



Combating Organized Crime



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Presentation Overview

- What is Organized Crime
- Intelligence Bureau
 - Composition
 - Partnerships
- Illicit Activities
 - Products of organized crime
 - The business of organized crime
- Criminal Investigation vs Criminal Organization Investigation
 - Challenges





Criminal Organization

Criminal Code s.467.1(1)

A criminal organization is:*

- Composed of three or more persons
- Main purpose or activities is the facilitation or commission of one or more serious offences
- Resulting in direct or indirect receipt of material benefit including financial benefit of the group



* Summary based on criminal code – see legislation for complete description



Hollywood Organized Crime



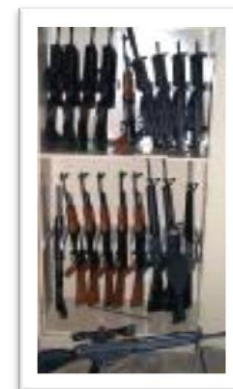
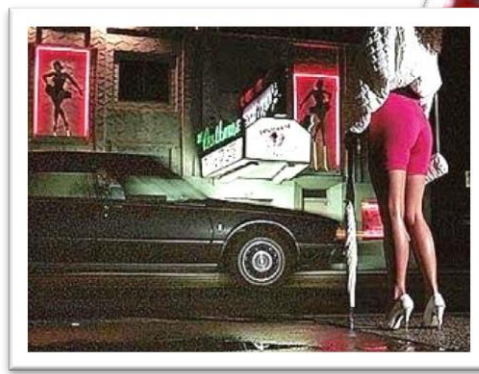


Illicit Activities

Endeavours that Organized Crime is involved in

- Drug importation/Trafficking
- Prostitution/Adult entertainment
- Human trafficking
- Extortion/Rackets
- Illegal gambling/ Internet gaming
- Money laundering
- Corruption
- Insurance fraud
- Fraud
- Waste management
- Contract murder
- Hydroponic cultivation
- Environmental crime

“There is no such thing as a victimless crime”





Goal of Organized Crime

- Create a monopoly for a particular service or goods – control of a criminal market
- Profit driven



NEWS TORONTO & GTA

Stolen high-end goods sold in makeshift store: Cops

BY SHAWN JEFFORDS, TORONTO SUN

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The image is a composite graphic. On the left, a yellow caution tape with the words "STOLEN GOODS" in black capital letters is stretched across the frame. A large green arrow points from the tape towards the right. On the right side, there is a pile of Canadian banknotes, including 20 and 50 dollar bills. Below this graphic is a white rectangular box containing a news headline and metadata.



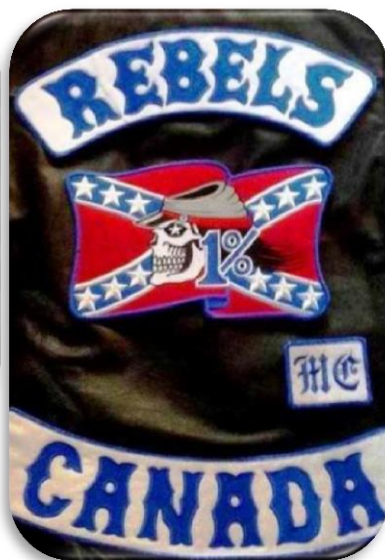
Organized Crime in the GTA

(Greater Toronto Area)

- GTA is the foremost base of operations for Asian Organized Crime
- GTA is a major hub for Eastern European Organized Crime
- GTA is the base for the majority of Traditional Organized Crime families in Ontario
- GTA has the highest concentration of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in North America



