



# Announcement

## Commission Reports on a Year That Raised the Bar

**Ottawa** – April 22, 2008 - The Military Police Complaints Commission's (MPCC) 2007 Annual Report, tabled last week in Parliament by the Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence, emphasized the vital role of civilian oversight of all of Canada's police and security agencies, including its military police.

A major priority of the Commission prior to last year was organizational change and capacity building within the MPCC in order to meet the challenges of an increasing caseload and to better address the expectations of stakeholders. This report highlights the fruits of those efforts in terms of 'raising the bar' for the delivery of military police services and the accountability of the leadership of the military police and the Canadian Forces for provision of policing services which meet the highest Canadian standards.

A copy of the MPCC's 2007 Annual Report can be downloaded from the Commission's Web site at [www.mpcc-cppm.gc.ca](http://www.mpcc-cppm.gc.ca). Report highlights include:

- The Commission concluded its first public interest hearing and developed recommendations for systemic change that included operational, training and supervision policies.
- Visited eight Canadian Forces bases across Canada to engage with key audiences about the Commission's mandate and activities, and to respond to any concerns about the complaints process.
- Contributed to professional development in the field of civilian oversight by writing and presenting a well-received paper on the standard of proof in police discipline cases to the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement 2007 Annual Conference.
- Raised the standard of reporting to central agencies, including obtaining a 100% rating for the timeliness and accuracy of more than 30 financial reports required by the Receiver General of Canada.

Established by Parliament in 1998, the role of the MPCC is to assure Canadians that allegations of police misconduct are investigated fully and that Canada's 1,200 military police officers are able to carry out their investigations free of interference.

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