Crime in British Columbia
An Overview

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Criminal organizations known to police, BC 2003-2008: integrating intelligence reveals scope of OC

Integration of BC police agency intelligence on OC

2003-2006
Known active organized crime groups by category, CISBC Provincial Threat Assessment, BC 2007

- Asian-based OC 16%
- Indo-Canadian OC 9%
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs 26%
- Independent (no dominant ethnicity or formal structure) 38%

Other 11%
Necessity of strategic targeting: estimated police capacity to investigate active OC groups, 2007-08

No capacity to target: 77%
Capacity to target: 23%
Organized crime: a dynamic challenge

- Different drug markets require distinct response from law enforcement
- Improvements in the marihuana grow situation set against new challenges in illicit synthetic drugs
  - Clandestine laboratories
  - Precursor chemicals
- Violence associated to organized crime remains a major threat
THE CONCEPT OF ORGANIZED CRIME

- Upper Level
  International / National

- Mid Level
  Provincial / Regional

- Street Level
  Municipal

Commodities

Armed Robberies
Thefts B.E. & Thefts
Home Invasions
Frauds
Prostitution
Possession of Stolen Goods

Loan Sharking
Trafficicking
Assaults
Weapons Offenses
Homicides
Extortion
RCMP STRUCTURE IN THE LMD

Service Delivery

- Federal
  International / National

- Provincial
  Mid-Level

- Municipal
  Street Level
Clandestine synthetic drug labs dismantled in British Columbia
Clandestine synthetic drug labs: distribution in BC 2007
Marihuana Production Offences (Including Tips):
Lower Mainland District RCMP

Number of Offences (and Tips)

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2006 - 2,500
2007 - 2,400
Turning tide on marihuana production?
“Hydroponic supply” businesses, Lower Mainland yellow pages 1990-2008, selected years

1998

- All Other Homicides: 71%
- OC/DT: 29%

2007

- All Other Homicides: 57%
- OC/DT: 43%
RCMP “E” Division Crime Reduction Initiative: performance on overall/property crime rates

Comparison of RCMP Lower Mainland District with selected Canadian jurisdictions

Data prepared by Criminal Analysis Section & Operations Strategy Branch, RCMP “E” Division
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Data sources

• Published crime rate data 2003-2007
• 2007 data not available in all cases
  – RCMP LMD, Vancouver, Montreal
• Data normalized to show change from prior baseline
Key findings

• RCMP LMD and VPD performance on property crime significantly better than national, regional, or similar-force comparisons

• Consistent with both forces’ **strategic approach to prolific offending** (national best practice)
CR "pilot sites" performance on property crime
2004-2006 vs Division average

Property crime relative to 2004 levels (2004=100%)

- 2004:
  - "E" Division average: 100
  - Pilot site average: 100

- 2006:
  - "E" Division average: 85
  - Pilot site average: 73

Legend:
- Light blue: "E" Division average
- Maroon: Pilot site average
2004-2006 Crime Reduction Initiative Pilot Sites
Relative performance re property crime rates (2004 = 100%)
Relative Change in Offending Rates 2004-2007
Total Criminal Code Offences

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Change in Property Crime rates: 2003-2007 (2003=100%)

Edmonton
Calgary
Vancouver
RCMP LMD
Change in Property Crime rates: 2003-2007 (2003=100%)
RCMP LMD & Toronto-area forces
Change in property crime rates: 2003-2007 (2003=100%)
Accounting for other explanations

• RMS transition?
  – NO… there is no change in patterns of decline pre/post RMS change, detachment by detachment

• ‘Designing out’ crime?
  – NO… factoring out motor vehicle theft makes only a marginal difference to the numbers

• Demographics?
  – NO… there is an overall national decline, but LMD decline is statistically distinct
Prolific offending as an enforcement focus

- 12% of offenders create 49% of provincial corrections admissions 1975-1998 (BC Corrections data)
- Response: detachment focus on repeat offenders, comprehensive court packages, court conditions – commenced pilot sites 2004, rest of Division 2005
- 2004-2006 RCMP Crime Reduction pilot sites
  - Penticton
  - Coquitlam/Ridge Meadows
  - Courtenay/Comox
  - Fraser Lake
  - Port McNeill
- Performance on property crime ahead of all comparison jurisdictions
~$530 Million LMD Policing Cost

**RCMP Model**
- Save $25M (gain 10% Fed)
- Save 10M @ RCMP Cost/RM
- -$120M
- -35M
- -25M
- $0
- +25M
- +38M
- +$220M

**Independent Model**
- +$25M (lose Fed 10%)
- + 13M @ VPD cost/RM

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If LMD’s 3600 Police Officers not held constant

**RCMP Cost/cap used**
For all Independents

**VPD Cost/Cap used**
for all RCMP Dets.
Integrated Criminal Justice and Crime Reduction in British Columbia: Key Partners

- Community partners
- BC First Nations organizations
- Education and Children & Family Development
- Regional Health authorities
- Policing services
- Crown prosecutors
- Corrections & Probation
- Municipalities

Engage with support
Managed choice
Real consequences

Offender management

Shared performance targets
An Integrated Criminal Justice System for British Columbia

Cabinet

Provincial Community Safety Steering Committee

Criminal Justice Reform Secretariat

Ministry/agency regional level representation

Integrated local level initiatives (e.g. prolific offender mgmt, street disorder reduction)

Negotiated CJS Performance Targets

Formal local partnerships: Police, Crown, Corrections, Probation, Health, Education, C&FD, FN, Municipalities & other agencies

Community partners
Questions and Discussion