



**'E' DIVISION CRIMINAL OPERATIONS
FEDERAL, INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE & ORGANIZED CRIME (FISOC)
FINANCIAL CRIME RESOURCES IN 'E' DIVISION**

Further to your request on 2020-08-26, please find below an overview of resources aligned with financial crime portfolios in E Division Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC), the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit – British Columbia (CFSEU-BC), and E Division Criminal Operations, Federal, Investigative Services and Organized Crime (CROPS FISOC).

As of 2020-08-01, there are three (3) primary units which conduct intelligence operations and investigations and develop initiatives focused on various streams of financial crime activities. A table depicting the number of dedicated resources by location is included. (*Appendix 1 refers*)

The three (3) primary units engaged in and dedicated to financial crime offences include:

1) E Division FSOC Financial Integrity Teams (FSOC FI)

Operating under the Federal Policing service delivery umbrella, four (4) financial crime teams are involved in assessing, determining the viability of, and investigating financial crime offences that are of regional, national or international significance which have strong money laundering, proceeds of crime, tax evasion, embezzlement, fraud / mass marketing fraud, corruption, and / or stock market manipulation components. Such offences pose a genuine threat to and negative impact on the economic stability and integrity of the country's economy.

Investigations for consideration may be generated internally or stem from referrals from other partner agencies, stakeholders or Units (Financial Transactions and Report Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), British Columbia Securities Commission (BCSC), Health Canada, or other foreign and domestic law enforcement and government agencies, etc). Further collaboration and coordination, including partnerships with these agencies as need be, is aimed to increase intelligence, detection, prevention and disruption to further support the varying mandates of the FI Teams.

Within the FI teams, additional capacity and valuable specialized support and expertise related to financial crime operations is provided by the Analytical Unit, as well as seconded personnel from other police departments, the CRA, Bank of Canada (BOC), BC Office of Civil Forfeiture (BC CFO) and independent contractors / reservists.

The FSOC FI Teams include:

- a. Money Laundering Teams 1 and 2, which undertake investigations having a nexus to transnational organized crime including networks, money controllers, and associates involved in the movement of criminal proceeds to, from or through



British Columbia, as well as the transnational networks that support them, including illegal money services businesses, mass marketing and other frauds having significant losses / scope.

Money Laundering Team 1 also has a cybercrime component to track and undertake cryptocurrency and cyber-related financial transaction investigations.

- b. Integrated Market Enforcement Team, which is responsible for detecting, investigating and deterring organized crime and others involved in securities-related offences with an emphasis on cases of national or international significance and genuine threats to investor confidence. These include criminal code offences associated to capital markets and publicly-traded securities, and provincial securities act offences, offences related to registered representatives, securities firms, transfer agents and provincial securities acts, and providing assistance to foreign and provincial securities commissions.
- c. Sensitive Investigation Team, which undertake politically-sensitive investigations including breach of trust, corruption, fraud and other offences involving government employees and officials in British Columbia, as well as threats directed towards government institutions which imperil political, economic or social integrity.

2) Joint Illegal Gaming Investigation Team (JIGIT)

Operating under the auspices of CFSEU-BC, JIGIT's mandate is to provide a dedicated, integrated and multi-jurisdictional approach to investigative and enforcement responses to illegal gambling in British Columbia, with an emphasis on top-tier organized crime / gangs and their activities related to legal and illegal gaming. Investigations focus on money laundering, proceeds of crime, corruption and infiltration, loan sharking, high-limit card rooms and underground gambling houses.

Maintaining specialized gaming enforcement capacity recognizes the high threat that illegal gaming and money laundering pose to British Columbia's gaming facilities. JIGIT is engaged with a number of stakeholders and partners to create and evolve education and prevention initiatives, and develop anti-money laundering strategies aimed at the gaming sector.

3) Project E-NEUTRALIZE

Under the auspices of E Division CROPS FISOC, Project E-NEUTRALIZE was established to provide direct support to the Cullen Commission of Inquiry aka Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia. As the primary E Division RCMP response, Project E-NEUTRALIZE is assisting the Cullen Commission in



its understanding of:

- a. the extent, growth, evolution and methods of money laundering in British Columbia across specific economic sectors;
- b. the acts or omissions of responsible regulatory agencies and individuals and whether those have contributed to money laundering in the Province or amount to corruption;
- c. the scope and effectiveness of the anti-money laundering powers, duties and functions of these regulatory agencies and individuals; and
- d. barriers to effective law enforcement in relation to money laundering.

In January 2020, Project E-NEUTRALIZE incorporated and renamed Project ATHENA to Counter Illicit Finance Alliance (CIFA), in recognition of this CFSEU-BC initiative which was designed to engage, strengthen and expand public and private partnerships, stakeholders and sectors impacted by money laundering, including challenges in combatting it and developing anti-money laundering solutions. ATHENA's success led to its rapid expansion and endorsement both nationally and provincially. Consequently, there was a need to transition the initiative to a permanent entity with formal structure, governance and coordination functions between and among its public and private participants and partnerships, both internally and externally.

In addition to these three (3) core financial crime units, and dependent on the size of the RCMP detachment, dedicated Economic Crime Teams or Detachment and District General Investigation Sections (GIS) also have some / limited capacity to undertake lower-level fraud, identity theft and other economic crime-related offences that occur within their jurisdiction. E Division FSOC FI and JIGIT often offers guidance, expertise and support to these investigative units.

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APPENDIX 1
E DIVISION RCMP DEDICATED FINANCIAL CRIME RESOURCES (as of 2020-08-31)

E DIVISION FINANCIAL CRIME UNITS	NUMBER OF REGULAR MEMBER (RM) POSITIONS				NUMBER OF CIVILIAN MEMBER (CM) POSITIONS				TOTAL RM & CM ESTABLISHMENT		
	Federally Funded	Provincially Funded	Other Police Dept	Vacant	Federally Funded	Provincially Funded	Other Agency	Vacant	Funded	Occupied	% Vacant
FEDERAL SERIOUS & ORGANIZED CRIME FINANCIAL INTEGRITY UNIT											
Money Laundering Team 1	19			6	1				20	14	30%
Money Laundering Team 2	23			5					23	18	22%
Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET)	26			12	3			1	29	16	45%
Sensitive Investigations Team	3	24		8	1				28	20	28%
Financial Integrity Intelligence Analytical Unit					11	1		7	12	5	58%
Secondments & Assignments*			2				2 CRA 1 BOC 1 BC CFO 5 contractors			10	
Total	71	24	2	30	16	1	8	7	112	73	35%
CROPS FISOC											
Project E-NEUTRALIZE	1	6				2			9	9	0%
CFSEU-BC											
Joint Illegal Gaming Investigation Team (JIGIT)		16		3		4		2	20	15	25%
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT	72	46	2	33	16	7	8	9	141	99	30%

*Secondments and Assignments provide valuable subject matter expertise and enhance capacity. They are not included in the Total Establishment as the positions are funded and staffed by the home agency.