

Commercial Crime

Overview

The RCMP Commercial Crime Program's mission is to detect and prevent threats to the Canadian economy and to help ensure the integrity of Canadian institutions. The RCMP has 30 Commercial Crime Sections strategically located across the country. These units are staffed with dedicated experienced investigators and employees who are often supported by subject matter experts in different fields such as forensic accounting and criminal law. Commercial Crime Sections have developed strong partnerships with other law enforcement and government agencies, which have resulted in many successful public awareness and enforcement initiatives.

The best way to combat economic crime is through prevention. Public awareness is an important tool in preventing the victimization of Canadians. The RCMP Commercial Crime Program, in partnership with the public and private sectors, is committed to educating the public on ways to protect themselves from economic crimes.

Commercial Crime investigators are responsible for the gathering of evidence, interviewing of witnesses and suspects, compiling court briefs and reports, recommending necessary courses of action, and assisting with

the presentation of evidence and the prosecution of white-collar crime offenders before the courts.

Specialized duties

Specialized duties include assisting the Superintendent of Bankruptcy by investigating offences relating to the insolvency process. Approximately one percent of all bankruptcies are referred for investigation.

Commercial Crime & Major Fraud

This group is involved in detecting and deterring criminal activity within the business and securities community at the local/international level. This includes issues related to fraudulent telemarketing and identity theft/fraud.

Counterfeiting

This group is involved in suppressing the manufacture and distribution, within Canada, of counterfeit currency, tokens of value, federally issued negotiable instruments, and payment cards.

Security Fraud Information Centre

The Security Fraud Information Centre provides a criminal record vetting service to the federal regulators of financial institutions and provincial securities commissions in order to assist them in controlling white-collar crimes within their industries. resolution.

Quick Facts

- There are 34 Commercial Crime units across Canada.
- The Commercial Crime Program has over 450 members.
- Commercial Crime
 Unit investigators have
 specialized knowledge
 and backgrounds in
 such fields as
 accounting, law,
 finance, economics,
 computer science and
 business
 administration.





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Federal Statute Enforcement

On behalf of various federal government departments, the Commercial Crime Sections have accepted primary responsibility for enforcing the provisions of some 11 federal statutes and 23 federal programs.

Cross Border Crime Forum, the National Mass Marketing Crime Prevention Forum, the U.S. Secret Service, the Federal Trade Commission, the FBI, Interpol, and many others.

National Economic Profiling Service

The National Economic Profiling Service prepares economic profiles on individuals and public and private companies.

The information in each profile is derived from publicly available information which includes Lexis Nexis, StockWatch, the Internet, Consumer Sentinel, among others.

Other Agencies

The Commercial Crime Program has developed strategic partnerships with the financial and banking communities, computer professionals, credit card manufacturers, government agencies and departments, and law enforcement agencies, both nationally and internationally.

Key partners include Public Safety Canada, the Department of Justice, the Bank of Canada and other federal departments and agencies, provincial and municipal police forces, such as the Ontario Provincial Police & Toronto Police Service, the Canadian Association of Internet Providers, the