“One Percent” Motorcycle Clubs



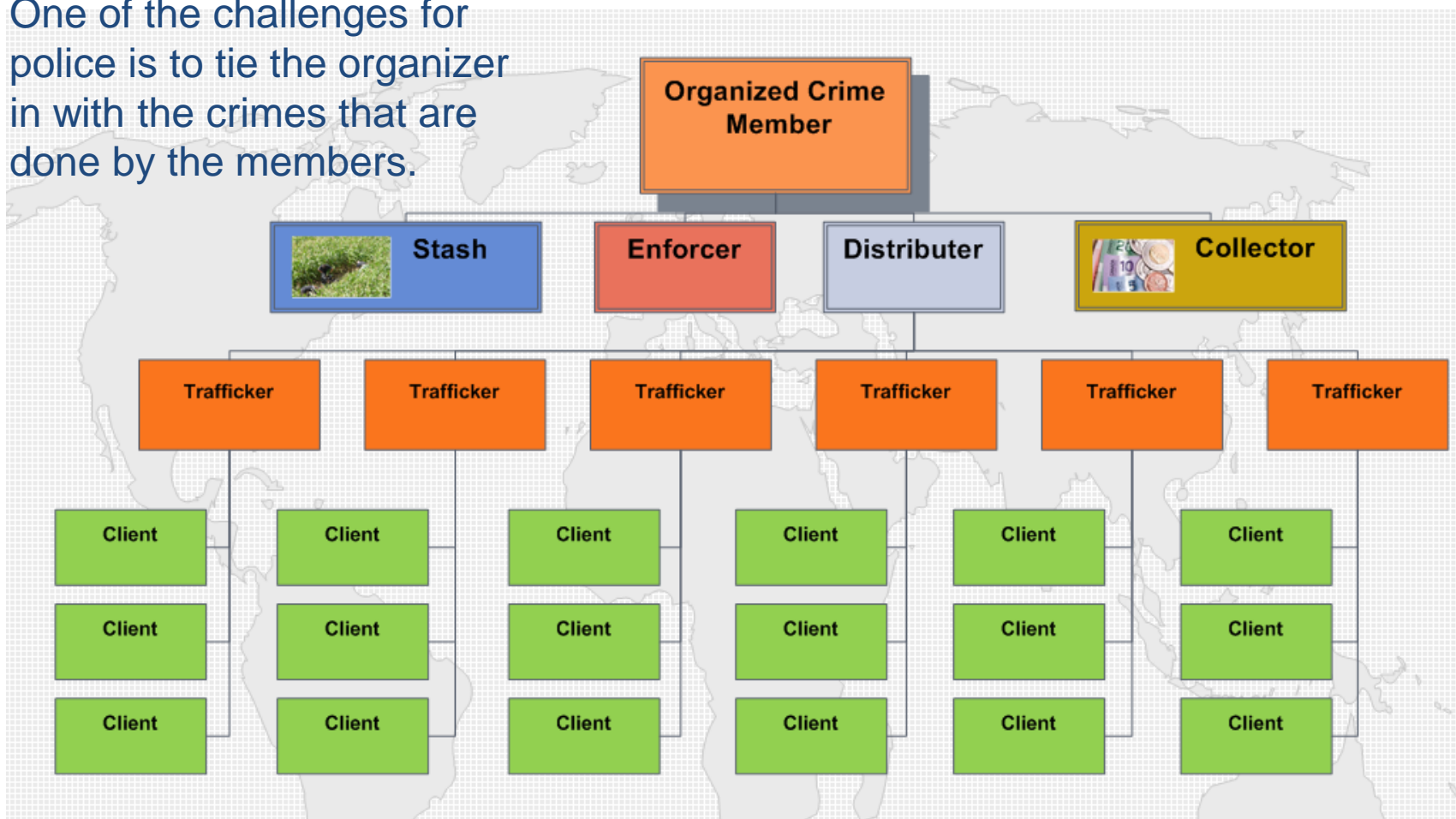
This is an example of organizations operating in York Region.





