



The Canadian Forces Military Police Group provide professional policing, security, and detention services to the Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence globally, across the full spectrum of military operations.



# MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

## Leadership Bulletin

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### CANADIAN FORCE MILITARY POLICE GROUP – DIVISIONS, JURISDICTION, AND INTERACTION

#### Divisions of the CF MP Gp

The Canadian Force Military Police Group (CF MP Gp) is responsible for providing police and security services to the Canadian Armed Forces, its people, property, and locations. The policing services of the CF MP Gp are separated into four divisions. Three frontline uniformed groups and one major crimes unit. All Divisional Headquarters are in Ottawa, except for the Air Force MP Group Headquarters, that is located in Winnipeg:

- Naval Military Police Group (NMP Gp);
- Army Military Police Group (AMP Gp);
- Air Force Military Police Group (AF MP Gp); and
- Canadian Force National Investigation Service (CFNIS).

As an example of breadth of coverage, in Manitoba three divisions occupy this province. Near Brandon, at Canadian Forces Base Shilo, the Army MP Group has the responsibility for frontline policing. In Winnipeg, at 17 Wing, the Air Force MP Group has the responsibility for frontline policing. Finally, should there be an incident that is serious and or sensitive in nature, the Western region office of the CFNIS would assume investigative responsibility. All this activity is deconflicted through our Versadex based Military Police Information System.

As the Commander of the Air Force MP Group, I am co-located in Winnipeg with 1 Canadian Air Division (1 CAD), the operational arm of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). My position is responsible for two regional headquarters, eleven police detachments from BC to NL, and two force protection detachments that fly with RCAF aircraft.

With this said, as the CF MP Gp representative to the MACP, I can assist any agency that has questions about the Canadian Armed Forces or needs a link in with someone from the organization. Navigating “who is responsible for what” can even be difficult for personnel within the Canadian Armed Forces, so if we can be of assistance to external agencies, it could help facilitate your ongoing investigations.



### Jurisdiction of the CF MP Gp

The Military Police are federal peace officers that enforce the Criminal Code and the National Defence Act. Our jurisdiction extends to geographical property, such as Canadian Armed Forces Bases and Wings. It also extends to material property, such as ships and aircraft. Lastly, it extends to people. More specifically, regular force members of the Canadian Armed Forces are subject to MP jurisdiction 24/7 whether they are on or off duty and regardless where they live or work. It is this part of MP jurisdiction that has most interaction with our civilian police partners.

More and more members of the Canadian Armed Forces are living off of Defence Establishments and in the civilian community. When an offence occurs involving a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, there may be incidents where multiple agencies have jurisdiction to investigate the same offence. When this occurs, it would be very handy to know that the Military Police can assist with information and other investigative activities if required.

Every regular force member of the Canadian Armed Forces carries an invisible bubble of MP jurisdiction with them wherever they may go. It is this authority that enables the CF MP Gp to conduct investigative activities of criminal or service related matters throughout Canada and around the globe, especially during named Canadian Armed Forces missions or training exercises.

#### Interaction with the CF MP Gp

Knowing that CF MP Gp has both frontline and major crimes capacities, along with the jurisdictional ability to exercise its law enforcement responsibilities, is important to understand as a civilian policing organization.

In many cases we encourage and seek out opportunities to be contributory to the requests of partner agencies. Within the CFNIS, we have established a RCMP liaison position that focuses primarily on Major Case Advice, but also acts as an additional liaison with external police agencies when required.

Our intent is that we were able to shed a bit more light on the construct of the Canadian Forces Military Police Group, where we are located, how you can interact with us, and how we can make your investigative management a little easier when you find yourself in a position of dealing with the persons, places, or things that belong to the Canadian Armed Forces.

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