Help ensure safe communities in Canada
- Gain leadership experience
- Broaden your horizons
- Material benefits

Special Considerations

- Time away from family
- Culture shock, Isolation, lack of comforts
- Tours are usually 9 to 12 months; 7 days a week
- May be exposed to hostilities in theatre
- Releasability

Selection Criteria

- Requirements:
  - Minimum 5 years operational experience
  - PARE test in 4 min. or less
  - Medical clearance (physical and psychological)
  - First aid/CPR, drive a 4x4, basic computer skills

The Mission Cycle

- Release from your Service / Division
- Joining instructions
- Passports, info on pay and travel
- Pre-deployment preparation session
- Operations, health briefing, administrative briefing, cultural awareness, specialized training
- Deployment
- Re-integration

Questions?

Canada's police community . . .
working together to build a more secure world

The Canadian Way

My Brother…

Motivation for Service