Criminal Organization

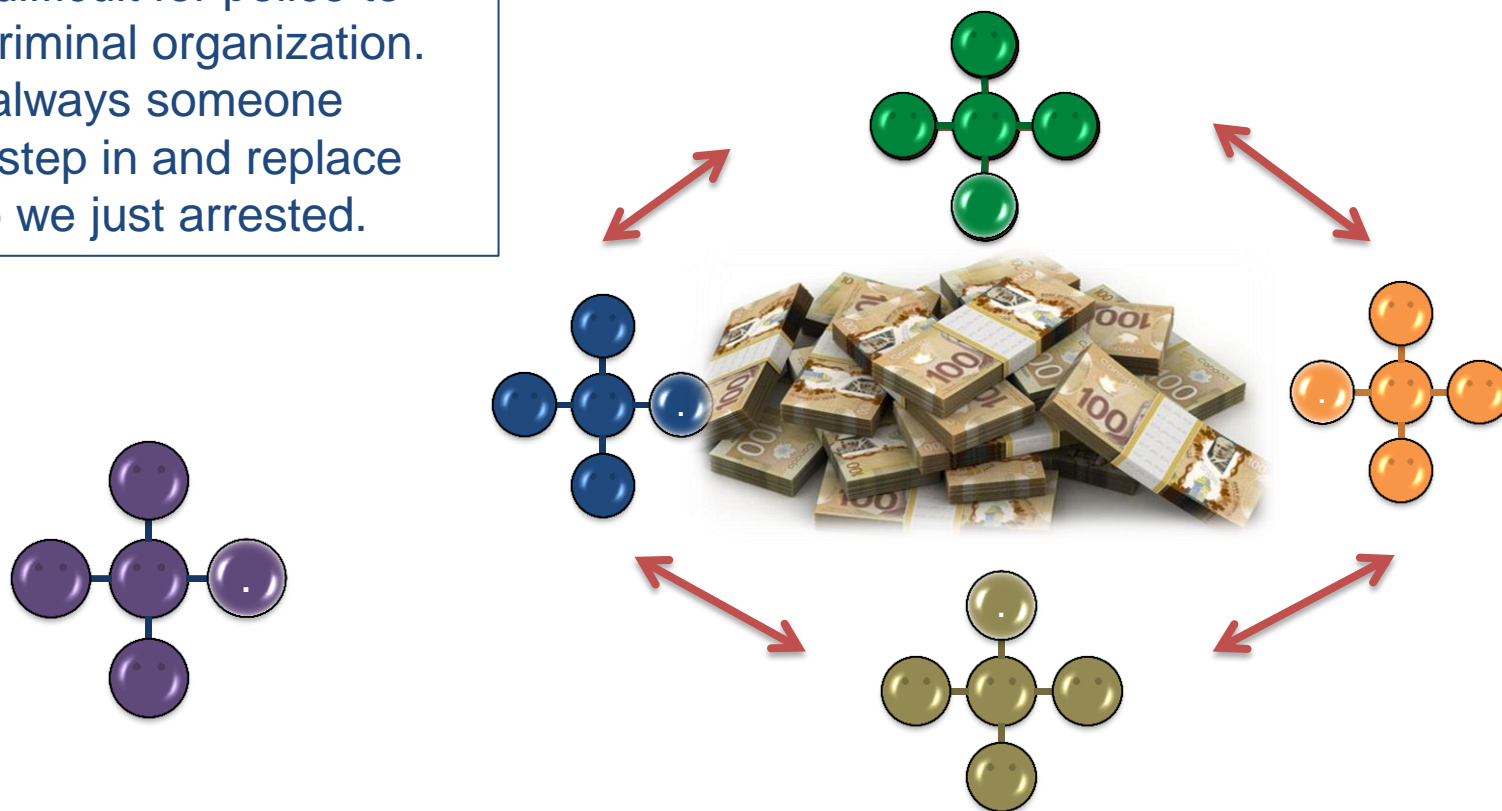
One of the challenges for police is to tie the organizer in with the crimes that are done by the members.





Fluid-based Structure

When one group is taken out, another takes its place. This makes it difficult for police to break a criminal organization. There is always someone willing to step in and replace the group we just arrested.





Goal of Intelligence

- Disrupt and Dismantle Organized Crime





Making a Difference in Our Community

Organized Crime Strategy

- Strategic intelligence-led policing model of service delivery
- Working collaboratively with our partners in law enforcement and the community to detect, disrupt and dismantle organized & serious crime





Intelligence Bureau

- Strategic Intelligence Unit
- Special Services Unit (SSU)
 - Mobile Support
 - Technical Support
 - Covert Operations
- Integrated Crime Analysis Unit (ICAU)
 - Crime Analysts
 - Intelligence Analysts
- Interception Facility

