



CISNB releases report on organized crime in New Brunswick

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WOODSTOCK - The Criminal Intelligence Service New Brunswick (CISNB) released its third annual report on organized crime today during a meeting of the New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police. This report, *ORGANIZED CRIME: Imprints on New Brunswick*, provides an analysis of the serious crime that organized groups are involved in, as well as the key issues that contribute to their criminal activity.

The report was presented by CISNB Executive Committee Chair, Assistant Commissioner Steve Graham (Commanding Officer, RCMP J Division), who was joined by Chief Al Bodechon (Saint John Police Force), Chair of the New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police, and Louis Lefebvre (Director, CISNB).

“Law enforcement reported more than 50 organized crime groups that were operating in the province in 2005/06” says Louis Lefebvre. According to the *Criminal Code of Canada*, organized crime refers to any group of three or more people engaged in a continuing pattern of serious criminal activity where the primary motive is profit. “The majority of New Brunswick groups are independent or local drug-based organized crime groups, not ethnic-based criminal groups.”

The criminal activities of organized crime groups remained relatively stable over the past year. Organized crime groups in New Brunswick continue to operate primarily in the illicit drug market, including drug trafficking, production and smuggling. A couple of trends include the number of firearms seized in collateral investigations, reports of methamphetamine are now coming from across the province and seizures of counterfeit goods are expected to increase in the next year. Organized crime groups are also involved in various motor vehicle crimes and money laundering.

Organized crime impacts the public negatively, socially and financially. That is why tackling organized crime is one of law enforcement’s priorities. CISNB member agencies work together to gather and share information and intelligence to prevent, detect and reduce organized and serious crime in New Brunswick. “Law enforcement are committed to integration, working together to identify and dismantle organized crime groups that are causing harm to New Brunswick communities.” stated Chief Al Bodechon.

Being aware of different types of organized criminal activities can prevent you or others from becoming victims. “To fight organized crime we must be coordinated as law enforcement agencies in gathering, using and sharing criminal intelligence. This public report will help us do just that, by educating the public about the real dangers which exist here at home and providing

tips on what can be done to deal with those threats.” stated Assistant Commissioner Steve Graham. The public can make a difference by reporting suspected criminal activity to local police or Crime Stoppers.

CISNB is one of ten provincial bureaus of the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC). Located in Fredericton, CISNB supports law enforcement through the collection, analysis and dissemination of criminal intelligence.

*This report is accessible on the CISNB website at <http://www.cisnb-srcnb.ca>.
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