Police find marijuana grow-op in corn fields

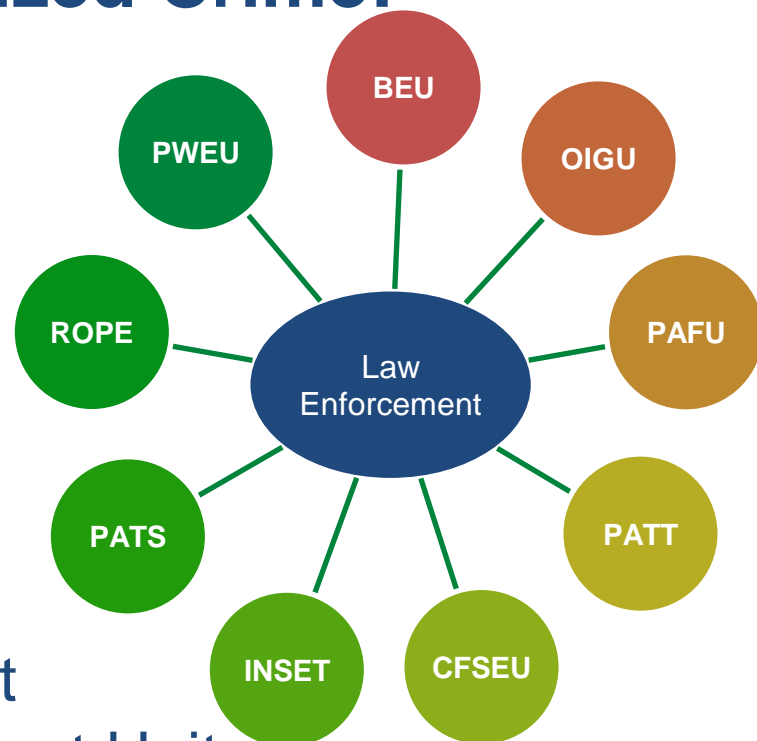




Partnerships

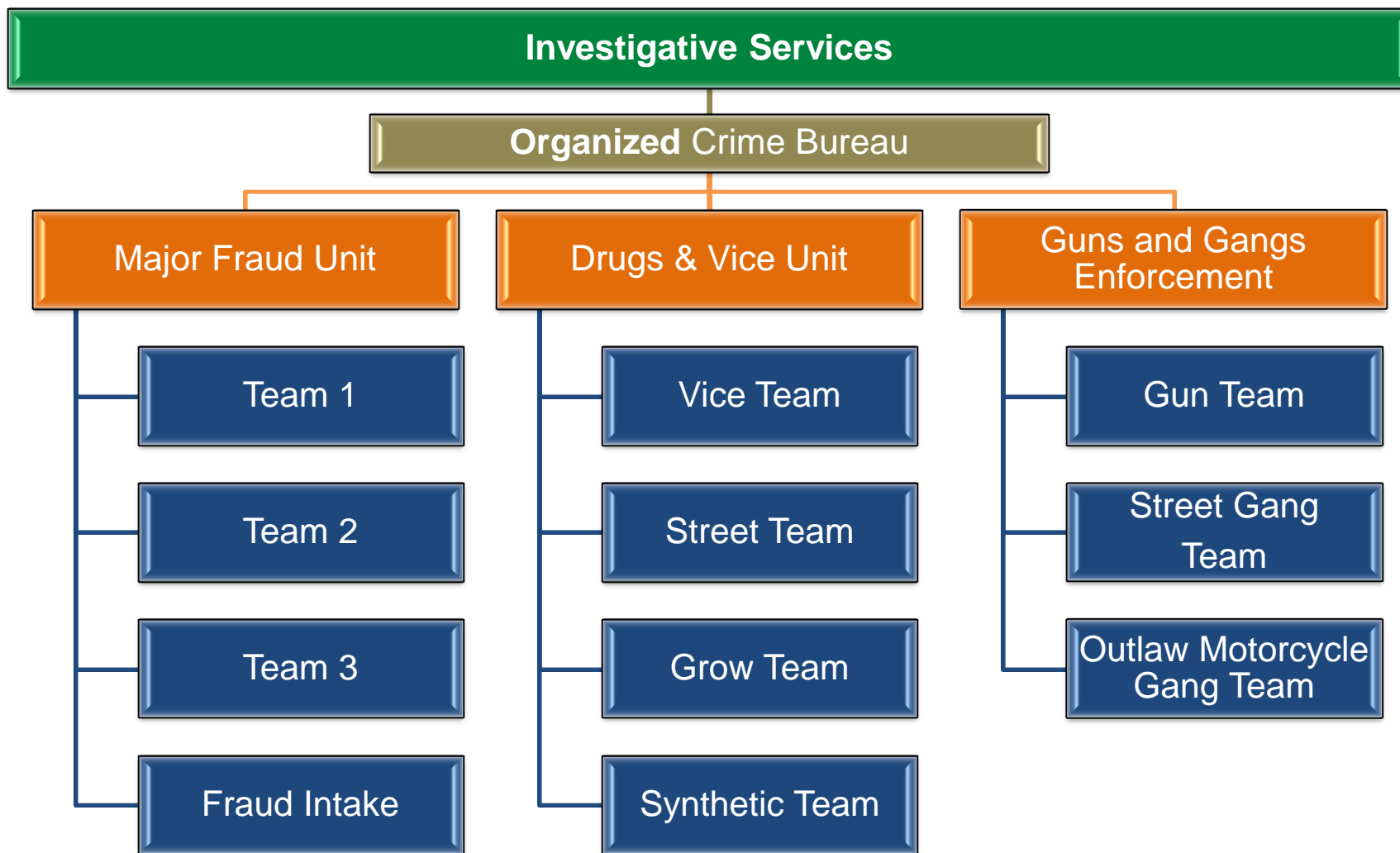
- **Major Investigations Organized Crime:**

- Biker Enforcement Unit
- Illegal Gaming Unit
- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit
- Provincial Anti-Terrorism Unit
- Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams
- Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit
- Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit
- Federal Policing Partners





Organized Crime Bureau





Criminal Markets





Cocaine Production

It takes 500 kilograms of coca leaf to make one kilogram of cocaine





Finished Product



The product is produced using various chemicals including gasoline. It is then dried and formed.

Now it needs to be packed and shipped to the markets.



Packaging



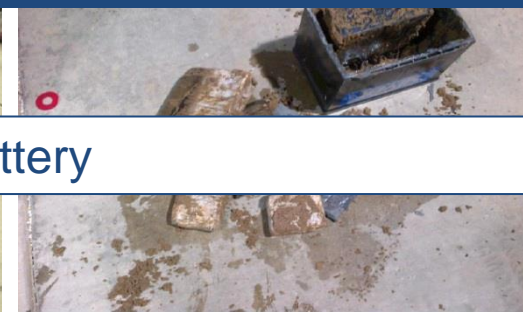
It is packed in wax foil
Dipped in motor oil,
wrapped again and
then dipped in coffee
in an attempt to
prevent discovery by
police and border
service canine units.



Importation Method




Extensive world-wide network to transport and deliver this commodity



Drugs shown packed in a lawn mower and a car battery



The Business of Cocaine

• 3.5 grams (eight ball)		\$225 - 280
• ¼ ounce (7 grams)		\$350 - 450
• 1/2 ounce (14 grams)		\$600 - 850
• 1 ounce (28 grams)		\$1,300 -1,800
• 9 ounces (9 pack) (252 grams)		\$9,500 -12,000
• ½ kg (500 grams)		\$20,000 - <u>25,000</u>

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- 1 kg of cocaine base = \$900 in Peru
 - 1 kg of cocaine base = \$1,200 in Bolivia
 - 1 kg in Columbia 85-95 per cent pure (finished cocaine) = \$2,000
 - 1 gram is \$3.5 dollars in Columbia
 - 1 kg in Canada 85 per cent pure = today \$43,000 to \$55,000



Clandestine Labs – Synthetic Drugs & Marijuana Grow Operations

Labs produce drugs using dangerous chemicals and methods. These methods of drug and grow production can result in fires and danger to the community and surrounding properties.





Guns and Gangs

Over 70 identified street gang members in York Region. Some have ties to national and international organized crime.

In marketing and transporting their products, they use firearms to safeguard its delivery.





Fraud is a Serious Business in Canada



Insurance fraud - Estimated at \$3 billion annually, a cost resulting in a 10 to 15 per cent increase in premiums to cover the cost of insurance fraud



Organized Crime and Human Trafficking

Every person who recruits, transports, transfers, receives, holds, conceals or harbours a person, or exercises control, direction or influence over the movements of a person, for the purpose of exploiting them or facilitating their exploitation.

These women and men are considered as commodities to be exploited.

They are worked 7 days a week and expected to take on ten plus customers per day. They will make over \$300,000 per year, each, for their bosses.

People for sale in Canada
THE ANSWER WILL SHOCK YOU.

Every year, people like Sonia are deceived or forced into a life no one would choose - sold into the sex trade, locked up in sweatshops, made to work for little or no pay. They are victims of human trafficking.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A SERIOUS CRIME.
www.justice.gc.ca

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you see everyday.

Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak with a victim.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1.888.3737.888

For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hn.gov/trafficking.

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NEWS

GTA police try to tackle N.S. prostitution ring



Working Together Against Organized Crime

- Most large organized crime investigations are multi-jurisdictional in nature
- Sharing of resources and financial responsibilities
- Joint-service Investigations – require focused long-term investigations





Criminal Investigation VS Investigating a Criminal Organization

Fraud
Bikers
Violence
Home-Invasion
Intimidation
Theft
Guns
Money
Assault
Organized-Crime
Drugs





Criminal Investigation

- Offence occurs
- Investigators gather evidence
- Interview witnesses
- Identify persons of interest
- Identify a suspect
- Evidence establishes reasonable grounds to arrest and lay a charge



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Criminal Organization Investigation

- Intelligence combines observations, communication and analysis
- Tactical Intelligence
- Operational Intelligence
- Strategic Intelligence



York cops bust 'significant' organized crime group 

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Intelligence is Used to Identify:

- The criminal organization
- The illicit criminal markets
- The organization's vulnerabilities
- A means to prioritize operations

Police have limited resources. Just like a business, a lot of thought is put into where these resources get used in order to get the most efficient results.





Challenges of Criminal Organization Investigations

- Team of investigators and support staff
- Must be able to target multiple illicit incomes
- Requires continued observations
- Seizure of evidence
- Requires analysis
- Technology
- Undercover operations
- Information / cooperation
- Crime time - react to organization's activity





Community Partnerships

- **School Boards** – Facilitate student and police interaction
- **Health Professionals** – Working with police and public identifying potential victims
- **Non-Governmental Agencies** – Assisting victims of crime and providing opportunities for prevention



Don't assume
what you're buying
is not stolen!



Investigative Services Community Advisory Council

- Community led and police supported
- Reduction of crime through community partnership
- Broad range of members based on ethnic and language diversity reflecting York Region





What Can You Do

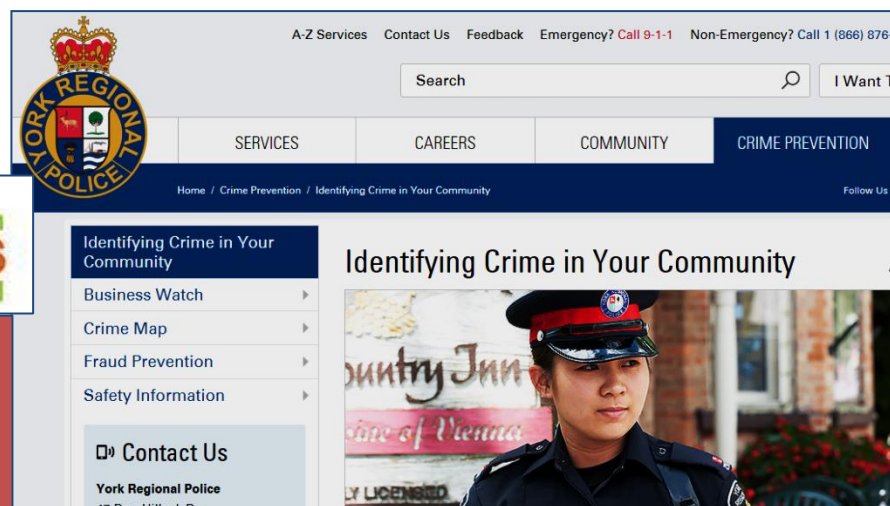
- Report all criminal and suspicious activity
- Visit yrp.ca for some tips on how to spot suspicious activity
- If you have information please contact York Regional Police or Crime Stoppers

BE AWARE:

Things Aren't Always
As They Seem!



1-866-876-5423 x 7753
For more information
contact info@yrp.ca

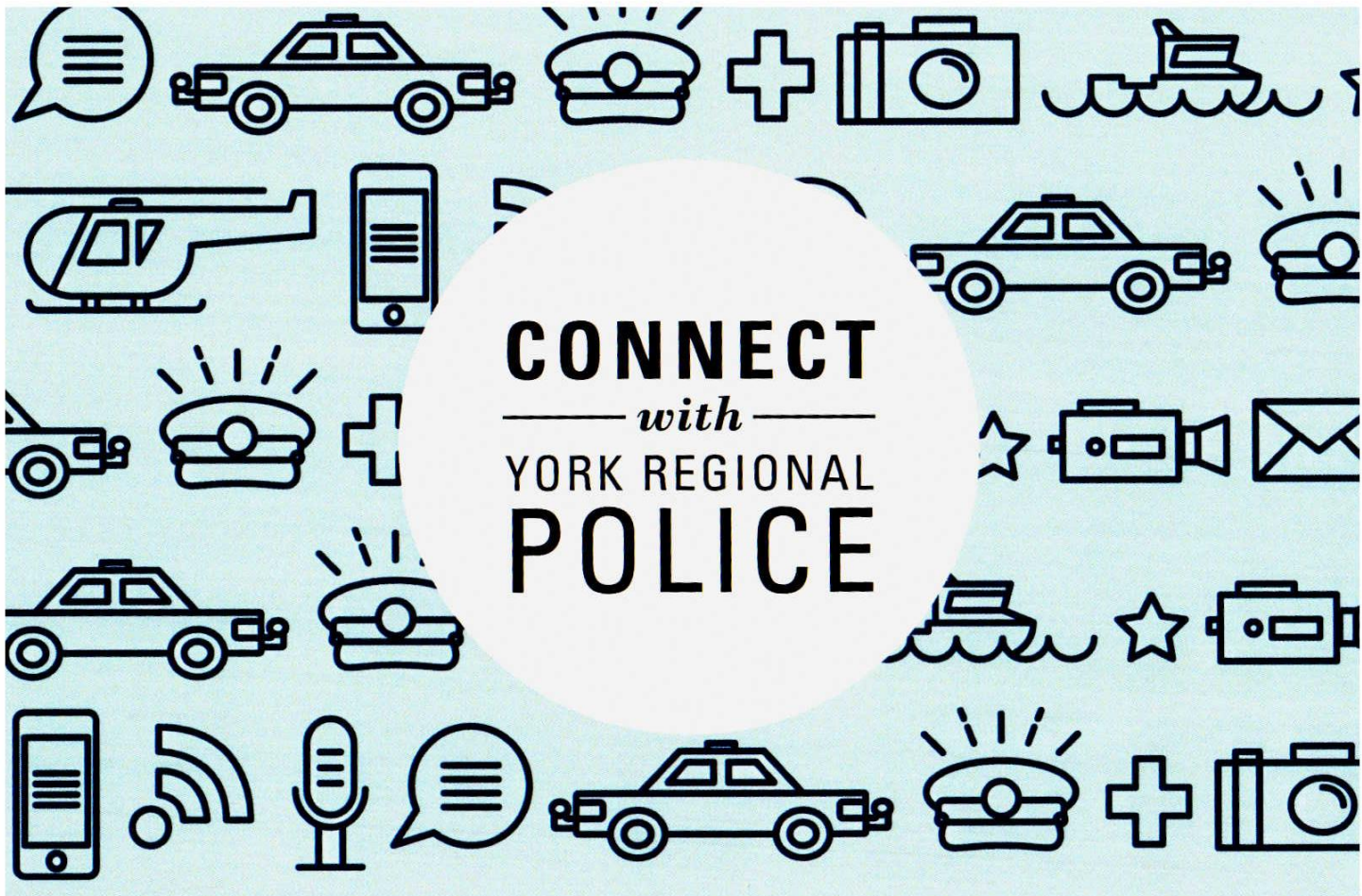




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